

## SUBJECT

Interviews for the Montgomery County Planning Board (MCPB) Partial-Term Appointment.

## DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The Council is seeking to appoint a member of the Montgomery County Planning Board to fill a partial term left vacated by Tina Patterson (unaffiliated) on October 12, 2022. A Commissioner who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term shall be a member of the same political party as the commissioner who vacated the office (Maryland Code §15-102(5)). The Council has selected to interview the following candidates for this vacancy:

Paul Gaiser (unaffiliated)  
Mitra Pedoeem (unaffiliated)  
Donald Silverstein (unaffiliated)  
Leanne Tobias (unaffiliated)

Additionally, due to scheduling conflicts, the Council will also interview Brian O’Looney (Democrat). The remaining Democratic applicants selected for interviews will be interviewed on February 14, 2023.

No more than three members of the Planning Board may be from the same political party, and each member must be a resident and registered voter of Montgomery County when appointed.

## BACKGROUND

The Montgomery County Planning Board plans for livable communities by developing large and small scale plans, providing guidelines for the pattern and pace of future development and preserving historic resources throughout the 323,000-acre county. The Planning Board implements plans through its review of development applications and its subdivision decisions. The Board is also responsible for the development and management of Montgomery County’s nationally recognized 36,512-acre park system. The Montgomery County Planning Board, together with the Prince George’s County Planning Board, comprise The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Annual compensation for Board members is currently \$30,000, and the Chair currently earns \$227,891.46.

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## **Interview List**

Paul Gaiser (unaffiliated)

Brian O’Looney (Democrat)

Mitra Pedoeem (unaffiliated)

Donald Silverstein (unaffiliated)

Leanne Tobias (unaffiliated)

## **Paul Gaiser, AIA**

**Education** Master Degree in Architecture- Tulane University

**Employment**

**2021- present** **Senior Designer and Sales Team Leader**  
**Landis Architects/ Builders- Washington DC**  
[www.landisconstruction.com](http://www.landisconstruction.com)

**2012- 2021** **Director of Architecture and Sales Team Leader**  
**Landis Architects/ Builders- Washington, DC**

High end residential remodeling and new home design  
Managed architecture department of 7 designers and outside architects with annual design budget of \$1.5M and construction budget of up to \$16M. Led sales staff with a high of over \$3M in sales yearly with projects in DC, Maryland, and Virginia.

**1992-2012** **Principal- Paul Gaiser Architects (PGA)**  
[www.pgadesignbuild.com](http://www.pgadesignbuild.com)

Supported annual construction volume of \$6M- \$8M with annual architectural billings of up to \$900K. Architect for over 600 new homes and renovations in the DMV. Provided design services for over 150 *Starbucks* and

various other hospitality projects. Current designs include new energy efficient homes and renovations featuring LED lighting, solar photovoltaic and hot water systems, geothermal heating and passive solar houses using principles from the Passive House Institute.

**2008- Present**

**Principal- Got Green Energy Lighting Consultant**

Member of the Got Green Energy team of energy professionals performing lighting and energy efficiency studies for businesses and institutions, including Noblis Corporation and the UAE Embassy.

**2005- Present**

**Principal -Better Bulb Energy Efficient Lighting**

Highlighting the latest trends in energy efficient lighting, including LED and Cold Cathode lighting. Have consulted with and provided lighting to the White House, the U.S. Capitol, Rayburn and Cannon Senate Office Buildings, Smithsonian Institute, American University, University of Maryland, and NIH. Featured on Channel 5 News with Wendy Reiger and on [www.treehugger.com](http://www.treehugger.com)

**1984- 1992**

**Senior Director-Marriott Corporation  
Restaurant Architecture Division**

Hired as a draftsman, I was eventually promoted to Senior Director, Restaurant Architecture. Managed a staff of forty-two architects and design of \$100M annual construction budget. Managed over 1,000 active restaurant projects at a time. Co-developed design for patented menu board for Roy Rogers Restaurants. Architect of Record for eleven \$7M Travel Plazas on the *New York State Thruway*. Was the first to introduce computer aided drafting and desktop publishing to the corporation in 1985.

**Publications:**

“Cottage Curb Appeal” *Better Homes and Gardens*, 1994  
“Suburban Renewal” *Home and Design*, Spring 2006  
“Nantucket Style” *Qualified Remodeler*, August 2009  
More @ [www.pgadesignbuild.com/awards\\_publications.html](http://www.pgadesignbuild.com/awards_publications.html)

**Awards and  
Honors:**

- 2013 Guest Juror- *Remodeling Magazine* Design Awards
- 2010 Guest Instructor for the Green Building Institute-  
Jessup, MD  
"The Current (Solid) State of LED Lighting"
- 2008 *Qualified Remodeler* Master Design Award  
Best Whole House renovation over \$500K
- 2006 *Qualified Remodeler* Award  
Silver Winner for Room Additions under \$100K  
Bronze Winner for Whole House \$200K-\$500K
- 2006 *Qualified Remodeler*-Chrysalis Award  
Best Room Addition under \$100K  
Best Whole House Remodel \$200K-\$500K
- 2004 FFL Monument Awards  
Best Addition under \$250K
- 1993 *Remodeling Magazine*  
Renaissance Award for Whole House Remodel
- AIA Awards- Potomac Valley Chapter  
1994- Citation for *Pattersonville* Travel Plaza  
1993- Award for *Ardsley* Travel Plaza
- Guest Lecturer "Public/ Private Partnering for Design  
Cornell Graduate School, Construction Management  
John Hopkins University, Graduate School
- Vice-President of Tulane School of Architecture
- AIA Student Representative
- Recipient of John W. Lawrence Research Fellowship
- Member, American Institute of Architects

**Architectural  
Registrations:**

Current  
Maryland

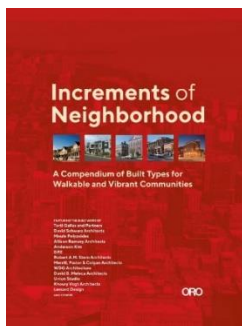
Prior  
New York  
Pennsylvania  
North Carolina  
Virginia  
District of Columbia

## BRIAN O'LOONEY, AIA, LEED AP BD+C



### PRINCIPAL, ARCHITECT & PLANNER

Mr. O'Looney serves as principal designer for many of Torti Gallas' notable mixed-use projects. He has more than 25 years experience in providing programming, masterplanning, and design services to clients with a variety of technically complex building types in a range of neighborhood densities. As a leader in the creation of innovative housing typologies, Mr. O'Looney is known to craft architecture born of the economics of construction and the marketability of building designs. Mr. O'Looney's projects have received numerous international design awards, attesting to his understanding of the relationship of the building form within its community, his retail expertise, as well as his focused leadership in the residential marketplace. Brian is the author of *Increments of Neighborhood*, a compendium of over 140 building types for walkable and vibrant communities, which is filled with research for the academic, fine details for the practitioner, financials for the investor, and sound outcomes for the policymaker. *Increments of Neighborhood*, as the definitive guide that tabulates the full range of market-rate products that fill America's communities, is used as a textbook for real estate programs at universities across the United States.



### Education

Masters of Architecture, University of Wisconsin, 1994  
Bachelor of Arts, Yale University, 1990

### Registrations/Certifications

Architect: CT, DC, MD, NJ, TX, 1996  
LEED Accredited Professional, BD+C 2007  
Memberships: ULI, ICSC, CNU

### Selected Project Leadership:



**The Mix at Frisco, Frisco, TX** – Torti Gallas provided masterplan and building design services for the first residential phase of the Mix at Frisco. The initial buildings are a neighborhood of 635 units and 25,000sf of retail.



**Baltimore Peninsula, Baltimore, MD** – Architectural design of one of the blocks within Baltimore Peninsula neighborhood masterplan as part of the initial Chapter of development.



**Frisco Square, Frisco, TX** – Provided Pattern Book regulating the vertical architecture and currently serves as Town Architect for a mixed-use neighborhood of 1,600 multi-family residences integrated into the larger downtown master plan at the core of the City of Frisco, TX. Torti Gallas also designed multiple buildings within the plan for specific sites as requested by vertical developers.



**Midland Westridge Commons, Midland, TX** - Creation of a regional destination for the Midland/Odessa market. The program includes retail, residential, office and hotel uses and is envisioned as a place for residents to live, work, play and gather with family and friends.



**Syosset Park, Oyster Bay, NY** – Torti Gallas developed a program of 600+ residential units of a variety of types and tenures, 200,000 sf of office, 450,000 sf of retail and a 20+ acre park for this mixed-use village in the Town of Oyster Bay, NY.



**Avalon Somerville Station, Somerville, NJ** - A 340 unit collection of mixed-use multifamily buildings integrated with the transit station nearing completion within the transit-oriented neighborhood in Somerville, NJ.



**Somerville Station, Somerville, NJ** – A masterplan for a 700 unit mixed type, mixed income, mixed tenure, mixed-use transit-oriented neighborhood which is an extension of the existing downtown of Somerville, NJ.



**Notch 8, Alexandria, VA** – Mixed-use residential building at Potomac Yards which included 253 new homes and a 65,000 SF Giant Food grocery store. Amenities included a pool, bathhouse, exercise room, and party room.

*An ICSC Global Award Winner.*



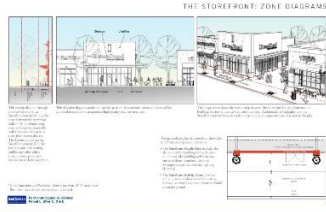
**Yorktown Shopping Center, Lombard, IL** - Preparation of planning studies to explore future development of this shopping center into a 24/7 year-round community. Torti Gallas assisted and supported the ownership team in their efforts for rezoning and entitlement of the site, while maintaining the viability and strength of the existing mall asset.



**The Greene, Dayton, OH** – As a 134-unit luxury apartment building with over 70,000 SF of street level retail, The Residences at the Greene is part of an 800,000 SF downtown district with shopping, dining, office and residential. The building has 3 distinct rooftop gardens, rear service areas and an adjacent parking garage. *An ICSC Global Award Winner.*



**The District at Peninsula Town Center, Hampton, VA** - A vibrant residential neighborhood of 160 residential units, 68 townhouses, and 60,000 SF of 'lifestyle' retail within a new 1,000,000 SF regional shopping destination designed as a downtown district. *An ICSC Global Award Winner.*



**Kentlands Mixed-Use District, Gaithersburg, MD** - Torti Gallas studied a variety of options for future growth in the Kentlands Mixed-Use District, and provided retail storefront and signage design standards adopted for the area by the City of Gaithersburg.



**The Swift Petworth Safeway, Washington, DC** - A new 57,000 sf Safeway store designed as an urban building which presents a retail façade to Georgia Avenue, continues the existing street wall of the city, and enhances the pedestrian experience. The project also includes 220 residential units above the grocery store and an underground 2-level, 180 space parking garage.



**Social Safeway, Georgetown, Washington, DC** - A new 70,000 sf Safeway store designed as an urban building which presents a retail façade to Wisconsin Avenue, continues the existing street wall of the city, and enhances the pedestrian experience by adding smaller retail tenants at the ground floor. A second phase included additional street fronting retail. *A CNU and ICSC Global Award Winner.*



**The Kenyon, Columbia Heights, Washington, DC** - The redevelopment of Columbia Heights, one of Washington's oldest neighborhoods, has restored the community to its former vibrancy. Four new projects, all clustered around the existing Metro station, animate 14th Street with new retail and residential activity. The Kenyon, a new high-rise building contains 153 condominiums, where the ground floor retail includes cafes with outdoor seating. The façade design features an eclectic mix of styles designed to animate the long street front. *A ULI Global Award for Excellence winner.*

# MITRA PEDOEEM, PE

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Dynamic leader with more than 41 years of experience in local and state government departments, including programs that are the engine for the County's economy and basis for the quality of life for residents. Expert knowledge and skill in leading diverse departments and agencies (up to 250 staff) effectively and efficiently. Change agent practitioner appointed to transform Montgomery County's Department of Permitting Services by cutting red tape, streamlining permitting, and improving customer experiences. Robust leadership in the administration of Montgomery County Parks a six-time gold medal award winning system. Knowledgeable in Montgomery County zoning, master planning, and land development processes. Expert in the preparation and implementation of capital and operating budgets.

## **Core Competencies**

- Expert knowledge of the functions and operations of state and local governments, Master Plans and Zoning Text Amendments, State and Local Codes, and Subdivision Review Processes for Montgomery County.
- Expert in establishing and implementing Capital Improvement Programs.
- Visionary leader with strong motivational skills; able to elicit top performance from teams and individual stakeholders.
- Strong advocate for the application of sustainability and green initiatives.
- Outstanding commitment to diversity, racial equity, social justice, and inclusion.
- Highly effective and persuasive interpersonal communicator with demonstrated success in fostering collaboration among stakeholders.
- Proven ability to streamline government operations and processes.

## **Professional Experience**

### **Montgomery County Government, MD**

#### **Director of Department of Permitting Services** (April 2020-December 2022)

Led a department of 240 permit technicians, plan reviewers, inspectors, and administration staff to promote the health, safety, and economic well-being of residents and businesses with timely, professional, transparent, and consistent review of plans and permits. Delivered excellent customer service and promoted economic growth through permitting process improvements while focusing on timely and accurate responses to customers. Received praise from County's businesses leaders. Additional highlights include:

- Provided focused staff trainings including cross-training for different disciplines, empowering staff to practice common sense, breaking silos, and encouraging them to collaborate among different disciplines and across various divisions.
- Reorganized the Department and moved 1/3 of staff to create the new Division of Customer Support and Outreach to provide a single point of contact focused on providing excellent service to County residents and businesses.
- Initiated the modernization of outdated permitting systems to a cloud-based state-of-the-art system, providing modern and friendly self-service for citizens submitting applications online all in one place. When activated, this system will be a game changer for Montgomery County.

## MITRA PEDOEEM, PE

### Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), MD

#### **Deputy Director of Administration** (August 2014-June 2019)

Led Five administrative divisions within Montgomery Parks (165+ staff). This included park planning, land acquisition, natural and cultural resource management, capital development, monitoring of capital and operating budgets, human resources management, information technology and innovation, public/private partnerships, public affairs, marketing, media relations, and volunteer services. The highlights are:

- Developed and maintained collaborative and productive relationships with elected and appointed officials, senior managers, community leaders, and park staff.
- Provided leadership and guidance for the implementation of the Department's Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) System which included work order, asset, project, and inventory management. Co-sponsored Parks Department implementation of the Commission's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System.
- Presented the Department at public meetings, Commission, and professional meetings.
- Led planning and design coordination efforts with Montgomery County Government for the new Park and Planning Headquarters in Wheaton.
- Led the inclusion initiative for racial and social equity for the design and construction of parks in Montgomery County.

#### **Park Development Division Chief** (March 2009-August 2014)

Managed a division of 50+ professional staff implementing a \$200 million six-year capital improvement program (CIP) and an annual operating budget of \$5 million. The CIP included the acquisition, planning, design, and construction of parks in Montgomery County. This position required strong leadership, enthusiasm, decision making skills, vision and focus to successfully transition staff to an advanced level of expertise and state-of-the-art technology. Noteworthy highlights are:

- Increased the CIP implementation rate from 60% range to 100%.
- Introduced and implemented digital signature and electronic/paperless project management tools (ePlans).
- Increased and enhanced Green and Sustainable design initiatives and practices in design of the CIP.
- Streamlined many business processes and practices.
- Implemented American Disability Act Guidelines into the CIP with a vision of making all the parks in Montgomery County accessible within 20 years.
- Implemented many innovative procedures to complete CIP projects within budget and on schedule.

#### **Chief of Construction Section** (2004-2009)

Managed the construction of diverse facilities for Montgomery County Parks. Developed, and implemented construction management specifications, policies, and guidelines. Led contract claim negotiations, identified, and resolved construction related issues, and recommended solutions. Responsibilities included:

- Served as Liaison for the Park Development Division for the review of all projects that impact park properties, including projects arising from private development, other public agencies, public-private partnerships, major maintenance activities, emergencies, and mandatory referrals.
- Coordinated with Maryland State Highway Administration for Intercounty Connector (ICC) project as a lead Liaison for the Parks Department.
- Reviewed, approved, and issued park permits for construction activities that impacted park properties.
- Served on steering committee for inventory and facility condition assessments for park infrastructure.

## MITRA PEDOEEM, PE

### Montgomery County Government, MD

#### **Senior Budget Analyst-Office of Management and Budget (2001-2004)**

- Recommended operating and capital budgets to the County Executive and County Council.
- Developed fiscal policy for legislative enactment and resource allocations.
- Analyzed fiscal requests from executive departments, offices, and independent agencies including Operating and Capital Budget for M-NCPPC and County's Departments of Transportation, Libraries, Fire Rescue, and Recreation.

#### **Senior Engineer, Team Leader- Department of Transportation (1987-2001)**

- Designed, developed, implemented, and inspected wide array of transportation infrastructure.
- Developed and coordinated capital improvement programs for transportation facilities, including roads, bridges, hiker/biker trails, and intersection improvements.
- Managed the County's bridge program, including biennial bridge inspections and federally funded bridge rehabilitation and/or replacement.

### Maryland State Highway Administration

#### **Project Manager/Engineer- Bureau of Bridge Development (1982-1987)**

Supervised engineers and technicians responsible for the design of complex structures (bridges, box culverts, piers, abutments, retaining walls). Prepared complete contract documents (plans, construction specifications, and estimates). Managed and reviewed the work of specialized consultants designing complex structures.

### SIGMA-DATA (at NASA's Goddard Space Center), MD

#### **Scientific Programmer (1982)**

Simulated oceanographic models for short- and long-term weather forecasting based on data downloaded from satellites.

### University of Maryland, College Park, MD

#### **Research Assistant- James Clark School of Engineering (1979-1982)**

Developed computer programs for bridge design and analysis for the Maryland State Highway Administration, Bureau of Bridge Design.

## **Education & Certifications**

#### **Master of Science, Structural Engineering**

*Thesis: Computer-Aided Ultimate Strength Design of Multiple Column Piers*

University of Maryland, College Park, MD (1982)

#### **Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering**

University of Maryland, College Park, MD (1980)

#### **Professional and Licensed Engineer**

States of Maryland and Virginia

## MITRA PEDOEEM, PE

### **Volunteer Work**

#### **President of Westleigh HOA** (2021-present)

Oversee the management of common areas within a 324-home community located in North Potomac. Responsibilities include ensuring compliance with HOA governing documents, leading board meetings, leading the architectural review subcommittee to review exterior house modifications, hiring contractors, and ensuring invoices are paid, and overseeing financials and HOA reserve.

#### **New Windsor Pediatrics & Family Care – Consultant** (2019-present)

Provide consultant services to improve organization and structural efficiency of a medical office with 27 medical doctors, nurses, and administrative staff.

#### **University of Maryland Women Engineers – Life Coach** (2019-present)

Coach young women graduating in the field of engineering with goal setting, personal growth, and behavior modification to achieve their professional and personal goals.

#### **Integrated Behavioral Health, LLC– Advisory Board Member** (2017-present)

Advise the president and staff at IBH, and provide meaningful guidance and feedback to the organization for policies, procedures, programs, and accomplishments. Assist in public relations and provide program staff with a fresh perspective on programmatic issues. IBH vision is to teach and restore skills necessary for recovery from mental illness and substance abuse

#### **Bricks 4 Kidz Franchise– Consultant** (2019-2020)

Overhauled New Windsor/Newburgh franchise, attended training to learn the operation of franchise businesses. Re-staffed franchise center with skilled manager and teachers and initiated social media marketing campaign reaching local businesses and schools. Bricks 4 Kidz is 800+ international franchises providing STEM based programs for children to embrace their creativity and build exciting LEGO® models)

#### **Truancy Prevention Program – Montgomery County Office of State Attorney – Mentor** (2019-2020)

Mentored middle school students for a volunteer in-school program that gave special attention to attendance and academic needs of students to help them reach their full potential.

#### **Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition (TASSC) – Mentor** (2019-2020)

Mentored survivors of torture from overseas to tap into their strengths and skills, and assisted them in finding the resources they needed to create a path forward for a new life in the United States.

References available upon request.

# **DONALD P. SILVERSTEIN, PE, LEED® AP**

## **EDUCATION**

MS, Civil Engineering (Construction Management and Engineering)  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), 1979

BS, Civil Engineering (Building Systems)  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), 1977

## **1995 – Present**

### **BLAKE REAL ESTATE CO., INC. Washington, D.C. Executive Vice President of Design and Construction**

Profit and loss responsibility for the entire design and construction effort for the \$1 billion portfolio of a major downtown developer and builder. Specific duties include setting budgets for design and construction projects; selection, contract negotiation and oversight of all design professionals; establishing and implementing procedures with lenders to fund building projects; selection of general contractors including negotiating and administering the contract for construction; and control of all project schedules and costs.

Commercial office projects include a \$95 million addition to the headquarters of an international financial agency, a \$42 million gut and rebuild of a 30 year old downtown office building, 130,000 square foot headquarters for the National Park Service, a 200,000 square foot office renovation for the United States Department of Justice, development and construction of a 100,000 square foot structurally hardened headquarters for a unit of the United States Secret Service, and total renovation of a 330,000 square foot office building for the Organization of American States.

Third party project responsibilities have incorporated management of the entire development process from land use entitlements through occupancy. Projects include a 150,000 square foot ground up manufacturing facility, a 72,000 square foot laboratory building, the \$40 million repurposing of a National Historic Landmark school building into a privately funded museum, a \$30 million STEM Building for a suburban private school, a mixed use/charter school development in an underserved section of Washington, D.C., and major structural repairs and HVAC system upgrades in the 100 year old headquarters building for the Organization of American States.

## **1992 – 1995**

### **U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Rockville, Maryland Chief, Space Acquisition Branch**

## **1991 – 1992**

### **GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION Washington, D.C. Senior Project Manager – Real Estate Division**

**1986 – 1991**

**THE WASHINGTON CORPORATION**  
**Real Estate Developer**  
**Chevy Chase, Maryland**  
**Vice President – Construction**

**1980 – 1986**

**SPN, INC.**  
**Construction Managers**  
**Rockville, Maryland**  
**Vice President**

**1978 – 1980**

**KORA & WILLIAMS CORPORATION**  
**General Contractor**  
**Rockville, Maryland**  
**Project Engineer/Project Manager**

## **PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS**

Registered as a Professional Engineer in the State of Maryland. License number 20459  
Certified as a LEED Accredited Professional by the US Green Building Council  
Licensed Class A General Contractor in the State of Virginia

## **PAST AND PRESENT PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)  
Member, District of Columbia Building Industry Association (DCBIA)  
Member, NAIOP, Commercial Real Estate Development Association  
Past Member, American Concrete Institute (ACI)  
Past Member, Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)  
Past Member Panel of Construction Arbitrators, American Arbitration Association (AAA)  
Former Adjunct Faculty, University of Maryland University College  
Former Judge for the Associated Builders and Contractors Excellence in Workmanship Awards

## **PAST AND PRESENT CIVIC/VOLUNTEER AFFILIATIONS**

Treasurer, JCA (Jewish Council for the Aging)  
Baseball Umpire, Montgomery County Little League  
Past President, Rock Creek Hills Civic Association  
Former Board Member, North Chevy Chase Swimming Pool Association  
Former Referee, Montgomery County Swim League  
Former Soccer Coach, MSI  
Girl Scouts of America, Trained Camping Leader  
Past Board Member, Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County

## **VOTER REGISTRATION/PARTY AFFILIATION**

Registered voter in Montgomery County since 1979.  
Currently registered as “Unaffiliated”

# LEANNE TOBIAS, LEED AP

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## Summary

- 28-year Bethesda resident
- Decades of employment and community service on land use, planning, economic development, environment
- Party registration: Unaffiliated

## Malachite LLC Land Use, Planning, Economic Development, Environment

- Advisor to developers, state and local governments, the U.S. government and NGOs on the planning, development, financing and management of sustainable real estate, energy systems and infrastructure.
- Created the investment case for green buildings, presenting it to government officials and business executives on three continents.
- Speaking venues have included the United Nations, the U.S. Green Building Council, Harvard Business School, Princeton University and many others.
- Author, *Retrofitting Office Buildings to be Green and Energy Efficient*, the Urban Land Institute's authoritative guide to planning, designing, financing, developing and operating sustainable office renovation projects.

## Environmental Finance Advisory Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Economic Development, Environment, Land Use

- Identified financing approaches to generate billions of dollars for transit-oriented development, water treatment, green infrastructure and the sustainable retrofit of public buildings, commercial property and single-family homes.

## High Performance Building Coalition Economic Development, Land Use, Environment

- Developed legislative policy. Advocated for tax and funding legislation. Educated Members of the U.S. Congress and Congressional staff on policies, technologies and construction methods to create high performance and energy-smart buildings and infrastructure. Member, Commercial Buildings Work Group. Chair, Infrastructure Work Group.

## Washington, DC Green Building Task Force & Sustainable DC Initiative Economic Development, Land Use, Environment

- Advised and testified before the Washington, DC City Council on developing, negotiating and securing approval of Washington, DC's Green Building Act, the first major municipal legislation to require LEED certification for major commercial buildings.
- Helped to build coalitions among business leaders, city officials, and community and economic development organizations to promote DC sustainability activities, including planning, development, energy-efficiency, renewable energy and urban agriculture programs.

## Multi-Employer Property Trust | AFL-CIO Building Investment Trust Economic Development, Planning, Land Use, Environment

- Investment Committee Chair/Member and Portfolio Manager for national real estate development funds valued at over \$3 billion.
- Led and managed Investment Committees, negotiated or approved over \$1 billion in new development and property sales.
- Managed and valued over 6 million square feet of diverse commercial space (multi-family, mixed use, retail, industrial, business park, office, hotel), including sustainable projects, across the U.S.

## Community Service

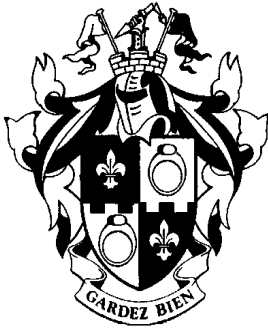
- **Springfield Civic Association (Bethesda, MD), Current. Board Member** Advise leadership on general plan, sector plans and zoning. Participated in meetings with Planning Department staff. Testified as community representative before Montgomery County Council, Planning Board and Planning Department.
- **StreetWise Partners** Mentor recent immigrants and members of underrepresented communities in job hunting skills, finding jobs and internships, and securing college entry.

## Education

- **MBA, Wharton Business School**
- **Master of Public Affairs, Princeton University**
- **B.A., University of Rochester**

**THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

- Membership:** No more than three of the five members shall be of the same political party. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Commission from Montgomery County for any cause shall be filled by the Council.
- Term:** A permanent term is for four years. Temporary, acting appointees will serve until a successor is qualified and appointed under Section 15-103 of the Code of Maryland.
- Compensation:** Annual compensation for Board members is currently \$30,000, and the chair currently earns \$228,000.
- Financial Statement:** Members must file annual public financial disclosure statements.
- Each applicant for appointment shall file a State Ethics Commission financial disclosure statement (Form #1) with the Council no later than five days prior to the initial date set for interview by the Council.
- The County Council may require applicants for appointment or reappointment to be interviewed by the Council or its designated agent in private as to any possible or potential conflict of interest. Applicant shall be questioned under oath and the financial interview shall be conducted in a question and answer fashion, and a written transcript made of all questions and answers. There shall be a public disclosure by the Council of the complete transcribed testimony from the financial interview of the actual appointee or appointees three weeks from the date of his or her appointment.



# Montgomery County Council

**For Immediate Release**

**December 6, 2022**

FOR INFORMATION: [Council.Clerk@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Council.Clerk@montgomerycountymd.gov)

## **Montgomery Council seeks applicants for Montgomery County Planning Board**

*Deadline for applications is January 13, 2023, at 5 p.m.*

ROCKVILLE, Md., December 6 - The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants to fill three vacancies on the Montgomery County Planning Board. In October 2022, the County Council appointed five temporary acting Planning Board members. All members serve until their successors are appointed. The Council intends to appoint successors for three members. The following temporary Board members will vacate their positions at the end of February 2023: Ms. Presley, Mr. Hill, and Ms. Branson. The following vacancies are available to fill the unexpired terms of the prior Planning Board members:

- One Montgomery County resident registered to vote in the County as a **Republican** (term ends June 14, 2024)
- One Montgomery County resident registered to vote in the County as **unaffiliated** (term ends June 14, 2025)
- One Montgomery County resident registered to vote in the County as a **Democrat** (term ends June 14, 2026)

Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2023. Political party affiliation will be verified by the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

The selected Planning Board members will serve out the unexpired terms of the prior Board members and must be of the same political party as the Board member who vacated the office. Members generally serve four-year terms and are limited to two full terms. No more than three members of the Planning Board may be from the same political party, and each member must be a resident and registered voter of Montgomery County when appointed.

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*Deadline for applications has been extended to January 20,  
2023, at 5 p.m.*

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