

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 4

Resolution No. 31-2019

Introduced by: Opel Jones

A RESOLUTION appointing Douglas R. Miller to the Citizens' Election Fund Commission.

Introduced and read first time March 4, 2019

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Read for a second time and a public hearing on March 15, 2019

Tabled 4/1/19

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed Withdrawn by the County Council on May 16, 2019.

Certified by Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

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

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 907 of the Howard County Charter requires the County
2 Council of Howard County to establish a Citizens' Election Fund Commission consisting of
3 five County residents appointed by the Council and two County residents appointed by the
4 County Executive; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, Section 10.310 of the County Code creates the Commission and
7 provides for the qualifications, terms, and officers of the Commission; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the Commission's purpose is to calculate, not later than 180 days
10 prior to the end of the fiscal year, the total amount estimated for the full election cycle and
11 the amount to be included in the current expense budget for the ensuing fiscal year to fully
12 fund the Citizens' Election Fund System; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, Section 10.310 of the County Code further requires that each
15 nominee shall be confirmed by a separate Resolution of the County Council.

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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard
18 County, Maryland this 6th day of May, 2019 that the representative of District 2 on
19 the Citizens' Election Fund Commission is Douglas R. Miller, Columbia, MD.

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21 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the term of this representative is six
22 years and shall begin on the May 1, 2019.

Douglas R. Miller

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Professional experience

2017-present, web editor, **Spiro Ventures LLC**, Baltimore, Md.

I edit and publish copy and photos for the website of the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network, which carries the game telecasts of Major League Baseball's Baltimore Orioles and Washington Nationals franchises. My duties also include some writing.

2011-2013, 2014-present, **Freelance writer and voiceover**

I research and write features, news articles and opinion pieces for newspapers and magazines. From my home studio, I record and deliver voice work for audiobooks, marketing media, video games and commercials.

2013-2014, **Hibu Inc.**, King of Prussia, Pa.

I was a field publication manager, overseeing content and production for five monthly community magazines in Howard and Anne Arundel counties. I wrote copy and edited that of community contributors.

1988-2011, **Patuxent Publishing Co.**, Columbia, Md.

Over my 23 years with this company (now the Baltimore Sun Media Group), I worked as a reporter covering beats that included government and business, then in the 1990s made the transition to editing, overseeing various functions over the course of my tenure. I supervised staffers and freelance writers and saw to it that their work was informative and engaging. I also wrote the editorials and my own column and blog for the *Columbia Flier* and the *Howard County Times*. Regional and national press organizations regularly praised these publications as being among the best community weeklies and recognized my contributions on numerous occasions.

1987-88, **International Medical News Group**, Rockville, Md.

Copy editor for publications aimed at physicians in various specialties.

1985-87, **The Journal**, Martinsburg, W.Va.

Reporter and editor for daily and weekly newspapers.

Nonprofit experience

Fair Elections Howard

I served as grassroots coordinator for this effort to implement a public financing option for local election campaigns in Howard County.

Get Money Out-Maryland

I serve as board secretary for this all-volunteer group working to curtail the undue influence of moneyed special interests on our political system.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, Md. 21045

My wife and I have been members since 1991. My work there has included stints on the Board of Trustees and the Long-Range Planning Committee.

Phelps Luck Elementary School PTA, 5370 Oldstone Court, Columbia, Md. 21045

Served as PTA secretary 2003-05.

Professional awards (partial list)

2015: **Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association**, circulation division E: first place, local column: critical thinking

2014: **Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association**, circulation division D: second place, local column: feature or humor

2013: **Parenting Media Association**, Gold Award, ancillary publication feature

2011: **Local Media Association** (formerly Suburban Newspapers of America), circulation class C: second place, best entertainment/lifestyle section (editor); second place, best opinion column

Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association, circulation division E: first place, best online commentary or blog; second place, best editorial

2010: **Suburban Newspapers of America**: first place, best opinion column; third place, best entertainment/lifestyle section (editor); third place, best editorial page (editor)

Education

Bachelor of Science, journalism, University of Maryland, 1984

References available upon request