



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE CHAIR

September 13, 2017

CONSENT AGENDA (C)-OTHER CONSENT ITEMS

To: Montgomery County Planning Board
From: Casey Anderson, Chair 
Montgomery County Planning Board
SUBJECT: Nomination of Karen Tobat, C.P.A, as Public Member of the Audit Committee

Recommendation: Nominate Karen Tobat, C.P.A. to the Commission's Audit Committee as a public member as a public member for a 2- year term ending September 30, 2019. If supported by the Board, the nomination will be transmitted to the Montgomery County Council for its review, and Ms. Tobat will be eligible to serve unless the Council registers its objection to her appointment.

Background: In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 361, 2017 Laws of Maryland, the Commission is charged with creating an Audit Committee and an Office of the Inspector General effective October 1, 2017. The new statute mandates four voting members on the Audit Committee as follows: one Commissioner who is a member of the Montgomery County Planning Board (MCPB) appointed by the MCPB Chair, one Commissioner who is a member of the Prince George's County Planning Board (PGCPB) appointed by the PGCPB Chair, two members of the public, one appointed by each planning board. The statute further requires that a public member must possess the following qualifications:

- Advanced education and experience in the management of governmental entities that are comparable to the commission in scope and complexity;
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in the application of:
 - Generally accepted accounting principles;
 - Generally accepted government auditing standards; and
 - Internal control systems;
- An understanding of the appropriate functions of an audit committee.

After a review of the applicants for the Audit Committee, I recommend that the MCPB appoint Ms. Karen Tobat. Ms. Tobat is a Certified Public Accountant and meets the education and experience requirements specified in the statute. Her experience includes her current position as the Director of Management Advisory Services for Anne Arundel Community College, and a past position as Internal Audit Manager in the Internal Audit Division of the Comptroller of Maryland. She earned an M.S. degree in Accounting & Financial Management from the University of Maryland's University College. She also has been a valued member of our existing Audit Committee.

Her complete resume is attached.