

# Howard County Commission on Aging

## Testimony to County Council, Avinash Beri 11/17/25

### Background

#### Profession

- Theoretical Physics (PhD SUNY-Albany, NY) – Research and Teaching
- Applied Laser Chemistry (Postdoctoral team, University of Rochester)
- NASA Satellite Flight Dynamics Systems R&D
- NASA ground communication system for GPS and NASA satellites
- Build NOAA Antenna Systems
- Modernize telecoms for NOAA Weather Radio
- Project/Program Management (NASA/NOAA Programs)
- Business Development (Federal/State Agencies, MD Governor's Office)

#### Community Involvement

- Tutoring/Mentoring (DuVal HS-Beltsville, MD; Swansfield ES-Columbia, MD; Neighborhood)
- Scout Leader: Columbia Webelos, Cubs and Scouts Troops
- Food for Homeless (Sparsh)
- Food and Companionship for Seniors
- Handyman home modifications/repairs (Rebuilding Together Howard County)

#### Avocations

- Woodworking (Home workshop, HCWG)
- Handyman work
- Wilderness Backpacking (NY, Pa, Md)
- Spiritual Learning
- Teaching and Tutoring
- Literature/Languages/Speech (English, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu)
- Music

### Motivation for Serving on the Commission

- Fully functional retiree eager to serve the community
- Support Howard County's vigorous senior service initiative
- Learn and enjoy through direct contact with seniors
- Focus on enhancing the aging experience:
  - Improve availability of transportation for seniors and caregivers
  - Greatly expand quantity and quality of caregiver support
  - Encourage development of senior networks to combat loneliness
  - Support programs that help seniors age in place happily
  - Provide volunteering opportunities to leverage seniors' knowledge and skills
  - Aggressively market the concept of **seniors as invaluable assets** that enhance the material, emotional and cultural well-being of the community