



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Aisha N. Braveboy  
County Executive

June 22, 2025

The Honorable Edward P. Burroughs, III,  
Chair, Prince George's County Council,  
County Administration Building  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chair Burroughs:

It is my pleasure to submit to you and the County Council the appointment of the Honorable Darryl Barnes as Chair, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

The Honorable Darryl Barnes is a former State Delegate who represented Legislative District 25 from 2015 to 2023. However, long before serving in the Maryland General Assembly, Mr. Barnes established his roots in Prince George's County, completing his formal education by attending Prince George's County Public Schools, having lived in the County for nearly five decades. Currently, he serves as the President and CEO of the Bi-County Business Roundtable. The Bi-County Business Roundtable is an organization representing businesses throughout Maryland. It is one of the largest roundtables in the State and the surrounding Washington Metropolitan region. BCBR has earned a well-deserved reputation as the "Voice of the voiceless and the go-to for small businesses."

In addition, Mr. Barnes serves as President and CEO of Barnes International. Barnes International is a highly regarded bipartisan government relations firm based in Prince George's County. Barnes International provides representation throughout the country as well as internationally; the firm serves clients at all levels of State government. Barnes International engages in providing strategic government relations, lobbying, and procurement services.

Former Delegate Darryl Barnes has been a distinguished leader in Maryland politics, serving as Chief Deputy Majority Whip in 2023 and as Chairman of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus —the largest Black caucus in the country —for three consecutive terms. As Chairman Emeritus, he championed equity and inclusion; most impressively, he was instrumental in settling the 15-year HBCU lawsuit to provide equitable and fair funding to the State's four HBCUs. In addition, he served on the Ways and Means Committee, overseeing state economic development policies and tax structures. Finally, he was the Chairman of two subcommittees that oversaw state revenues.

Mr. Barnes pursued leadership studies at George Washington University, obtained a PMP Certification, and attended Long Beach State College to study computer information systems. Pursuant to Land Use Article Sections 14-101(b), 15-102, 15-103 and 15-107 of the Annotated Code

of Maryland, and Sections 322, 402 and 504 of the Charter of Prince George’s County, I am appointing the Honorable Darryl Barnes to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning

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Commission as Chair.

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<b>Appointment: The Honorable Darryl Barnes</b>	<b>Replacing: Peter A. Shapiro</b>
<div></div>	<b>Term Expiration: 6/24/2029</b>

Attached for the County Council’s consideration is an Appointee Data Form and resume for the Honorable Darryl Barnes. His Financial Disclosure Statement, which was required to be filed with the State’s Ethics Commission, has been filed, and the financial statement with the confirmation of its submission to the State is attached. All documents have been transmitted to the Clerk of the Council. If the Honorable Barnes is confirmed, a copy of his financial disclosure will also be given to the County Office of Ethics.

Your favorable consideration of this appointment is appreciated. If I may provide you with additional information, please get in touch with Danielle Hunter, Appointments Liaison, at 301 952-4431

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**All the Best,**

**Aisha N. Braveboy**  
**County Executive**

Cc: Members of the County Council  
Colette R. Gresham, Acting Council Administrator  
Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council,  
Shelley L. Johnson, Acting County Attorney