

February 18, 2020

County Executive Ball
Howard County Council
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Re: Council Resolution 15-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Brooke Abercrombie to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

County Executive Ball and Council Members. I am sincerely honored to have been nominated to serve on the Environmental Sustainability Board.

I was raised in Howard County and also raised my children here, and firmly believe that next to its citizens, a community's natural resources are its greatest asset. I also believe that it is our responsibility as citizens to protect these resources in whatever way we can.

Though I am not an environmental scientist, I am deeply concerned about the environment and our impact on it. I recognize that while we may have other priorities and concerns in our day to day lives that must vigilantly find balance in the decisions we make regarding our personal choices. We have an obligation to one another and future generations to care for the planet and to educate ourselves on the practices that we can implement. I am particularly concerned about the impact on marginalized community members and how to better engage them on developing and implementing said practices.

I have served as Deputy Director of Howard EcoWorks as well as on the Environmental Committee for County Executive Ball's Transition Team. I currently serve on the Environmental subcommittee for the planning team for "Where We Live & Work" for Leadership Howard County and on the Board of Patapsco Heritage Greenway. I look forward to working with the other members of the Environmental Sustainability Board to further advance its mission.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Humbly submitted,

Brooke Barrick Abercrombie