Resolution No.: 20-629

Introduced: October 8, 2024
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Advisory Commission on Policing

Background

- 1. The Policing Advisory Commission, established in 2019, has been renamed to the Advisory Commission on Policing (ACP). In addition to renaming the Commission, **Expedited Bill 32-23** clarified some of the Commission's duties. The ACP is responsible for advising the Council on policing matters, recommending legislation or regulations for the Council's consideration, conducting public outreach for community input, and accepting community feedback.
- 2. The Commission consists of a total of 15 members appointed by the Council as follows: 11 public members nominated by the Council, with each Councilmember nominating one member. In addition, the County Executive nominates one youth member (25 years of age or younger) and one young adult member (26-35 years of age). The ACP also has two institutional members. The Commission is required to select a Chair and Vice-Chair from its members. Every new member must participate in an orientation program with a menu of training opportunities determined by the Chair in consultation with staff.
- 3. Commission members serve three-year terms without compensation but are eligible for mileage reimbursement and dependent care costs at rates established by the County. A member must not serve more than two consecutive full terms. A member must continue in office until a successor is appointed and qualified. After an appointment to fill a vacancy before a term expires, the successor serves a full three-year term from the date of appointment. The Commission must meet as often as necessary to perform its duties, but not less than six times per year. By July 1st, it must submit an annual report to the Executive and Council detailing its functions, activities, accomplishments, and plans.
- 4. Members of the Commission should reflect the diversity of Montgomery County, including a range of races, ethnicities, places of origin, socioeconomic status, age, sex including gender identity or orientation, religion, religious creed, disability, or other characteristics, and geographic location, with emphasis on those who are disproportionately impacted by inequities.

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5. The current list of public members serving on the Advisory Commission on Policing are Reverend Brian Bellamy, C. Arthur Blair, Cherri Branson, Kristy Daphnis, Christina DeLane, Francisco Javier González, John Stephenson, Teresa Walsh, Sean Watson, Petros Bein (County Executive appointed Young Adult Member) and Eva Quittman (County Executive appointed Youth Member).

Action

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

Appointment of the following County Council nominee to serve as a public member of the Advisory Commission on Policing:

Councilmember Friedson

Sony George

The term of Commissioner Sony George expires on October 8, 2027.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Sara R. Tenenbaum

Clerk of the Council