

Mrs. Sharonlee Vogel  
Chairperson, Public Transportation Board  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Ms. Vogel:

Upon retiring from the Federal Government, I decided to relocate from Baltimore County to Howard County to enjoy the beautiful suburban environment which I have always desired. After moving to Howard County, I developed an acute vision problem which caused me to become very uncomfortable behind the wheel. This situation occurred approximately six months after I moved to the county and caused me to subsequently sell my vehicle.

I was relatively comfortable with this decision because I could continue to maintain a sense of independence by utilizing the Howard County public transit system. In April, 2007, a representative from the Department of Planning and Zoning, Gary Sightler, provided a presentation at the Evergreens Active Adult community to explain the details of the Howard Transit system and encourage residents to utilize the public transportation system. Because I was already using the system and was very vocal during this session, Mr. Sightler invited me to attend the upcoming Passenger Advisory Group (PAG) meeting.

After attending the meeting, I decided to become a member of the group because I wanted to see improvements in the operation and fulfillment of the services. In June, 2012, I was voted as the Chairperson of the PAG. As a Howard County resident I have become very passionate for improvements and expansion of Howard Transit, not only for myself but for any county resident who would like to "take the bus".

I am submitting this information to demonstrate my overt interest pertaining to moving Howard Transit forward to meet the present day demands as well as, future demands resulting from the continued population growth in Howard County. At this point, there are a lot of exciting things going on with Howard County public transportation. I would welcome the opportunity to become a vital part of this venture to help move Howard County's public transportation to the next level. Becoming involved offers an opportunity to voice your concerns and opinions as well as to learn more about our local transportation system.

In light of the fact that the Public Transportation Board is continuing to fill open board positions, it is my hope that upon review of the above information I will be deemed as qualified candidate.

Sincerely,

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