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Howard County Council Appoints New County Auditor

Ellicott City, MD (February 4, 2025) - The Howard County Council has selected Christopher Ashman, CPA, as the new County Auditor following a unanimous vote during the Council's legislative session on Monday, February 3rd. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Ashman served as an Audit Director at the accounting firm CliftonLarsonAllen and Sikich, LLC. Mr. Ashman will officially begin his role on Monday, February 10th, 2025.

“After conducting a thorough search for a new County Auditor, we are pleased to welcome Mr. Ashman to the Office of the County Council,” said Chairperson Liz Walsh. “With his extensive experience working in public and private accounting, we are confident that Mr. Ashman will be successful in this role.”

Mr. Ashman brings over two decades of experience in financial oversight and auditing. Throughout his career, Mr. Ashman has planned, coordinated, and executed financial statement audits and provided strategic financial guidance to numerous organizations.

As County Auditor, Mr. Ashman will be responsible for developing and executing the County's Audit Plan, including providing the County Council and County Executive with the County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and conducting performance audits to evaluate internal controls, compliance with laws and regulations, and effectiveness and efficiencies. The reports issued by the County Auditor will serve to promote accountability and transparency in County operations.

“I am delighted to serve the residents and stakeholders of Howard County in advancing the mission of the County Government by providing independent and objective assurance on its operations, financial reporting, and legal and regulatory compliance,” said Christopher Ashman. “I am looking forward to working with the County Council and the County Executive, in enhancing effective governance, while supporting efforts to maintain the County's national reputation as one of the best places to live, work and play.”

Mr. Ashman holds a master's degree from the University of Notre Dame and maintains an active Maryland license as a Certified Public Accountant.

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