

Howard County Council Public Hearing
For Confirmation on My Appointment as a Member of the Human Rights Commission
County Council Agenda: CR172-2016

Kui Zhao

November 21, 2016, 7 pm

The Honorable County Council Members and Fellow Citizens:

My name is Kui Zhao, a proud citizen of Howard County. I am willing to serve on the Howard County Human Rights Commission, by coming together as a community, to “stop injustice and discrimination”, “increase equal opportunity, and protect and promote Human Rights”.

I believe that “all individuals have an equal opportunity to enjoy a wholesome and productive quality of life.” Like our County Executive Mr. Kittleman wrote to the *Howard County Times* last week, “A person’s religion, heritage, race, sexual orientation or gender identify should never determine how they are treated”.

My experience in professional work for local governments and community services as a commissioner serving on the Governor’s Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs for two terms has enabled me to establish a solid foundation regarding governmental functions, public policies, citizen services, and effective collaboration.

I am committed to devoting my time and expertise to the county’s Human Rights Commission by promoting acceptance and civility and by celebrating our diversity to continue to make our beloved Howard County one of the nation’s best places to live.

Thank you.

Quotes are from the Howard County Government website or “In Howard County, promoting acceptance and civility,” Allan Kittleman, County Executive, *Howard County Times*, November 17, 2016.