

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 10

RESOLUTION NO. 131 - 2015

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Donzella Curtis to the Housing Commission.

Introduced and read first time on September 8, 2015.

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

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on September 21, 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __ by the County Council on October 5, 2015.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.

Donzella Curtis

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CAREER FOCUS

A Position in Community Service, Advocacy, Program Coordination, Coaching

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Highly successful consultant to individuals and organizations in the field of disabilities
Extremely resourceful individual with a knack for negotiating community resources
Experienced in organizing and implementing a lecture series and special programs
Ability to counsel and advocate for individuals with a number of challenges

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Program Coordination and Promotion

- Program Administration
- Personnel Supervision
- Curriculum Development
- Special Event Planning
- Marketing

Client Advocacy and Coaching

- Individual Counseling
- Motivational Speaking
- Legislative Lobbying
- College Preparation Training
- Group Facilitation

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Learning Disability Consultant, Ellicott City, MD

1998-Present

- Develop individualized programs for students with disabilities to prepare for college utilizing specialized technology to enhance learning
- Design and implement workshops for high school seniors with disabilities through Project Access to ease the transition from high school to college (i.e. mentors, financial aid, schedule preparation)
- Provide assistance for families to ease the transition from high school to college and to help them become productive citizens in life
- Educate and advocate for special accommodations for disabled college-bound students

Program Coordinator, Howard Community College, Columbia, MD

1997-2000

- Recruited by Director of Student Life to facilitate groups of faculty, students and community members to participate in an innovative cultural diversity training program which is still in existence today
 - Promoted open communication in sensitive and emotionally charged settings
 - Utilized creative and innovative marketing techniques to help solicit new participants each semester
- Event Planner/Motivational Speaker, Howard Community College, Columbia, MD**
- Organized special events for 250+ people for the Office of Student Activities
 - Conducted Diversity and Disability Awareness presentations for local universities
 - Coordinated Peer Mentor trainings, supervised trainees and facilitated Project Access Orientation

1993-1999

President of The Ellicott City Community Empowerment Association

2002-2003

- Developing Programs, workshops and resources that enhanced the overall well being of community living

EDUCATION AND SPECIAL AWARDS

AA, General Studies, Howard Community College, Columbia, MD

National Capital Area Disability Support Services Coalition

Outstanding College Student

HCC Support Services Program, Columbia, MD

Awards: Dedication and Persistence; Outstanding Student of the Year; Outstanding Academic Achievement

Charles I. Ecker, Howard County Executive

Distinguished Achievement in Study Circle Participation