

Resolution No.: 19-1429
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Temporary Appointment of Acting Commissioner to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

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 Regional District Act, 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 129 candidates. The Council made the list of applicants accessible to the public, and the Council publicly interviewed multiple 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:

Cherri Branson 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.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Judy Rupp
Clerk of the Council