



Committee: Directly to Council
Staff: Judy Rupp, Clerk of the Council
Purpose: To interview
Keywords:

AGENDA ITEM #3
December 6, 2022
Interview

SUBJECT

To interview and confirm the County Executive's appointment of the Deputy Director, Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Mr. Scott Bruton

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

No decisions.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

On November 29, 2022, the County Executive transmitted the appointment request for Mr. Scott Bruton for the position of Deputy Director, Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Mr. Bruton's appointment is expected to be confirmed by the County Council on December 13, 2022.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

Not applicable.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

November 29, 2022

TO: Gabe Albornoz, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, Montgomery County Executive 

RE: Appointment of Deputy Director, Department of Housing and Community Affairs

I am transmitting the appointment of Scott Bruton for the position of Deputy Director, Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Mr. Bruton is being appointed at a salary of \$168,000. His appointment will be effective upon confirmation by the County Council.

Enclosures

cc: Judy Rupp, Clerk of the Council, Montgomery County Council
Richard S. Madaleno, Chief Administrative Officer
Fariba Kassiri, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Ken Hartman, Director of Strategic Partnerships
Dale Tibbitts, Special Assistant to the County Executive

APPOINTMENT

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED TO ME UNDER SECTION 215 OF THE CHARTER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, I HEREBY APPOINT

Scott Bruton

TO SERVE AS Deputy Director, Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

THIS APPOINTMENT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UPON CONFIRMATION BY THE COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND.



MARC ELRICH
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

11/29/2022
DATE



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE


Marc Elrich
County Executive

Richard S. Madaleno
Chief Administrative Officer

MEMORANDUM

November 29, 2022

TO: Gabe Albornoz, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Richard S. Madaleno, Chief Administrative Officer 

RE: Due Diligence on Non-Merit Appointment – Scott Bruton

The purpose of this memo is to confirm that in making appointments for non-merit positions, our selection process utilizes thorough reference checks, criminal history, checks for warrants and warrants, credit history and other inquiries appropriate to the position being filled.

Please be assured that due diligence was exercised in determining the suitability of Scott Bruton for appointment as Deputy Director, Department of Housing and Community Affairs. In addition, Mr. Bruton has filed his Financial Disclosure Statement.

cc: Judy Rupp, Clerk of the Council, Montgomery County Council
Fariba Kassiri, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Ken Hartman, Director of Strategic Partnerships
Dale Tibbitts, Special Assistant to the County Executive

Resolution: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

Subject: County Executive's Appointment of Deputy Director, Department of
Housing and Community Affairs

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the
following resolution:

The County Executive's appointment of Deputy Director, Department of
Housing and Community Affairs

Scott Bruton

The appointment of Mr. Bruton is confirmed by the County Council.

This is a correct copy of Council action:

Judy Rupp
Clerk of the Council

SCOTT A. BRUTON, PHD

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

Ph.D., RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	2016
Major: American History, Minor: American Indian History.	
M.A., UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA	1999
American History/American Indian History Phi Alpha Theta.	
B.A., WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	1992
Major: History, Minor: Biology Phi Alpha Theta	
Housing Development Finance Professional Certificate, NAT'L DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL	2014

WORK EXPERIENCE

Coalition for Nonprofit Housing & Economic Development (CNHED), Washington, DC

Senior Vice President for Housing Policy, Research, and Development Feb. 2021 – Sept. 2022

Vice President for Housing Policy Mar. 2015 – Feb. 2021

- Served as national and local expert on affordable housing and homelessness prevention policies and programs for elected officials, government staff, practitioners, and policy and advocacy organizations.
- Spearheaded development and achievement of policy and legislative agenda on affordable housing and homelessness prevention to further affordability, equity, and social and economic mobility.
- Testified over 50 times on DC legislation and regulations; organized and participated in panel discussions; and educated legislators, agency officials, advocates, and other organizations on affordable housing and homelessness prevention policies.
- Analyzed District of Columbia budget and developed recommendations and advocacy strategies for affordable multifamily rental and ownership housing and homelessness prevention priorities, which contributed to the appropriation of over \$1.5 billion in funding over the past seven years.
- Identified and monitored federal and local laws, regulations, and policies to assess relevancy and impact on economically vulnerable tenants experiencing housing insecurity.
- Represented CNHED on the Interagency Council on Homelessness, DC Healthy Housing Collaborative, DC Housing Priorities Coalition, and Coalition for Nonprofit Equity.
- Led CNHED's Housing Committee and several working groups on affordable housing production, preservation, and financing, home ownership and consumer finance, tenant rights, supportive and resident services, senior housing, and homelessness prevention.
- Managed several CNHED initiatives, including Housing Insights (www.housinginsights.org), an online affordable housing data repository and mapping tool, and the DC Landlord Partnership Fund, a risk mitigation fund that works to increase the number of landlords renting to people exiting homelessness.
- Led the DC Preservation Network in collaboration with Urban Institute, coordinating federal and local government agencies, tenant advocates, housing developers, and legal services providers to track and preserve the affordability of over 39,000 units of federally and locally subsidized multifamily housing.
- Served as principal investigator and author of over \$2 million in grant-funded initiatives supported by different agencies within D.C. Government, LISC, Capital Impact Partners, National Cooperative Bank, JP Morgan Chase, Capitol One, Citi Group, and the Meyer, Cafritz, and Cohen Foundations.
- Executed implementation of a national research agenda and consulting practice that included enforcement of housing codes and opportunity to purchase program rights, creation of limited equity cooperatives, workforce development for individuals exiting homelessness, and converting office space to housing.
- Supervised over fifteen employees as project coordinators, managers, research assistants, VISTA fellows, consultants, and contractors; wrote proposals for research grants, contracts, other funding opportunities, and subsequent progress reports.

Housing Counseling Services, Inc. (HCS)*Program Coordinator, Tenant Purchase*

Mar. 2012 – Mar. 2015

- Executed a range of policy development, programmatic, research, coordination, and collaborative activities to facilitate HCS's mission to help educate, empower, and protect low- and moderate-income District of Columbia residents, including seniors and people exiting homelessness.
- Organized, educated, and assisted low- and moderate-income tenants in exercising their rights to prevent displacement, remediate housing code violations, and increase housing affordability.
- Advised residential renters, in several dozen properties ranging in size from four to 850 units, on how to exercise their opportunity to purchase rights from registering for their rights to closing on the property.

Communication Workers of America, Local 1104, Stony Brook, NY*Contract Campaign Consultant*

Jan. 2009 – Dec. 2010

- Managed strategic planning, research, and negotiating tasks involved with Local 1104's first contract with the State University of New York Research Foundation and advised union leadership.
- Conducted strategic campaign research, facilitated strategic planning, wrote contract proposals, and devised negotiating strategies; advised the union leadership team for Local 1104.

Thomas A. Edison Papers, New Brunswick, NJ*Assistant Editor*

Sept. 2008 – July 2010

- Researched and annotated the archival records of Thomas A. Edison and his corporations, augmented research databases, and edited Volume 7 of *The Papers of Thomas A. Edison* (2011).

Rutgers American Association of University Professors-American Federation of Teachers (AAUP-AFT), New Brunswick, NJ*Contract Campaign Manager/Lead Negotiator/Organizer*

Dec. 2003 – Aug. 2008

- Served as the lead organizer for a contract campaign for the 5,000-member union, the Rutgers AAUP-AFT with Rutgers University; served as the lead negotiator for 1,800 members; achieved nationally record-setting increases in pay increases of over \$8,500 for graduate employees and parental leave benefits for all members; developed strategic plans, organized membership drives, recruited members, cultivated leaders, formed campus coalitions, and orchestrated get-out-the-vote campaigns.

Raritan Quarterly, New Brunswick, NJ*Editorial Assistant*

June 2001 - July 2007

- Edited, proofread production galleys, page proofs, and corrected pre-publication proofs, observed proper use of intellectual property rights, procedures, and permissions for *Raritan: A Quarterly Review*.

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ*Adjunct Professor*

Aug. 2000 – July 2007

- Taught seminars and courses in the History, American Studies, and English Departments at Rutgers University, ranging from 20 to 250 students.

Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, New York, NY*Developmental Editor*

Mar. 2003 – Jan. 2005

- Conducted research and co-authored case studies evaluating social and environmental justice impacts of economic development in southern Louisiana and the Sonoran Desert.

Center for Urban Policy Research, New Brunswick, NJ*Research Assistant*

July 2000 – Aug. 2004

- Conducted fieldwork, researched, and co-authored a Fannie Mae-funded study of housing conditions and economic development on American Indian reservations.

NOTABLE PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Testimony, “Limited Equity Cooperative Advisory Council Act of 2021”, Committee on Housing and Executive Administration, Council of the District of Columbia	June 24, 2022
Testimony, “Limited Equity Cooperative Property Tax Assistance Amendment Act of 2021,” Committee on Housing and Executive Administration, Council of the District of Columbia	June 24, 2022
Co-Author, <i>Opportunity to Purchase Policy Options for the City of Minneapolis</i> , Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development	2021
Testimony, Public Hearing, “District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development’s Fiscal Year 2022 Action Plan”	May 26, 2021
Testimony, Public Oversight Hearing, “An Equitable End to Safety Net Protections Put in Place During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” Special Committee on COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery, Council of the District of Columbia	May 21, 2021
Testimony, “Eviction Record Sealing Authority Amendment Act of 2021,” Committee on Housing and Executive Administration, Council of the District of Columbia	May 20, 2021
Testimony, “Fair Tenant Screening Act of 2021,” Committee on Housing and Executive Administration, Council of the District of Columbia	May 20, 2021
Testimony, Public Roundtable, “District's Opportunity to Purchase Amendment Act of 2021,” Committee on Housing and Executive Administration, Council of the District of Columbia	April 21, 2021
Testimony, Public Roundtable, “Rental Assistance and Eviction Prevention,” Committee on Human Services, Council of the District of Columbia	Feb. 22, 2021
Testimony, “Home Purchase Assistance Amendment Act of 2019,” Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, Council of the District of Columbia	Sept. 17, 2020
Co-Author, <i>Creating and Sustaining Limited Equity Cooperatives in the District of Columbia</i> , Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development	2020
Testimony, “Housing Production Trust Fund Transparency Amendment Act of 2019,” Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, Council of District of Columbia	June 17, 2019
Co-Author, <i>An Assessment of the Need for Large Units in the District of Columbia</i> , Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development	2019
Testimony, “Eviction Prevention Act of 2017,” Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, Council of the District of Columbia	September 24, 2018
Testimony, “Rental Housing Affordability Re-establishment Amendment Act of 2017,” Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, Council of the District of Columbia	December 18, 2017
Scott Bruton, “The American Dream in Indian Country: Housing, Property, and Assimilation on the Navajo Reservation and Beyond,” Ph.D. diss., Rutgers University	2016
Testimony, “Renewable Portfolio Standard Expansion Amendment Act of 2016,” Committee on Transportation and the Environment Council of the District of Columbia	May 23, 2016
Co-Author, "Two Faces of American Environmentalism: The Quest for Justice in Southern Louisiana and Sustainability in the Sonoran Desert," in <i>Forging Environmentalism: Justice, Livelihood, and Contested Environments</i>	2006
Co-Author, <i>Economic and Housing Development in Indian Country: Challenge and Opportunity</i> , Center for Urban Policy Research	2005



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

Richard S. Madaleno
Chief Administrative Officer

November 9, 2022

Scott Bruton

Dear Mr. Bruton,

I am pleased to offer you the position of Deputy Director for the Department of Housing and Community Affairs with Montgomery County Government. The salary offered for this position is \$168,000, plus benefits. The benefits are summarized in the enclosed document.

I look forward to your acceptance of this employment offer. Note, your appointment is subject to confirmation by the County Council and is a non-merit, at will position. If you have any questions about this offer, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Madaleno
Chief Administrative Officer

Accept _____

Not Accept _____

eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com
Scott Bruton

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Signature

11/09/2022

Date