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**Interview**

## SUBJECT

Interviews for the Policing Advisory Commission.

## EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Kristy Daphnis  
Christina DeLane  
Susannah Numa  
Rodolpho (Rudy) Lunasin

## DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

There is one vacancy for the County Council to fill on the Policing Advisory Commission. **Bill 14-19** establishing the Policing Advisory Commission was signed into law December 12, 2019. The Bill creates and specifies the membership and duties of a Policing Advisory Commission. The goal of the Commission is to improve Council oversight of the Montgomery County Police Department and strengthen community trust in police. The Commission will advise the Council on policing matters, provide information regarding best practices, recommend policies, and engage in public education and other programs.

Members of the Commission should reflect a range of ethnicities, socioeconomic status, and places of origin to reflect the racial and economic diversity of the County's communities, including religious creed, age, sex - including on the basis of gender identity or orientation, disability, and geographic location, with emphasis on those disproportionately impacted by inequities.

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## Policing Advisory Commission Background

Created: The Policing Advisory Commission was established on December 12, 2019 by **Bill 14-19**.

Purpose: The goal of the Commission is to improve Council oversight of the Montgomery County Police Department (“MCPD”) and strengthen community trust in police. The Commission will advise the Council on policing matters, provide information regarding best practices, recommend policies, and engage in public education and other programs. The Commission is intended to review the policy guidelines that shape how the department and officers do their work.

The Policing Advisory Commission will deliberate on policy issues, using data and focusing on best practices. The goal is to strengthen the Council’s oversight role and help prevent problems from occurring. The Commission will consist of 13 public members who have an interest or expertise in policing matters and will reflect the diversity of the County's communities. Nine members will be appointed by the Council and four members will be appointed by the County Executive (two of the Executive’s appointments will be youth members - one under the age of 25 and one between the ages of 26 and 35). The County Executive will send out a separate news release seeking applicants. The police chief, or a designee, and the president of the Fraternal Order of Police, or a designee, will serve as ex-officio members.

Membership: Members should reflect a range of ethnicities, socioeconomic status, and places of origin to reflect the racial and economic diversity of the County’s communities, including religious creed, age, sex - including on the basis of gender identity or orientation, disability, and geographic location, with emphasis on those disproportionately impacted by inequities. Members serve three-year terms and must participate in the MCPD Citizens Academy. The Commission elects its Chair and Vice Chair.

Meetings: The Commission meets at the call of the Chair. The Commission must meet as often as necessary to perform its duties, but not less than six times each year. A member must serve without compensation. However, a member may request reimbursement for mileage and dependent care costs at rates established by the County.

### Current

Membership: Cherri Branson  
Laurie Ekstrand  
Ruhama Endishaw  
Caroline Fredrickson  
Robin Gaster  
Jenn Lynn  
Ty McKinney

Vernon Ricks  
Nadia Sandi  
Eric Sterling  
Chief Marcus Jones (ex officio member)  
Sergeant Cate Brewer (ex officio member)

# County Council Seeks Applicants for Policing Advisory Commission

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*The application deadline has been extended through Sept. 30, 2022*

**ROCKVILLE, Md., Sept. 8, 2022** - The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants to fill one public vacancy on the County's [Policing Advisory Commission](#). The position will be nominated and appointed by the County Council. The deadline for applications has been extended to Sept. 30, 2022.

The public members on the Commission should reflect a range of ethnicities, socioeconomic status and places of origin to reflect the racial and economic diversity of the County's communities, including religious creed, age, sex - including on the basis of gender identity or orientation, disability and geographic location, with emphasis on those disproportionately impacted by inequities; and have an interest or expertise in policing matters. Public members must participate in the Montgomery County Police Department [Citizens Academy](#).

The 15-member Commission consists of nine voting public members nominated and appointed by the County Council; four voting public members nominated by the County Executive and appointed by the County Council; and two non-voting ex officio members appointed by the County Council: the Police Chief or the Police Chief's designee, and the President of an employee organization certified under Article V of Chapter 33 (Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 35) or the President's designee.

The Commission must: 1) advise the Council on policing matters; 2) provide information regarding best practices on policing matters; 3) recommend policies, programs, legislation, or regulations; 4) comment on matters referred to it by the Council; 5) conduct at least one public forum each year for community input on policing matters; 6) accept correspondence and comments from members of the public; and 7) engage in public education. The Commission must submit an annual report to the Executive and Council on its functions, activities, accomplishments and plans and objectives, by July 1 of each year.

Public members serve three-year terms without compensation but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for in-person meetings attended. Meetings are currently held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The Commission must meet as often as necessary to perform its duties, but not less than six times per year.

Applicants of diverse backgrounds, professions, genders, geography, abilities and ethnicities are encouraged to apply. Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. Members must complete training on the Maryland Open Meetings Act and basic parliamentary procedure. **Applications for appointment and confirmation may be made public as part of the confirmation process. Typically, interviews are part of the**

**regularly scheduled Council meetings that are broadcast on Cable television, streamed on Facebook and YouTube.**

Applicants should submit a letter of interest with a resume, no more than four pages in length, to Council President Gabe Albornoz at [county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov) or mail to Montgomery County Council, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Your application must include your home mailing address. Letters of application must be received no later than 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30, 2022. The names of all applicants are published.

For more information about the Policing Advisory Commission, email [sara.tenenbaum@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov](mailto:sara.tenenbaum@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov).

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