



Tara H. Jackson
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
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774

Dear Chair Ivey:

It is my pleasure to submit to you and the County Council the appointments of Ms. Debra K. Mims and Mr. Kevin M. Ford, Jr., as members of the newly formed Cannabis Reinvestment and Restoration Board. The purpose of the Cannabis Reinvestment and Restoration Board is to issue monies from the funds distributed to Prince George's County from the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund pursuant to session 1-322 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article of the Maryland Code; and make policy recommendations to the County Executive and County Council.

Ms. Debra K. Mims, a resident of Fort Washington, is a United States Air Force Veteran and a senior federal government public servant who is currently employed by the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP)/Office of Intelligence (OI). She leads strategic communications, policy integration, and outreach efforts for intelligence-driven initiatives across internal and external stakeholders. Ms. Mims has been personally impacted by the criminal justice system and understands the disruption of families. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland and possesses a master's Certification in Strategic Management from Georgetown University.

Mr. Kevin M. Ford, Jr, a resident of Glenarden, is the Technology Manager for Ford Medical Associates. Additionally, he is Executive Director of Uplift Action Fund (UAF) which focuses on advocacy and restorative justice to families and communities harmed by the war on drugs as well as Chief Executive Officer of The Uplift Companies. In the latter role, the company was tasked with the developing curriculum for the State of Maryland's Dispensary Agent Training Program and implementing an education and business development program for minority and women entrepreneurs looking to apply for medical cannabis grower and processor licenses in Maryland. Mr. Ford is a graduate of Morehouse College and participated in the London South Bank University's Study Abroad Program.

Pursuant to Sections 322 of the Charter of Prince George's County, I am appointing Ms. Debra Mims and Mr. Kevin M. Ford, Jr., to the Cannabis Reinvestment and Restoration Board.

Debra Mims

Appointment

Term Expiration: 5/31/2029

January 10, 2025

Kevin M. Ford, Jr



Appointment

Term Expiration: 5/31/2029

Attached for the County Council's consideration is an Appointee Data Form for the nominees. Their Financial Disclosure Statement had been transmitted to the Clerk of the Council. Your favorable consideration of the appointment is appreciated. If I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms. Miriam L. Brewer, Appointments Liaison at (301) 952-4136.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tara H. Jackson".

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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