

Resolution No.: 19-1427  
Introduced: 10/27/2022  
Adopted: 10/27/2022

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

**SUBJECT:** Temporary Appointment of an Acting Commissioner of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; Temporary Appointment of an Acting Chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board; Temporary Appointment of an Acting Full-Time Planning Board Member who Serves as Acting Chair or Acting Vice-Chair of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; Authorization of Supplemental Salary

**Background**

1. On October 12, 2022, the Council accepted the immediate resignations of all 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. The Council is the appointing authority for the Commissioners under Section 15-103 of the Land Use Article of the Maryland Code.
4. To ensure the continuity of critical government operations while the Council undertakes the months-long process specified under Section 15-103 of the Land Use Article of the Maryland Code, the Council must appoint Acting Commissioners who can perform the vital functions of the Montgomery County Planning Board on a temporary basis.
5. To select temporary, acting Commissioners, the Council has advertised the positions and considered the applications of approximately 128 candidates. The Council made the list of applicants accessible to the public, and the Council publicly interviewed 11 candidates.
6. During the service of the temporary, acting Commissioners, the Council will act expeditiously to appoint Commissioners who will complete the terms vacated by the five Commissioners who resigned on October 12, 2022.

**Action**

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

1. Jeffrey Zyontz is appointed as an Acting Commissioner of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, in a temporary capacity effective October 27, 2022, until a successor has qualified and been appointed under Section 15-103 of the Land Use Article of the Maryland Code.
2. Jeffrey Zyontz is designated as Acting Chair or Acting Vice Chair of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, in a temporary capacity effective October 27, 2022, until a successor is designated under Section 15-107 of the Land Use Article of the Maryland Code. In that capacity, Jeffrey

Zyontz is designated to serve as Acting Chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board until a successor is designated under Section 15-107 of the Land Use Article of the Maryland Code.

3. The salary of the Chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board will be \$228,000 including the mandatory salary provided under State law. The Montgomery County Planning Board Chair accrues leave on the basis of four weeks per year for vacation and personal leave.
4. The effective date of this resolution is October 27, 2022.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Judy Rupp  
Clerk of the Council