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#### **Montgomery County House Delegation Leadership Changes Announced Reinforcing Delegation Commitment to Education, Economic Development, Transportation and Regional Collaboration**

*Delegation Leadership Announces Formation of a New Committee on Education and Restructuring of Existing Committees to Encourage Leadership Development in Second-Year Delegates.*

**ROCKVILLE, MD, November 19, 2015** -- Today the Montgomery County House Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly announced the formation of a Committee on Education and the elevation of four first term Delegates to Vice-Chair of the Delegation Standing Committees.

The Education Committee will have jurisdiction over all local legislation and policy positions related to public education, including coordinating strategy for school construction funding. Chaired by one-time Special Education teacher and Montgomery County Education Association President Delegate Bonnie Cullison, this Committee is talent-rich in educational policy expertise. Committee members include House of Delegates Parliamentarian Delegate Bill Frick, former MCPS teacher Delegate Eric Luedtke, former Montgomery County Board of Education Member Ana Sol-Gutiérrez, and Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo. The Committee Vice-Chair will be Delegate Andrew Platt.

The establishment of an Education Committee with the legislative experts in this subject matter area will increase the Montgomery County Delegation's focus on this priority issue area for our constituents. *"I look forward to working closely with this group of talented legislators on a policy area that is so important to all the residents in Montgomery County,"* says new Education Committee Chair Bonnie Cullison. *"We have such expertise and creativity within the Delegation on education issues. Our efforts will not only focus support on our educational community, but will consider the benefit to the community at-large."*

Other standing committees were restructured as well.

#### **Economic Development**

*Jurisdiction over improving the business climate, local business regulations and tax proposals, and alcohol laws.*

Delegate Ariana Kelly, Chair

Delegate Maricé Morales, Vice-Chair

Delegate Sheila Hixson

Delegate Anne Kaiser

Delegate Kirill Reznik

Delegate Jeff Waldstreicher

**Washington Metro Area Committee**

*Jurisdiction over WSSC, Park and Planning, and other regional interests shared with Prince George's County*

Delegate Al Carr, Chair

Delegate Will Smith, Vice-Chair

Delegate Kumar Barve

Delegate Kathleen Dumais

Delegate Ben Kramer

Delegate Shane Robinson

**Land Use, Transportation, and Public Safety**

*Jurisdiction over M-NCPPC bills which deal with land use issues as well as any legislation related to transportation and public safety issues.*

Delegate Jim Gilchrist, Chair

Delegate Marc Korman, Vice-Chair

Delegate Charles Barkley

Delegate Aruna Miller

Delegate David Moon

Delegate Craig Zucker

**Education Committee**

*Jurisdiction over educational policy and financing.*

Delegate Bonnie Cullison, Chair

Delegate Andrew Platt, Vice-Chair

Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo

Delegate Bill Frick

Delegate Eric Luedtke

Delegate Ana Sol-Gutiérrez

Local Bill hearings will be held on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the 3rd Floor Hearing Room, Stella Werner Council Office Bldg., 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

A list of proposed local bills can be found here:

<http://www.montgomerycountydelegation.com/legislation.html>

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