City of Hyattsville Submit Date: Jul 01, 2020

Board, Committee and Commission Application

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First Name	Last Name		
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✓ Ward 2			
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Which Boards would you like to apply for?			
Police & Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee: Submitted			
Referred By:			
n/a			

Please provide a brief background statement including why you want to serve on a committee. This statement may be posted on the City's website.

As I look at the current climate embroiling the nation, it strikes me that there is a lot more that I can do to 1) become engaged at the local government level, and 2) provide community input and feedback directly towards the police department that serves my community. Accountability is important after a use of force incident, but, more importantly, proactive and progressive leadership is needed to avoid incidents from occurring and to reduce conflict between police and the community. Only through true community engagement and relational policing can we have safe communities where all members feel their lives are valued. From 2015 to 2017, I worked at a think tank whose mission was to make policing more progressive from the inside. This included studying best practices in community policing, implementing the recommendations from President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, and calling for law enforcement to hold themselves to a higher standard - recognizing the benefits of this approach on public safety, community trust, and officer safety and wellness. There must be a balance where police are not expecting to fix all the ills of society while ensuring sustained funding for core mission areas. I believe my experience and commitment to working collaboratively with police on key community policing initiatives would make me a great asset to the Police & Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee. I welcome your engagement and would love the opportunity to serve my fellow citizens of Hyattsville in this capacity.

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