

Good evening,

My name is Shanika Cooper. I have an interest in serving on the Executive Board of Howard County's Department of Social Services. I interact daily with many Howard County residents that have been and will continue to be deeply affected by issues such as socioeconomic inequities, health disparities, access to health care and transportation barriers. The capability to eliminate all barricades that contribute to the inability to thrive is one of the topmost goals of the Howard County Department of Social Services. As a human service professional and a new Howard County resident, it would be a pleasure to bring resource knowledge and a strong compassion to make a difference. Joining the Board, I will look forward to engaging in dialogue and participating in critical discussions related to the needs of the community we serve. My resume demonstrates many years of public service and a real commitment to Maryland residents. Thank you for your time and consideration.