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County Executive

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 6, 2023

The Honorable Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair
Prince George's County Council
Wayne K. Curry Building, 2nd Floor
Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear Chair Dernoga,

It is my pleasure to submit to you and the County Council the appointments of Dr. Jane Carpenter-Rock and Dr. Arlisha R. Norwood to the Historic Preservation Commission for Prince George's County. The Commission's powers and duties, as provided in Section 29-106 of the County Code include: recommending historic resources for classification at Historic Sites or Historic Districts, maintaining an inventory of historic resources, acting on applications for Historic Area Work Permits and recommending legislation to encourage historic preservation.

As per the statute that governs the membership of the Historic Preservation Commission, three members "shall possess a demonstrated special interest, specific knowledge or professional or academic training in such fields as history, architecture, architectural history, archeology, anthropology, agriculture and historic preservation" (hereafter "background in historical fields"), three members shall "represent the fields of commerce, realty, municipal governance, community associations, building/preservation restoration, home building and law" (hereafter "background in commerce and community"), one member shall be selected from the Prince George's County Historic and Cultural Trust Board, one member shall be selected from the Minority Building Industry Association and one member shall be selected from the County's Board of Realtors.

Dr. Jane Carpenter-Rock, a resident of Upper Marlboro, is Director, Orientation Division, The School of Professional and Area Studies, Foreign Service Institute at the U.S. Department of State where she leads and manages programs and activities for the office that orients all new diplomats, and thousand of federal government workers to the Department of State. Her twenty (20) year career at the Department of State includes serving in executive positions at the Museum of American Diplomacy and the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Bureau of African Affairs. Internationally, she had led teams in Cape Town, South Africa, Australia, East Asia and Bogota Columbia. Prior to her federal service she conducted research with the Smithsonian American Art Museum, Art Institute of Chicago and was a Gallery Manager at parish Gallery. Dr. Carpenter Rock received her undergraduate degree in English Literature with a minor in Art History from The College of William and Mary; a Master of Art in Art History from Howard University; and a Doctorate in Art History from University of Michigan.

Dr. Arlisha R. Norwood, a resident of Clinton, is an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore and has taught classes in Historical Research, United States History and African American History. She has also taught in the Department of History at Baruch College-City University of New York as a Visiting Professor and Howard University. Dr. Norwood previously served as a Program Aide/Program Coordinator with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. She received her

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undergraduate degree in History from Dillard University and her Doctorate in History from Howard University. Dr. Norwood is a member of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALAH), Southern Historical Association, and the Society of Civil War Historians.

Pursuant to Section 29-105 of the Prince George's County Code and Sections 322, 402 and 504 of the Charter, I am appointing the following individuals to the Historic Preservation Commission:

Dr. Jane Carpenter-Rock

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[REDACTED]

Appointment: Historical Fields
Replacing: Dr. Lisa P. Davidson
Term Expiration: 6/30/2024
Full Term Expiration: 6/30/2026

Dr. Arlisha R. Norwood

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Appointment: Historical Fields
Replacing: Nathania A. Branch Miles
Term Expiration: 6/30/2024
Full Term Expiration: 6/30/2026

Attached for the County Council's consideration is an Appointee Data Form and resume for each of the appointees. Their Financial Disclosure Statements have been transmitted to the Clerk of the Council. Your favorable consideration of this appointment is appreciated. If I may provide you with any additional information, please contact me or Ms. Miriam L. Brewer, Appointments Liaison, on (301) 952-4136.

Sincerely,



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Attachments

cc: Members of the County Council
Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator
Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council
Rhonda L. Weaver, County Attorney