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AGENDA ITEM #11
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Action

SUBJECT

Appointments to the Montgomery County Planning Board (MCPB) Partial Term Appointments.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The Council will appoint three members of the Montgomery County Planning Board to fill partial terms left vacated by Gerald Cichy (Republican), Carol Rubin (Democrat), and 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 interviewed the following candidates for these vacancies on January 31, February 7, and February 14, 2023:

Raj Barr Kumar (Democrat)
Shawn Bartley (Republican)
Cherri Branson (Democrat)
Paul Gaiser (unaffiliated)
James Hedrick (Democrat)
Brian O'Looney (Democrat)
Mitra Pedoeem (unaffiliated)
Alexander Ratner (Democrat)
Donald Silverstein (unaffiliated)
Leanne Tobias (unaffiliated)
David Winstead (Republican)

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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Candidate List

Republican Candidates

Shawn Bartley
David Winstead

Democratic Candidates

Raj Barr Kumar
Cherri Branson
James Hedrick
Brian O'Looney
Alexander Ratner

Unaffiliated

Paul Gaiser
Mitra Pedoeem
Donald Silverstein
Leanne Tobias

Dr. RAJ BARR-KUMAR
FAIA FRIBA
ARCHITECT * URBAN PLANNER

1997 National President of the American Institute of Architects, the first person of color elected in 140 years, Raj has served as Principal in Charge of Planning, Design and Construction for projects world-wide for 40 years. Project experience includes Cortlandt Medical Center in New York, Eco Maya Condominiums in Riviera Maya Mexico, Hilton Hotel in Sri Lanka, Altos Escondidos Eco Resort in Panama, York District General Hospital in England, Aleid Eco Resort in Saudi Arabia, and Teatro Dom Pedro V in Macau China.

Washington Metro area project experience includes the World Bank, Washington National Cathedral, Masjid Noor Mosque, Jain Temple, Fitzgerald Communications, Embassies of Malta, Sri Lanka and Trinidad & Tobago, Monaco and Palomar Hotels, and Oval Room, Poste, Bibiana, Rasika, 701 and Ardeo restaurants.

Raj's sensitive response to site, context and climate have received accolades including featured project in the special Earth Day 1990 Washington Post supplement and page 1 intro commending his "environmentally sensitive and aesthetically pleasing design".

His design for the eco-resort in Panama was hailed by Ambassador Gustavo Arias who was Minister of Environment and Head of the National Environmental Authority of Panama for setting a "new high standard for sustainable development in Panama".

He has served as Juror for the US Army Corp of Engineers Design Award and the US Green Building Council Design Awards. He served on the FEMA-NIC Task Force, has provided Expert Testimony to the US Senate and US Congress and serves as an Expert Witness.

An internationally recognized pioneer of the Sustainability movement, Raj received the Lifetime Achievement for Green Architecture and Sustainable Development. He is the author of three books on the subject and is currently writing a book on Infrastructure, Climate Change, Resilience and Urban Sustainability.

A frequent keynote speaker at international professional symposia including the Oxford Round Table on Climate Change, Dr. Barr has served as a professor of Architecture and Planning at the Universities of Kansas, Florida A&M, Howard, Catholic and the University of the District of Columbia for over 35 years and has lectured at universities including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, London and Singapore.

An ardent advocate for the disenfranchised and the homeless, Raj helped make Luther Place Shelter for the Homeless, Battered Women and Children a built reality. He was co-chair of the pioneering DC-HOME Affordable Housing program. As 1997 AIA National President he initiated the design of a shelter for the homeless in New Orleans. The program, to leave something of value in each convention city, now called the Legacy Project has continued for the last 25 years.

Raj's contributions to society and the urban environment have been recognized by the highest honors. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and Honorary Fellow of the Architectural Institutes of Japan, Canada, Mexico, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Bahamas and the Pan American Federation of Architects.

SHAWN D. BARTLEY, ESQ.



Proven award-winning attorney. Adept at leadership, critical thinking, decisive decision making, effective communication, public speaking, and advocacy. Experienced Chairman and Board Member. Driven, determined, and detailed in helping others be successful.

Registered Republican In Montgomery County, Maryland.

EXPERIENCE

Shawn D. Bartley & Associates, LLC; Silver Spring Maryland
Attorney/ Principal 2008 - Present
Attorney and principal member for general practice law firm.

Maryland State Board of Education; Baltimore, Maryland
Board Member 2020 – Present
Participate in the direction and management of resources for all of Maryland's Public Schools.

Montgomery County Primary Care Coalition, Inc.; Silver Spring, Maryland
Chairman and Board Member 2013 – Present
Participate in the management and leadership of the organization.

Scottish Rite Foundation of the District of Columbia, Inc.; Washington, D.C.
Trustee 2014 – Present
Consult and advise the foundation the charitable undertakings of the Scottish Rite in Washington, D.C.

Shepherd's Table, Inc.; Silver Spring, Maryland
Board Member and Governance Committee 2013 – 2017
Assist in the governance and corporate management of the organization.

Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families;
Rockville, Maryland
Chairman and Board Member 2004 - 2013
Participated in the leadership and direction of all aspects of the Council's program, management, and finances.

Goozman, Bernstein & Markuski; Laurel, Maryland
Attorney 2005 – 2008
Associate Attorney for general civil practice law firm.

BlueHippo Funding, LLC; Woodlawn, Maryland

General Counsel 2004 - 2005

Perform complex legal work for the highest levels of BlueHippo Funding administration.

Maryland State Bar Association Leadership Academy; Baltimore, Maryland

Fellow 2004 - 2005

The MSBA's Leadership Academy is a 12-month venture into developing leadership enhancing experiences.

Samuel I. White, P.C.; Alexandria, Virginia

Attorney 2003 - 2004

Initiate real estate commercial litigation and real estate foreclosure proceedings on behalf of secured creditor mortgage banks.

EDUCATION

Valparaiso University School of Law; Valparaiso, Indiana

Juris Doctor – May 2000

University of Maryland; College Park, Maryland

Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communications - May 1994

University of Maryland Football Team, 1989 - 1992

BAR ADMISSION

Maryland

United States District Court of Maryland

United States District Court of the District of Columbia

United States Tax Court – Washington, D.C.

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

Photography, Sports, Periodicals

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.

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

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

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

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

**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

JAMES JOSEPH HEDRICK

Affiliation: Democrat

EDUCATION

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

November 2015 – Present	FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY (FHFA) 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 (FBIIC) 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	WASHINGTON, DC
June 2013 – October 2015	ECONOMETRICA, INC. 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 <i>Moving CDBG Forward</i> , 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.	BETHESDA, MD
May 2010 – July 2013	AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE (AJPS) 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	HOUSTON, TX
August 2008 – December 2010	HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE (HCC) 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	HOUSTON, TX

August 2008 – August 2010

RICE UNIVERSITY

HOUSTON, TX

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.

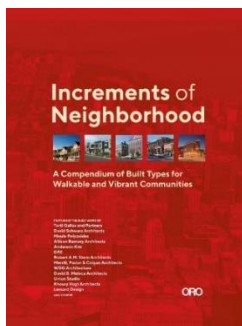
Volunteerism: *Steering Committee*, Montgomery For All, 2020 – Present;
Vice-President & Land Use Committee Chair, Action Committee for Transit, 2019 – Present;
Chair, Board of Commissioners, Rockville Housing Enterprises, 2017 – Present;
Executive Committee Member, Twinbrook Community Association, 2018 – 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.



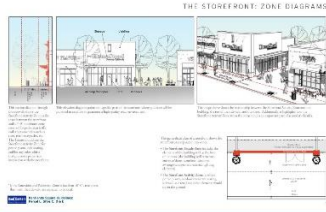
Yorktown Shopping Center, Lombard, IL - Preparation of planning studies to explore future development of this shopping center into a 24/7 year-round community. Torti Gallas assisted and supported the ownership team in their efforts for rezoning and entitlement of the site, while maintaining the viability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

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.

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

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

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**

David L. Winstead

David L. Winstead resides in Chevy Chase, Maryland, where he raised a family, and currently serves on the Village's Board of Managers as well as President of Montgomery Municipal Cable.

Mr. Winstead's professional experience in transportation and real estate has included top leadership positions in both the private and public sectors. He was Founding Chair of the Urban Land Institute's Public Development and Infrastructure Council, and served as US Public Buildings Commissioner at GSA, where he was responsible for the federal civilian portfolio of 1,500 buildings, as well as leased space to accommodate over one million federal workers. In addition, he served as Maryland's Secretary of Transportation under Governor Parris Glendening, and is an adviser to Maryland DOT as a member of the Maryland Aviation Commission.

Mr. Winstead's law practice has focused on real estate and infrastructure issues, public-private partnerships, as well as a variety of regulatory matters. His career has combined representation of private entities, public corporations, real estate, construction and transportation companies, as well as non-profit organizations.

Earlier in his career, he served as Executive Director of the Washington/Baltimore Regional Association, a private sector economic development alliance of real estate and financial interests in this bi-metropolitan region. In addition to his law degree, he received an MBA from Columbia University and a Master of Science in Real Estate from Johns Hopkins University.

Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: 02/28/2023
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Background

1. Section 15-103 of the Land Use Article of the Md. Code Ann., provides for the appointment by the County Council of Commissioners to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. No more than three members of the Commission may be from the same political party.
2. On October 12, 2022, the County Council accepted the resignations of all five of the then-serving Commissioners of the Montgomery County Planning Board: Chair Casey Anderson, Vice Chair Partap Verma, and Commissioners Gerald Cichy, Tina Patterson, and Carol Rubin.
3. To ensure the continuity of critical government operations, the County Council appointed Cherri Branson, David Hill, Roberto Piñero, Amy Presley, and Jeffrey Zyontz as Acting Commissioners, effective October 27, 2022, to serve on a temporary basis until successors were qualified and appointed.
4. The County Council is now prepared to fill the unexpired term vacated by Gerald Cichy (Republican) in October 2022, which expires on June 14, 2024.
5. Section 15-102 of the Land Use Article requires that a commissioner who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term be of the same political party as the commissioner who vacated the office.
6. The appointment of a member to fill the unexpired term of Gerard Cichy (Republican) on the Planning Board, which expires on June 14, 2024, is before the County Council for approval.

Action

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

[Insert Name] (Republican) is appointed to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission effective March 6, 2023, through June 14, 2024, or until a successor has qualified and been appointed.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Judy Rupp
Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Marc Elrich, County Executive
County Executive

Date

Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: 02/28/2023
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4. The County Council is now prepared to fill the unexpired term vacated by Tina Patterson (unaffiliated) in October 2022, which expires on June 14, 2025.
5. Section 15-102 of the Land Use Article requires that a commissioner who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term be of the same political party as the commissioner who vacated the office.
6. The appointment of a member to fill the unexpired term of Tina Patterson (unaffiliated) on the Planning Board, which expires on June 14, 2025, is before the County Council for approval.

Action

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

[Insert Name] (unaffiliated) is appointed to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission effective March 6, 2023, through June 14, 2025, or until a successor has qualified and been appointed.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Judy Rupp
Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Marc Elrich, County Executive	Date
County Executive	

Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: 02/28/2023
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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3. To ensure the continuity of critical government operations, the County Council appointed Cherri Branson, David Hill, Roberto Piñero, Amy Presley and Jeffrey Zyontz, as Acting Commissioners, effective October 27, 2022 to serve on a temporary basis until successors were qualified and appointed.
4. The County Council is now prepared to fill the unexpired term vacated by Carol Rubin (Democrat) in October 2022, which expires on June 14, 2026.
5. Section 15-102 of the Land Use Article requires that a commissioner who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term be of the same political party as the commissioner who vacated the office.
6. The appointment of a member to fill the unexpired term of Carol Rubin (Democrat) on the Planning Board, which expires on June 14, 2026, is before the County Council for approval.

Action

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

[Insert Name] (Democrat) is appointed to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission effective March 6, 2023, through June 14, 2026, or until a successor has qualified and been appointed.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Judy Rupp
Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Marc Elrich, County Executive	Date
County Executive	

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)
- 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.

In addition to Ms. Presley (Republican), Mr. Hill (unaffiliated), Ms. Branson (Democrat), current acting Board members are Chair Jeff Zyontz (Democrat) and Mr. Pinero (Democrat). Annual compensation for Board members is currently \$30,000, and the chair currently earns \$228,000.

The Planning Board serves as the Council's principal adviser on land use planning and community planning. Planning Board members also serve as commissioners of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

The Planning Board's responsibilities with regard to planning include preparation and amendment of the County General Plan; preparation and amendment of master plans and functional plans; formulation of subdivision regulations; preparation of or recommendations on text amendments to the County Zoning Code; implementation of the subdivision process by reviewing and approving all preliminary plans, site plans and other plans for development; offering or providing advice on the planning implications of capital facilities and programs of the County government, Montgomery College, WSSC Water, and Montgomery County Public Schools; commenting, under its mandatory referral authority, on plans for public facilities of local, state and federal agencies; and approving of the work program and the annual operating budget for the Planning Department and the Commission's bi-county offices.

The Planning Board sits as the Park Commission and approves the annual Parks Department operating budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP); land acquisition contracts and major development contracts for parks; development plans for individual park facilities; policies for park operations; and park user fees.

The Planning Board meets all day every Thursday, including many Thursday evenings, and will schedule other meetings, as needed. The entire Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission meets the third Wednesday of every month. On average, a Planning Board member may spend two full days a week in scheduled and informal meetings. Additionally, substantial time is required for preparatory work and other activities related to Planning Board responsibilities.

Application Process and Deadline

Letters of application expressing interest, including a resume (no more than 4 pages) listing professional and civic experience, political party affiliation, home and office telephone numbers, and an email address, should be addressed to: Council President and emailed to council.clerk@montgomerycountymd.gov, or mailed to County Council Office, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

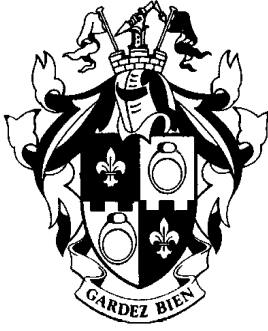
Letters of application and resumes are made public as part of the appointment process and are available for public review (personal contact information is redacted). The interviews are conducted in public and will be televised.

Letters with resumes must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, January 13. It is the Council's policy not to consider applications received after the deadline. After the closing date, Councilmembers will review the letters of application and select applicants for interviews.

Other Requirements

A financial disclosure statement of assets, debts, income and family property interests will be required to be filed by each applicant with the State Ethics Commission. The financial disclosure form will be sent to you after we receive your letter of application. Only the financial disclosure statement of the ultimate appointees will be made available to the public. In addition, an interview, under oath, regarding potential conflicts of interest, will be conducted of applicants by the Office of the County Attorney under Section 15-104 of the Land Use Article of the Maryland Code. The transcript of the full interview of each appointee will be made public, as required by law. Person(s) hired for this position must provide proof of being fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (with limited religious or medical exceptions). A criminal background check will also be required.

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Montgomery County Council

For Immediate Release

January 13, 2022

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

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Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 2023. Political party affiliation will be verified by the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

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The Planning Board's responsibilities with regard to planning include preparation and amendment of the County General Plan; preparation and amendment of master plans and functional plans; formulation of subdivision regulations; preparation of or recommendations on text amendments to the County Zoning Code; implementation of the subdivision process by reviewing and approving all preliminary plans, site plans and other plans for development; offering or providing advice on the planning implications of capital facilities and programs of the County government, Montgomery College, WSSC Water, and Montgomery County Public Schools; commenting, under its mandatory referral authority, on plans for public facilities of local, state and federal agencies; and approving of the work program and the annual operating budget for the Planning Department and the Commission's bi-county offices.

The Planning Board sits as the Park Commission and approves the annual Parks Department operating budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP); land acquisition contracts and major development contracts for parks; development plans for individual park facilities; policies for park operations; and park user fees.

The Planning Board meets all day every Thursday, including many Thursday evenings, and will schedule other meetings, as needed. The entire Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission meets the third Wednesday of every month. On average, a Planning Board member may spend two full days a week in scheduled and informal meetings. Additionally, substantial time is required for preparatory work and other activities related to Planning Board responsibilities.

Application Process and Deadline

Letters of application expressing interest, including a resume (no more than 4 pages) listing professional and civic experience, political party affiliation, home and office telephone numbers, and an email address, should be addressed to: Council President and emailed to council.clerk@montgomerycountymd.gov, or mailed to County Council Office, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

Letters of application and resumes are made public as part of the appointment process and are available for public review (personal contact information is redacted). The interviews are conducted in public and will be televised.

Letters with resumes must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, January 20. It is the Council's policy not to consider applications received after the deadline. After the closing date, Councilmembers will review the letters of application and select applicants for interviews.

Other Requirements

A financial disclosure statement of assets, debts, income, and family property interests will be required to be filed by each applicant with the State Ethics Commission. The financial disclosure form will be sent to you after we receive your letter of application. Only the financial disclosure statement of the ultimate appointees will be made available to the public. In addition, an interview, under oath, regarding potential conflicts of interest, will be conducted of applicants by the Office of the County Attorney under Section 15-104 of the Land Use Article of the Maryland Code. The transcript of the full interview of each appointee will be made public, as required by law. Person(s) hired for this position must provide proof of being fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (with limited religious or medical exceptions). A criminal background check will also be required.

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