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AGENDA ITEM #10
February 14, 2023
Interview

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 Carol Rubin (Democrat) 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:

Raj Barr-Kumar
Cherri Branson
James Hedrick
Brian O'Looney (interviewed February 7, 2023)
Alexander Ratner

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

Raj Barr-Kumar

Cherri Branson

James Hedrick

Brian O'Looney (interviewed February 7, 2023)

Alexander Ratner

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1997 National President of the American Institute of Architects, Dr. Barr brings considerable leadership skills and knowledge of current and future directions in urban planning, sustainability and climate change. Active in design and planning, civic and community volunteer, Raj has initiated and implemented affordable housing and homeless shelters.

A pioneer of the Sustainability movement, Raj has served as Principal in Charge of Planning, Design and Construction for 40 years. Project experience includes custom homes, embassies, restaurants, hotels, eco resorts, medical, religious and office facilities.

PRACTICE

1981- today Barr-Kumar Architects Engineers PC, Washington DC
1994-1996 KressCox Barr-Kumar Architects, Washington DC
1979-1980 Barrett, Daffin & Carlin Architects Planners, Tallahassee, Florida
1975-1979 Patty Berkebile Nelson Architects / Seligson Associates, Kansas City, MO
1973-1974 Llewellyn-Davies Associates, Architects Planners, London, England
1972-1973 NE Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board / Watkins Gray International, UK
1971-1972 Jon Prescott RIBA, Architects Planners, Hong Kong
1966-1971 Geoffrey Bawa RIBA / Panditaratna & Adithiya RIBA, Architects, Ceylon

TEACHING

2017-2020 Associate Professor, University of District of Columbia.
2007-2012 Professor of Practice, (Assoc. Prof. 2007-09) Catholic University of America
2003-2007 Visiting Professor. Introduced first Sustainability course on CUA campus
2004, 2012 Visiting Design Critic, University of Maryland
1999 Emens Distinguished Visiting Professor, Ball State University
1998/ 84-86 Visiting Professor, Washington-Alexandria Center, Virginia Tech
1986-1994 Associate Professor, Howard University
1979-1985 Tenured Associate Professor, Director Florida Architecture Center, DC
1976-1979 Assistant Professor, Instructor 1975-76, University of Kansas
Numerous presentations at International Professional Symposia, the Oxford Roundtable on Climate Change, and Universities including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, UCLA, London, Oxford, Singapore, Ceylon, Carnegie Mellon, George Washington, USC, NC State, Hawaii

EDUCATION

Doctor of Architecture (Sustainable Design), University of Hawaii, 2003
Master of Architecture (Urban Design), University of Kansas, 1975
Graduate Degree in Architecture, University of London, RIBA Part II, 1974
B. Sc. (Built Environment), University of Ceylon, RIBA Part I, 1971

PUBLICATIONS

Green Architecture: Strategies for Sustainable Development, 2003
Sustainable Design Strategies, 2010
Fire Water Sound & Motion – Re-thinking Mechanical Systems in Buildings, 2011
Climate Change, Infrastructure & Urban Sustainability, expected 2023
Featured in Architectural Record Environmental Design & Construction, Engineering News Record, The Washington Post, Washington Business Journal, Washington Times, Asia Magazine, Washington Home & Design, Northwest Airlines, Green Building Quarterly.

HONORS & AWARDS

2018 Fellow, Royal Institute of British Architects
2014 International Lifetime Achievement Award, Sustainability and Green Design
2008 International Exceptional Achievement Award, Sustainable Design
1997, 1998 Honorary Fellow: Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, Japan Institute of Architects, Mexican Society of Architects, Sri Lanka Institute of Architects, Philippine Institute of Architects, Pan American Federation of Architects
1996 Expert Testimony, US Senate and US Congress
1995 Fellow, Bahamas Institute of Architects
1997, 1994 Richard Upjohn Fellow, AIA
1997 Citation for Exceptional Service, National AIA
1994 Lambda Alpha International - Honorary Land Economics Society
1993 Fellow, American Institute of Architects
1992 Walter Wagner Fellow, AIA/ACSA
1991 Mayor's Proclamation for DC-HOME Affordable Housing Initiative
1990 County Executive's Certificate of Appreciation, Anne Arundel County, MD
1997/ 94/ 80 International Who's Who/ Who's Who America / Outstanding US Young Men/ Wikipedia Entry

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

1996-1997 National President, American Institute of Architects; Board of Directors, 90-97
1997-Present Council of Former National Presidents, American Institute of Architects
2010-2016 Board of Trustees, RIBA-USA. Chair, RIBA-USA, Mid-Atlantic Chapter
1997-2000 Board of Directors, National Architectural Accreditation Board; Treasurer
1997-1999 AIA Liaison to Architects Regional Council of Asia
1995-1997 Saving Our Cultural Heritage, US Federal Emergency Management Agency
1995-1997 Inter-professional Council on Environmental Design; Chair 1996
1995-1998 Regent, American Architectural Foundation
1990-1994 National Coordinating Committee, Intern Development Program
1992 Regional Coordinator, ACSA National Convention, Washington DC
1991 National Executive Committee, American Institute of Architecture Students
1991 Examiner, NCARB Architect License Registration Examination
1986-1992 Appointed Member, FIDER, National Interior Design Accrediting Board,
1988-1991 Host Chapter co-Chair, AIA National Convention, Washington DC
1990 President, Washington Chapter AIA; Board of Directors 1983-1995
1984-Present Chair 2020-present, Advisory Council, Northern Virginia Community Colleges
1978 Organizer, ACSA West-Central Regional Conference, Kansas
1994-1995 The American Planning Association, The Greater Washington Board of Trade
1985-1995 National Trust for Historic Preservation, Construction Specifications Institute
2005-1995 Professional Member, International Interior Design Association (IIDA)
1981-Present Chartered Architect, Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)
ARCHITECT Maryland. District of Columbia, Virginia, Kansas

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2008-2013 Potowmac Preserve HOA, President 2011-13
2007-2010 Our Lady Of Mercy Parish, Potomac, Finance Committee
1993-1997 Washington National Cathedral – Preservation and Building Committees
1995-1997 Member, National Task Force on Emergency Response, FEMA
1990-1996 Chair, Luther Place Shelter for the Homeless, Battered Women & Children
1990-1992 Chair, DC HOME, National Prototype Housing Task Force, Washington DC
1985-1990 Founding Chair, Anne Arundel County Development Design Awards, MD
1985-Present Sri Lanka Association of DC, President 1990-92, Vice Patron 2017-20

CHERRI L. BRANSON

EDUCATION

Emory University School of Law, LL.M.

Indiana University School of Law, J.D.

Vassar College, B.A.

EXPERIENCE

Member, Montgomery County Planning Board, October 2022 to Present. Appointed by the Montgomery County Council to fill an interim term. Member of a five Member Commission responsible for: oversight and implementation of large- and small-scale plans through the review of development applications and subdivision decisions; providing guidance for future development; preserving historic resources, and management of the county park system of parks. Additionally, I serve as a member of the Bi-County Commission's Audit Committee.

Director, Office of Procurement, Montgomery County Government, Rockville, Maryland, June 2015 to December 2018. Led a Cabinet-level agency responsible for executing \$1 billion in acquisitions annually, managed a staff of 37 employees, and oversaw a Departmental budget of \$4.4 million. Represented the Executive Branch before the County Council, other Governmental bodies and constituent groups. As Director of the Office, I implemented strategic sourcing strategies which streamlined procurement operations by building partnerships to incorporate long-range acquisition planning into operational needs; increased transparency in the bid process by instituting a debriefing system for unsuccessful bidders; increased accountability in the contract renewal and amendment process by establishing an online searchable database for Contract Review Committee minutes; streamlined the RFP process, decreasing the length and complexity of forms, resulting in the award of 40% of new contracts to vendors who had never done business with the county; implemented a "short-form" contracting mechanism to reduce grant-to-contract processing time and increased satisfaction of internal customers. Additionally, implemented a policy, process and online system to manage and track disposal of the county's surplus property. Increased the percentage of contract awards to small, minority, and women owned business to the highest levels in county history by developing new outreach initiatives, establishing an annual county-wide Procurement forum, developing a printed and online "pocket guide" of basic procurement information, and establishing a weekly newsletter with a circulation to over 6,000 businesses.

Council Member, Montgomery County Council, Rockville, Maryland, January 2014 to December 2014. Appointed through a competitive process to fill an interim term representing Montgomery County Council District 5, a racially, economically, and geographically diverse district of over 200,000 residents. Served on the Education Committee, the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee, and the Audit Committee.

Chief Counsel for Oversight, Committee on Homeland Security, Rep. Bennie Thompson, Ranking Member, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., January 2005 to January 2014. Developed and executed the oversight and investigative agenda of the Committee Minority. As part of a three-person management team, worked collaboratively with the Staff Director and Chief Legislative Counsel to formulate and execute the Committee's long-term strategic objectives. Directly supervised staff members in reviews of fraud, waste, and abuse allegations involving the activities, programs and policies

of the Department of Homeland Security. Managed development and execution of all oversight and investigative reports, letters, and other written products. Additionally, served as primary point of contact for all external oversight entities, including the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Inspectors General of all Federal agencies, non-governmental “watchdog” groups and worked with these external entities to develop specific and long-term investigative reports for Committee use. Spearheaded all legislative and policy initiatives for Committee action designed to increase participation of small, minority and women-owned businesses in Federal contracting opportunities as well as initiatives to increase employment diversity within the Federal government. Served as the Democratic staff Ethics Officer.

Other Experience:

From 1989-2005, I served as Professional Staff, Counsel, or Legislative Director to Member Offices and Congressional Committees.

MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Member, County Executive’s African American Advisory Group

3rd Vice President, NAACP, Montgomery County Chapter

Member, Vassar Club of Washington

Chair, Montgomery County Policing Advisory Commission (on leave).

Member, Montgomery County Charter Review Commission, October 2012-January 2014.

Member, Montgomery County Commission on Redistricting, January 2011-September 2011.

JAMES JOSEPH HEDRICK

Affiliation: Democrat

EDUCATION

- 2008 – 2017 **RICE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE** **HOUSTON, TX**
Ph.D. in Political Science (May 2017). Dissertation: *Welcoming the Huddled Masses – Subnational Immigration Policy in the American States*.
- 2004 – 2005 **AMERICAN UNIVERSITY** **WASHINGTON, DC**
Master of Arts in Political Science. Specialized in Campaign Management and Advocacy.
- 2000 – 2004 **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS** **AUSTIN, TX**
Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology. Graduated with both *High Honors* and *Liberal Arts Honors*.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- November 2015 – Present
FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY (FHFA) **WASHINGTON, DC**
Senior Financial Analyst (EL-14)
- Serve as a Project Manager and Principal Investigator for internal research projects
 - Write and manage annual reports to Congress and FHFA senior staff
 - Review new business activity (NBA) requests and Capital Plan amendments from the FHLBanks
 - Serve as a liaison to the Financial and Banking Information Infrastructure Committee (FBIIIC)
 - Serve as the primary policy lead for operations and cybersecurity related issues
 - Write and develop guidance for the FHLBanks, write regulatory language, respond to public comment, and advise senior staff on a variety of housing and financial issues
 - Served initially as a Financial Analyst and was promoted to Senior Financial Analyst in December 2016
- June 2013 – October 2015
ECONOMETRICA, INC. **BETHESDA, MD**
Housing and Community Development Specialist
- Served as a Project Manager, Principal Investigator, and Subject Matter Expert (HUD) for federal contracts
 - Directly managed multiple federal contracts including *Moving CDBG Forward*, a major nationwide HUD outreach effort to grantees, and task orders under Econometrica's OneCPD cooperative agreement, HUD's primary Technical Assistance program
 - Served as Principal Investigator for HUD's evaluation of the Rural Innovation Fund (RIF) and as a quantitative analyst on several projects including an evaluation of the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (RAD)
 - Co-organized a company-wide internal quantitative research group and presented to colleagues on a variety of statistical/research topics including mapping in R and ArcGIS, matching methods, simulation, etc.
- May 2010 – July 2013
AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE (AJPS) **HOUSTON, TX**
Editorial Assistant
- Managed the submission & review of scholarly articles at one of the top journals in the social sciences
 - Assessed expert reviews and made final recommendations on acceptance and rejection to the Editor-in-Chief
 - Found and selected expert reviewers on a variety of topics
 - Represented the AJPS at various academic conferences
- August 2008 – December 2010
HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE (HCC) **HOUSTON, TX**
Adjunct Professor of Political Science
- Taught several sections of Introduction to American and Texas Government per semester
 - Participated in campus events including job fairs, candidate debates, and college transfer information sessions
 - Designed unique classroom assignments and developed my own syllabi

August 2008 – August 2010

RICE UNIVERSITY

HOUSTON, TX

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Research Assistant

- Served as a research assistant to both Dr. Robert Stein and Dr. Melissa Marschall
- Completed initial statistical analyses and managed exceptionally large datasets
- Collected data on local elections and public administration and maintained project database
- Oversaw data collection by undergraduate interns
- Collaborated with other scholars & provided recommendations on appropriate modeling & data management

August 2008 – December 2009

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE (HCC)**HOUSTON, TX****Online Government Tutor**

- Tutored students using a web-based system called AskOnline, editing projects for English and content
- Sole government tutor for a student population of 50,000+ students with less than a 24-hour turnaround
- Completed an in-depth statistical analysis of the effectiveness of the online tutoring system that showed considerable impact on the achievement of students that used the program
- Presented research on student achievement at a variety of professional and academic conferences

January 2009 – December 2009

HEDRICK STATISTICAL CONSULTING**HOUSTON, TX****Statistical Consultant**

- Incorporated as an independent statistical consultant while completing two major quantitative projects for Houston Community College including the Gates Foundation funded “Foundations of Excellence” Project
- Managed a comprehensive dataset on student achievement to produce insight into success and retention
- Presented the results of the projects to a variety of stakeholders including college executives and stakeholders
- Completed all projects on-time and on-budget

January 2008 – July 2008

THE OFFICE OF SENATOR ROBERT CASEY, JR. (D-PA)**WASHINGTON, DC****Congressional Fellow (Rotation)**

- Served the Office of Senator Robert Casey, Jr. as a subject matter expert on housing and economic development issues, particularly those pertaining to the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Met with constituents, drafted legislative language, and networked with colleagues in federal agencies and on legislative committees
- Staffed the Senator at committee hearings and drafted policy memos for both committee and personal staff

July 2006 – July 2008

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**WASHINGTON, DC****Presidential Management Fellow (PMF)**

- Served as an economic development specialist with the Office of Rural Housing & Economic Development
- Managed grant recipients from submission to project completion, including assessing applications and overseeing implementation
- Managed the \$30+ million Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) 2007 – 2008
- Served on the Phoenix Awards Selection Committee in 2008, a nationwide organization that recognized achievement in brownfields redevelopment
- Served as a recruitment speaker for both the National Association of Public Administration (NAPA) & the Partnership for Public Service encouraging college students to pursue a career in public service
- Served as a founding member of the Young Government Leaders (YGL) professional association and was responsible for its incorporation as a 501(c)3.

March 2005 – July 2006

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYERS (NCAE)**WASHINGTON, DC****Legislative Assistant**

- Served as a legislative assistant to the Executive Director, Sharon Hughes
- Monitored federal legislation, wrote on legislative activity for the monthly newsletter, and managed communication with the organization’s officers and the Executive Committee
- Represented in the NCAE at meeting with lobbying coalition partners and legislative staff

September 2004 – March 2005

SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS COMMITTEE (H.E.L.P.)**WASHINGTON, DC**

Legislative Assistant

- Served as a legislative assistant to the Senate H.E.L.P. Committee
- Monitored legislation, attended committee hearings, and briefed senior staff on a variety of issues
- Frequently met with constituents and briefed senior staff following the meetings

JOB RELATED TRAINING

- Presenting Data and Information, Edward Tufte, February 2020
- Capital Markets Conference, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), June 2019
- Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification Training, Econometrica, Inc., March 2014
- Teacher Workshop Certification Program, Rice University Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies, December 2011
- A Practical Introduction to Bayesian Statistical Modeling, Simon Jackman, Texas A&M University, January 2011
- Visualization in R with ggplot2, Hadley Wickam – Rice University, June 2011
- ArcGIS Short Courses, Rice University – Fondren Library, Summer 2010

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- Hedrick, James and Aleks Ksiazkiewicz, "Symposium on Implicit Attitudes in Political Science," *PS: Political Science*, July 2013
- Emenaker, Ryan, James Hedrick, Shaen Johnson, and Tressa Tabares, "APSA Teaching and Learning Conference Track Summary: Teaching and Learning at Community Colleges," *PS: Political Science*, July 2012
- Approximately a dozen conference papers and presentations available in full CV

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Software: Proficient in R, Stata, SPSS, ArcGIS, Inquisit, Nvivo, & LaTeX; Beginner SAS.

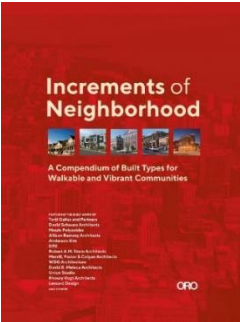
Volunteerism: *Steering Committee*, Montgomery For All, 2020 – Present;
Vice-President & Land Use Committee Chair, Action Committee for Transit, 2019 – Present;
Chair, Board of Commissioners, Rockville Housing Enterprises, 2017 – Present;
Executive Committee Member, Twinbrook Community Association, 2018 – Present;
Member, Rockville Boards and Commissions Task Force, 2019;
Co-Chair, Working Group on Implicit Attitudes in Political Science, APSA Conference 2011 & 2012;
Program Chair, 4th Annual Political Science Graduate Student Conference 2012;
Vice-President, Young Government Leaders 2007 – 2008.

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.



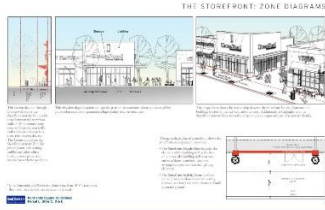
Yorktown Shopping Center, Lombard, IL - Preparation of planning studies to explore future development of this shopping center into a 24/7 year-round community. Torti Gallas assisted and supported the ownership team in their efforts for rezoning and entitlement of the site, while maintaining the viability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

ALEXANDER M. RATNER

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACEEE | Federal Policy Manager **August 2020 – Present**

- Develops and implements ACEEE’s federal policy strategy on buildings, industrial, transportation, and utilities decarbonization, efficiency, and sustainability issues.
- Educates Congress and the Administration on key regulatory and policy challenges.
- Responsibly takes positions on policy and legislative matters in consultation with Executive Director, Senior Director of Policy, and Federal Policy Director.
- Develops, maintains, and expands trusting relationships with senior staff of key congressional and administrative decision-makers, including relevant congressional committees.
- Convenes diverse groups of stakeholders including businesses, labor, and community organizations to better understand the impacts of policy proposals to shape them.

Clean Energy Leadership Institute | Fellowship Coordinator **December 2021 – Present**

- Cultivates and leads a cohesive and supportive fellowship cohort of clean energy leaders across the eastern half of the United States.
- Fosters a transparent and inclusive culture for a diverse group of fellows.

Fellow **May 2021 – September 2021**

- Fellow in competitive program to attract emerging leaders with diverse backgrounds dedicated to an equitable, decarbonized, and resilient energy ecosystem.
- Explored fundamentals of clean energy, technology, policy, and finance.

The Alliance to Save Energy | Manager, Policy, and Analysis **January 2019 – August 2020**

- Developed and implemented the Alliance’s sustainability, energy conservation, workforce development, and public facilities policy initiatives.
- Tracked legislation and policy initiatives related to energy and sustainability issues.
- Developed and oversaw the development of lobby and education materials by staff, including fact sheets, letters, and blogs.
- Represented the Alliance in coalitions and with partners on a wide variety of issues.

House Committee on Energy and Commerce | Policy Analyst **June 2015 – December 2018**

- Prepared Members of Congress and staff for hearings and markups on environment and energy issues.
- Drafted and advanced legislative proposals on a wide range of energy and environment issues, including energy efficiency, renewable energy, greenhouse gas mitigation, safe drinking water, and pipeline safety.
- Negotiated the text of legislation, including the PIPES Act of 2016 and the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act with House Republican and Senate staff.

House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform | Counsel **May 2014 – May 2015**

- Planned and executed a series of forums for Senator Elizabeth Warren and Ranking Member Elijah Cummings’ project on issues including access to banking, education loans and predatory lending.
- Rapidly developed expertise on new issue areas to support a wide range of oversight hearings.
- Conducted discovery on investigations within the Committee’s jurisdiction related to energy, financial services, and cybersecurity issues.
- Participated in transcribed interviews and proffers of witnesses in Committee’s investigations.

ALEXANDER M. RATNER

VOLUNTEER

Temple Emanuel Community Social Action Council | Kensington, MD November 2022 to Present

- Member

[REDACTED] Homeowners Association | Rockville, MD December 2020 to Present

- Treasurer

American Bar Association | Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources July 2019 to Present

- Communications Vice-Chair for the Renewable, Alternative, and Distributed Energy Resources Committee.

American Association of Blacks in Energy | Washington, DC Chapter June 2020 to Present

- Member – Scholarship Committee.

Montgomery County Council Grants Advisory Group | Rockville, MD November 2017 to May 2019

- Review grant applications from public service organizations for contracts to deliver public services to residents in Montgomery County, Maryland.

BAR ADMISSION

- Maryland – December 2013

EDUCATION

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW | Chicago, IL

May 2012

Juris Doctor

- DLA Piper LLP Scholar in Intellectual Property/Information Technology
- Treasurer: Decalogue Society – Jewish Law Student Association

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY | Washington, DC

May 2009

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science Minor in Journalism and Mass Communication

- Senior Producer and Managing Editor: WRGW Radio News

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.

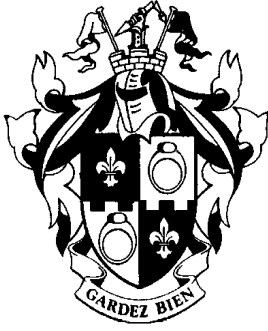
Term: A permanent term is for four years. Temporary, acting appointees will serve until a successor is qualified and appointed under Section 15-103 of the Code of Maryland.

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

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)
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Application Process and Deadline

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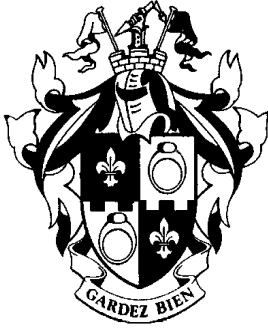
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