

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 1

RESOLUTION NO. 06 - 2020

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Josh Hirsh to the Commission on Disabilities.

Introduced and read first time on January 6, 2020.

By order Diane A. Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on January 21, 2020.

By order Diane A. Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted Adopted with amendments ____, Failed ____, Withdrawn ____ by the County Council on February 3, 2020.

Certified by Diane A. Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

Joshua R. Hirsh

EDUCATION

Howard Community College, Columbia, MD 2018

- Associate Arts in Political Science
- Phi Theta Kappa Honors

WORK EXPERIENCE and INTERNSHIPS

Linsky Law Group, Specializing in Elder Law and Estate Planning 2019

- Legal Assistant, drafting documents

Intern for Maryland Councilman Calvin Ball, Ellicott City, MD 2017-2018

- Research information pertinent to Councilman's upcoming events
- Clerical

Right Choice Chiropractic, LLC Laurel, MD 2014-2015

- Scan patient's records
- Filing
- Xeroxing

COMMUNITY SERVICE and AWARDS

Vice President of Young Democrats of Howard County 2019

Recipient of The Louis Goldstein Spirit Award 2019

At-Large Member of Columbia Democratic Club 2019

Jewish Disability Advocacy Day, Washington D.C. 2017, 2018, 2019

- Attended Symposium concerning national disability issues
- Engaged with Maryland Congressmen, Senators and staff regarding voting and the upcoming bills effecting the disabled population

Volunteer for Terri Hill in her run for Maryland State Delegate, Columbia, MD 2014, 2018

- Developed demographic sheets to determine which areas to focus efforts on
- Sit in on organization meeting regarding strategies

Volunteer for Jocelyn Pena-Melnyk in her run for U.S. Congress, Laurel, MD 2016

- Data Entry for Vote Building

Volunteer at Howard County Democratic Party Columbia MD 2011-present

- Developed PowerPoint Presentation for their website
- Research and Data Entry
- Helped with fundraisers
- Attended Jefferson-Jackson Dinner

SKILLS

Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel

Good evening to the members of the County Council and the Commission. My name is Joshua Hirsh. I'd like to thank County Executive, Dr. Calvin Ball for giving my name to the council for consideration to serve on this commission.

I have lived in Howard County for 18 years, and despite facing many challenges, I have persevered and accomplished many goals. I graduated Howard Community College with a political science degree; with Phi Theta Kappa Honors. Recently, I was hired by The Linsky Law Group.

As someone with cerebral palsy, I always wanted to serve on this committee, as I have experienced many of the concerns and issues facing a disabled person. I have volunteered in local politics for the past 10 years, as it's been important to me to be an active member of my community.

I am also interested in issues that affect the disability community on a national level. This February will be the fourth year I will be attending the National Jewish Disability Advocacy Day in Washington D.C.; where issues that affect the disabled will be discussed with leaders in our country and afterwards, I will lobby our state representatives.

It would be honor for me to serve on this commission. Areas of particular interest are transportation, housing, and inclusivity in the community.

Thank you for your consideration.