County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session Legislative day # 12

RESOLUTION NO. 180 - 2026

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- Margaret Melikian – Historic Preservation Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Margaret Melikian to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Introduced and read first time on Oct 5, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on Oct 19, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted__, Adopted with amendments__, Failed__, Withdrawn ✓ by the County Council on Oct 30, 2026.

Certified by Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, 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.

WHEREAS, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and

WHEREAS, Sections 6.324 and 16.604 of the Howard County Code and Title 8, Subtitle 2 of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provide for a Historic Preservation Commission in Howard County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Margaret Melikian as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and confidence in the abilities of the nominee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this (Withdrawn) day of _____, 2026 that the following person is appointed as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission to serve from the passage of this Resolution to October 30, 2029 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

Margaret Melikian
Ellicott City, Maryland

Margaret S. Melikian– Booz Allen

EDUCATION:

- B.A., International Studies, Minor in French Language, Texas A&M University 2012
- M.A., Architectural History, University of Virginia, 2015

EXPERIENCE:

Booz Allen Hamilton, Architectural Historian-Senior Consultant, 3/2025 – Present

- As an architectural historian, Ms. Melikian provides technical Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) compliance and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) support to several task orders under the EMARIS contract, including Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) NEPA support (TOs 32 and 46), FAST SAF Grant EA reviews (TO 31), and MOSAIC Rulemaking EA (TO 49). She will assist in the process of writing historic/cultural resources sections for the EAs, preparing Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) as needed for a project, reviewing EAs and cultural reports for Section 106 compliance, leading Section 106 consultation activities with State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs), preparing guidance and templates, and developing 4(f) evaluations.

Department of Planning and Zoning, Howard County Government, Preservation Planner May 2023-Feb. 2025

- Support the Historic Preservation Commission-including researching, writing and presenting staff reports, and meeting management on digital platforms
- Support the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board; meeting management in hybrid digital and in person settings.
- Document and record historic resources in Howard County
- Review architectural and development plans for any environmental or cultural resources and delegate to agencies for further review.

Baltimore Architecture Foundation, Associate Director March 2018-May 2023

- Manage and oversee all aspects of Doors Open Baltimore, a city-wide architecture festival that serves thousands.
- Coordinate lectures, educational and digital programs that excite and interest the general public of all ages.
- Manage, schedule, and record meeting minutes for five committees, BAF board and executive committee meetings.
- Execute and maintain fiscal responsibilities and a balanced budget.
- Establish and maintain relationships with members to serve the local A/E/C industry.
- Promoted from Membership & Sponsorship Associate to Programs Manager in 2019, and to Associate Director in 2022.

Calvert School, Kindergarten Assistant Teacher, Substitute Teacher Oct. 2016-March 2018

- Assisted two kindergarten classes in a joint setting. Ensured the students follow directions and adhere to their own personal schedules by instilling accountability in the young students. Manage the students papers, individual schedules and personal effects in both classes.
- Middle school French substitute teacher.

AmeriCorps for the National Parks Service, July-Sept. 2016

- Performed contemporary masonry preservation techniques and restoration at several National Parks, such as Antietam, Gettysburg, and Fort McHenry.

Neighborhood Development Services, Preservation Intern May 2015-May 2016

- Executed individual research projects that were published on the city website, such as documenting the historic churches in the city, which included photography and InDesign, and archival research.
- Prepared monthly communications for the public, distributed public notices and presented staff reports to the monthly Board of Architectural Review.
- Collaborated on the new City website ensuring accessibility (ADA) for the public.

CERTIFICATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:

- Preservation Howard County, Board Member Oct. 2021-Oct. 2023
- University of Virginia, A-School Young Alumni Council, 2019-2024
- Society of Architectural Historians, 2018-2023
- University of Virginia, Society of Architectural Historians, President, 2013-2015
- AutoCad, Microsoft, Adobe Creative Suite,