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Acting County Executive

THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 10, 2025

The Honorable Jolene Ivey
Chair
Prince George's County Council
1301 McCormick Drive, 2nd Floor
Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear Chair Ivey,

It is my pleasure to submit to you and the County Council the appointments of Mr. Isaac E. Esene, Ms. Caren A. Gillison, Ms. Shonda W. Harmon, Ms. Erin F. Kabba, Ms. Kayon R. Williams and Ms. Erica L. Jenkins; and the reappointments of Ms. Sylvia L. Johnson and Mr. Joseph S. Reed as nominees for the Human Rights Commission (HRC). This Commission works to eliminate discriminatory practices within Prince George's County through advocacy, education, mediation and investigation of complaints and enforcement of discrimination laws. The dedicated public service and expertise shown by these individuals will be an asset to the Commission, and I am pleased that they have agreed to serve.

Mr. Issac E. Esene, a resident of Upper Marlboro, is a military veteran, healthcare professional, and the executive director of a leading youth public safety program. He was awarded the Echoing Green Fellowship, globally recognized as a leading social innovator for advancing public safety and health equity initiatives. Mr. Esene previously served as a Political Advocacy Scholar with the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) and as a Program Manager, Safety and Government Liaison with the United States Air Force. He received his undergraduate degree from Towson University; his Master of Medical Sciences from Frostburg State University; and his Master of Business Administration from Georgetown University.

Ms. Caren A. Gillison, a resident of Capitol Heights, is a public servant with Court Services & Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) where she oversees the selection and administration of screeners, assessments, and evaluations to identify offenders' criminogenic risks, needs, and stabilization requirements. She also serves in a dual role as CSOSA Adjunct Trainer and Community Supervision Officer. Ms. Gillison is Owner/Mental Health Therapist of InVigor Therapeutic Services, LLC. She received her undergraduate degree from Virginia Commonwealth University; her Master of Arts degree from Marymount University; and her second Master of Arts degree from the University of the District of Columbia.

Ms. Shonda W. Harmon, a resident of Upper Marlboro, is an experienced Practice Manager with a proven track record of successfully overseeing day-to-day operations and maximizing efficiency. She has been a Practice Manager and Co-Owner of Harmon Orthodontics, a multimillion-dollar practice since 1999. She worked in the corporate world as an Account Executive with Honeywell. She obtained her undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University and earned a Master of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Science in Public Administration from Cleveland State University.

Ms. Sylvia L. Johnson (**reappointment**), a resident of Bowie, Ms. Sylvia L. Johnson, a resident of Bowie, has more nearly three decades of Regulatory and Compliance experience in the Pharmaceutical Industry. She had adopted a strategic approach to critical issues when seeking solutions. Ms. Johnson has demonstrated

an ability to work effectively across cultures and possesses strong conflict resolution skills. Ms. Johnson received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of the District of Columbia and her Master of Science degree in Technology Management (Specialty Biotechnology) from the University of Maryland, University College.

Ms. Erin F. Kabba, a resident of Bowie, is the CEO of a small business, the Oya Collective, LLC, and an Instructional Design Specialist, K-12 with Hanover Research. She previously served as a Spanish Immersion Instructional Coach with the Delaware Department of Education and a Spanish Teacher with the State of Delaware. Ms. Kabba has a deep passion for civil rights and diversity, equity and inclusion and was honored with the 2023 DEI Stewardship Award at Hanover Research recognizing her commitment to promoting inclusive practices. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Delaware and her Masters in School Leadership from Wilmington University.

Ms. Kayon R. Williams, a resident of Lanham, is an experienced professional managing the Compliance and Fraud Prevention Unit at the University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) where she oversees the identification of fraud, ensuring that operations are compliant with the policies and procedures of the university. She will bring her ability to assess risk, investigate complaints, and develop actionable solutions. Ms. Williams obtained her undergraduate degree from McDaniel College and her Master of Science degree from the University of Maryland University College.

Mr. Joseph S. Reed (**reappointment**), a resident of Fort Washington, serves as the Chair of the Human Rights Commission and is an experienced governmental affair professional in the private, public, and civic sectors. Mr. Reed is currently a Senior Policy Advocate with the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) where he promotes business development opportunities for LMI and minority communities and fair housing to support wealth building. Mr. Reed graduated from Hampton University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations and from The Johns Hopkins University with a Master of Arts degree in Government.

Ms. Erica L. Jenkins, a resident of Fort Washington, is the Associate Vice President, Deputy General Counsel for the Armed Forces Benefits Association. She creates and advise on the implementation of new processes and procedures to ensure company efficiency and compliance while managing a junior attorney, legal internal and law clerks. Ms. Jenkins had in-depth experience responding and resolving state and client complaints and conducting investigations to resolve corporate matters. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and her Juris Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center.

Pursuant to Sections 322 and 504 of the Charter and Section 2-187, of the Prince George's County Code, I am appointing Mr. Isaac E. Esene, Ms. Caren A. Gillison, Ms. Shonda W. Harmon, Ms. Erin F. Kabba, Ms. Kayon R. Williams, Ms. Erica L. Jenkins and reappointing Ms. Sylvia L. Johnson and Mr. Joseph S. Reed to the Human Relations Commission:

Mr. Issac E. Esene



Appointment

Replacing: Daryl D. Jackson

Term Expiration: 6/30/2027

Ms. Caren A. Gillison



Appointment

Replacing: Roslyn Brown

Term Expiration: 6/30/2027

Ms. Shonda W. Harmon
[REDACTED]

Appointment
Replacing: Brindisi Chan
Term Expiration: 6/30/2027

Ms. Sylvia L. Johnson
[REDACTED]

Reappointment

Term Expiration: 6/30/2026

Ms. Erin F. Kabba
[REDACTED]

Appointment
Replacing: (Vacant -Llamilet Gutierrez)
Term Expiration: 6/30/2026

Mr. Joseph S. Reed
[REDACTED]

Reappointment

Term Expiration: 6/30/2026

Ms. Kayon R. Williams
[REDACTED]

Appointment
Replacing: Wendi J. Howard
Term Expiration: 6/30/2027

Ms. Erica L. Jenkins
[REDACTED]

Appointment
Replacing: Charlene Proctor, Esq.
Term Expiration: 6/30/2028

Their Financial Disclosure Statements were 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 Ms. Miriam L. Brewer, Appointments Liaison at (301) 952-4136.

Sincerely,



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Attachments

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