

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

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Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Streater, Turner, Dernoga, Glaros, and Taveras)

The Committee convened on October 13, 2022, to consider the appointment of Mr. Mark J. Smith to serve on the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission representing Prince George's County. Mr. Smith's term would expire on June 1, 2023.

The appointment package was transmitted to the Council by County Executive Alsobrooks on September 9, 2022. The Public Hearing on the appointment is scheduled for October 24, 2022. Mr. Smith was introduced by the County Executive's Appointments Liaison, Miriam Brewer, who summarized his background as Executive Director of Community Engagement and Partnerships with The American Red Cross. Mr. Smith is responsible for the business unit charged with maintaining critical non-governmental partnerships including National Voluntary Organizations Action in Disaster (NVOAD) members. Additionally, he supports diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies on an executive level. He has served in several roles with the American Red Cross including Executive Director, Recovery Operations; Executive Director, Preparedness Health, and Safety Services (PGSS); Regional Director, Africa Programs and Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma City, OK and Jackson, MS Chapters. Mr. Smith earned his undergraduate degree from Lincoln University (PA) and his graduate degree in Strategic Management from The George Washington University

Mr. Smith provided remarks regarding his understanding of the clear line between governance and oversight versus management of operations, as well as his commitment to providing the expected level of representation of the County. Mr. Smith also discussed the need for a seasoned professional to serve as the future General Manager.

After the discussion, the Committee voted favorably on the appointment by a vote of 5-0.