County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2021 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 17

RESOLUTION NO. 159 - 2021

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Steven L. Towne to the Commission on Disabilities.

Introduced and read first time on Nov , 2021,	
	By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the Council
Read for a second time and a public hearing held on Nov	<u>]5</u> ,2021.
	By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted Adopted with amendments_, Failed_, Withdrawn __ by the County Council on ______, 2021.

Certified by Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXTIN 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 6.318 and 12.401 of the Howard County Code provide for a
5	Commission on Disabilities in Howard County; and
6	WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Steven L. Towne as
7	a member of the Commission on Disabilities; and
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9	WHEREAS, an amendment to Section 404 of the County Charter, effective on or about
10	December 3, 2020, shortened the term for members of most citizen boards and commissions from
11	five to three years, including the Commission on Disabilities; and
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13	WHEREAS, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and
14	confidence in the abilities of the nominee.
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15	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this day of d
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17	member of the Commission on Disabilities to serve from the passage of this Resolution to
18	December 6, 2024 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:
19	Steven L. Towne
20	Ellicott City, Maryland

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Summary

- Over 30 years' experience as a leader in the U.S. Federal Government as a Senior Strategist, Technical Director, Compliance Officer, and Analyst
- Organizer and leader of community service events in Howard County for non-profit organization

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- Expert user and innovator of Information Technology; General Class radio license
- Fluent in three languages

Experience

Department of Defense - 1989 - present

- 2014 present Senior Strategist
- 2012 2014 Compliance Architect and Strategist
- 2010 2011 Fulltime Student, National War College
- 2009 2010 Assistant Director for Compliance Transformation
- 2000 2009 Senior Technical Director
- 1992 2000 Technical Director and Analyst
- 1992 1992 Course Developer
- 1989 1992 Language Analyst
 - Led development and implementation of several major organizational strategies
 - Spearheaded critical issues related to oversight, civil liberties, privacy, and transparency
 - Formulated key concepts leading to improved compliance
 - Directed a major portion of resources to address critical needs across an extended global operation guiding the evaluation, prioritization, and integration of technical solutions
 - Developed relationships with partners/stakeholders in the U.S. government and beyond
 - Responsible for career counseling, performance appraisals/mentoring of many individuals
 - Created innovations which increased productivity and improve analytic outcomes

<u>Columbia Maryland Stake</u>, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - 1989 - present 1989 - present - Various volunteer leadership positions, including Bishop

- Organized community service projects within Howard County and surrounding counties
- Led volunteers in service, teaching, and leadership development of youth and adults
- Shared technical expertise in IT/AV matters; provided simultaneous Spanish translation

Missionary Training Center, Brigham Young University - 1984 - 1988

1986 - 1988 - Trainer of new language instructors

1984 - 1986 - Spanish instructor for intensive language program

Education

- Master of Science National Security Strategy National War College 2011
- Bachelor of Arts Russian; minor in Economics Brigham Young University 1988 summa cum laude

Personal

- Father of four, including our daughter with developmental and intellectual disabilities
- Volunteer for Special Olympics and other organizations promoting inclusion

References - Available upon request