

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 7

RESOLUTION NO. 93 - 2015

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Elliott Finkelstein to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Introduced and read first time on June 1, 2015.

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on June 15, 2015.

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments \_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_, Withdrawn \_\_\_\_ by the County Council on July 6, 2015.

Certified by Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining 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 Disability Issues in Howard County; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Elliott Finkelstein as a  
7 member of the Commission on Disability Issues; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and confidence  
9 in the abilities of the nominee.

10           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
11 Maryland this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015 that the following person is appointed as a  
12 member of the Commission on Disability Issues to serve from the passage of this Resolution to  
13 January 2, 2018 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

14                                   Elliott Finkelstein  
15                                   Columbia, MD

## Elliott Finkelstein

Objective: To serve as a volunteer on public and private organizations within Howard County that will enhance the quality of life of individuals within the county as well as the community at large.

### Experience:

#### **Patuxent Publishing**

- Served as a reporter and the editor at several newspapers within the Columbia Flier organization during the mid-1970s and early 1980s.

#### **Michael T. Rose Companies**

- Served as the public relations director for the Michael T. Rose Companies, a builder-developer in the area, whose founder was a paraplegic, from the early- to late-1980s.
- While there, I also served in the local chapter of the American Paralysis Association (APA) for seven years, primarily in a fundraising and outreach capacity.
- Also served as an aide to Mr. Rose when he served a one-year term on the President's Advisory Committee on Housing for Handicapped Families for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development during the George H.W. Bush administration.

#### **Chesapeake Bay Program**

- Served as the initial Public Information Officer for the Chesapeake Bay Program state and federal partnership in the bay restoration effort in the early 1990s.
- Established the Program's public information office in Annapolis, Md., and disseminated joint Program information about the challenges and progress of the restoration effort to media outlets and individuals throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

#### **Freelance Public Relations Professional**

- Served as a freelance public relations specialist for private companies and associations, public and private non-profits, medical and quasi-government organizations in the greater Maryland-Washington, D.C. area through the early 2000s, as well as for the U.S. Department of Defense BRAG initiative during the Clinton administration.

#### **National Association of Home Builders**

- Developed and migrated the association's existing membership communications to an online publications program and served as its editorial director and editor of its flagship publication.
- Retired that position being diagnosed with a degenerative disability.

Volunteer Community Service:

**American Paralysis Association** (now the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation)

- Served 7 years in fundraising and public outreach capacity.

**Domestic Violence Center of Howard County** (now HopeWorks)

- Served 10 years as Secretary on its Board of Directors.
- Worked with staff to develop website and online outreach newsletter.

**Howard County Library System's Project Literacy**

- Serving as English and writing tutor for ESL students and those pursuing a high school diploma. Have been a tutor for more than 12 years.

**Jewish Federation of Howard County**

- Served two years on its Board of Directors
- Currently serving on the Federation's Community Relations Council

**Calah Congregation**

- Currently serving on its Board of Directors