County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2018 Legislative Session	Legi	islative day #
RESOLUTI	ON NO. <u>41</u> - 2018	
Introduced by: Chairperson a	at the request of the County	y Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reapportation Board.	ointment of Astamay C	curtis to the Multimodal
Introduced and read first time on April 2, 2018.	By order Pesa vea	Deldmal
Read for a second time and a public hearing held on	Jessica Feldmark, Administra 16, 2018. By order Jessica Feldmark, Administra	Feldmanh
This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted_, Ado on, 2018.	Certified by Lessics	/ithdrawn by 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; <u>Underlining</u> indicates material added by amendment.

1	WHEREAS, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard
2	County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm
3	nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and
4	WHEREAS, Sections 6.332 and 21.502 of the Howard County Code provide for a
5	Multimodal Transportation Board in Howard County; and
6	WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the reappointment of Astamay Curtis as
7	a member of the Multimodal Transportation Board; and
8	WHEREAS, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and
9	confidence in the abilities of the nominee.
10	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County,
11	Maryland this day of, 2018 that the following person is reappointed as
12	a member of the Multimodal Transportation Board to serve from the passage of this Resolution to
13	May 1, 2023 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:
14	Astamay Curtis
15	Ellicott City, Maryland

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.