



CITY OF COLLEGE PARK

2019 ELECTION MUNICIPAL SCENE

MEET THE CANDIDATES EDITION

CITY ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

VOTING CENTERS

Polls are open on November 5, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

On November 5, voters may choose to vote at the voting center most convenient to them, regardless of the district in which they live. Each voting center will be supplied with ballots from all districts. The voting centers will be located at:

- **Davis Hall, 9217 51st Avenue**
- **Ritchie Coliseum, 7675 Baltimore Avenue**
 - Parking enforcement will be relaxed on Election Day in the area immediately surrounding Ritchie
- **Stamp Student Union, 3972 Campus Drive**
 - Follow the parking attendant's directions to park for free in the Stamp Union Garage while voting. Free parking is limited and will be monitored

VOTING OPTIONS

If voting on Election Day is inconvenient, please consider one of these other options:

Early Voting – Sunday, October 27, 2019

Early Voting will be available to qualified voters on Sunday, October 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park.

Absentee Voting: August 1 – October 29, 2019

Qualified voters who are unable to Early Vote or vote on Election Day may apply for an Absentee Ballot. Between August 1 and October 29, 2019 an application for an absentee ballot may be downloaded from our website or picked up at any City building. Completed applications must be received by the City no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 29. Absentee ballots will be mailed on or after October 14.

Emergency Absentee Ballots: October 30 – November 5, 2019:

From October 30 to November 5, 2019 you may apply for an emergency absentee ballot in person at City Hall (8400 Baltimore Boulevard, Suite 375) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may vote on-the-spot, or can return the voted ballot to City Hall using the ballot envelope that is provided.

Who do I contact for any City election or voting related questions?

For more information about voting and elections in the City, please contact the City Clerk, Janeen S. Miller, at 240-487-3501 or jsmiller@collegetparkmd.gov, or the Chief of the Board of Election Supervisors, Jack Robson, at boeschief@collegetparkmd.gov.

ADVISORY BALLOT QUESTION

At the polls this fall, College Park voters will be asked to weigh-in on the length of the term of office for City elected officials: Should the Mayor and Councilmembers continue to serve two-year terms, or should they serve for four years? Last November the Mayor and Council created a Charter Review Commission to study the matter. The Charter Review Commission was asked to solicit resident input on the matter and conduct other research to inform a report that discusses the benefits and concerns associated with changing the length of the elected terms. Their report was completed in May and is posted on the City's website, at <https://www.collegetparkmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1457>. The Mayor and Council encourage voters to review the report of the Charter Review Commission to become familiar with the matter before going to the polls this fall.

The November ballot will contain the following questions:

The Mayor and Council of the City of College Park currently serve two-year terms. They are seeking your input on two questions:

1) Should there be two- or four-year terms?

2) If the terms are four years, should they run concurrently (resulting in an election for all City elected officials every four years), or should they be staggered (resulting in an election every two years for one Council seat from each district, and every four years for the Mayor)? Even if you do not support it, if a four-year term were enacted in the future by the Mayor and Council, would you prefer concurrent or staggered terms?

VOTE FOR ONE:

- I support 2-year terms for Mayor and City Council
- I support 4-year terms for Mayor and City Council

If City Council terms were changed to four-years:

VOTE FOR ONE:

- I would prefer staggered terms for the City Council
- I would prefer concurrent terms for the City Council

VOTER NOTIFICATION CARDS

Registered voters will receive a Voter Notification Card from Prince George's County. These 3.75" x 8.5" beige postcards are small and might be easy to overlook, but they are very important. If a card comes to your residence for someone who is no longer living there, please mark the card appropriately (i.e., moved, deceased, wrong address, etc...) and put it back in the mailbox to be returned to the County. The postcard is marked "Official Government Mail" and "Return Service Requested" so no postage is needed. It is important to keep our voter registration records up-to-date, and one way to do this is to send improperly addressed election mail back to the County through the postal service. **Please, do not throw away or disregard this notification card!**

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MAYOR

LALZARLIANI H. MALSAWMA 240-475-2435 zari4mayor@gmail.com



“Resident voters of College Park have a choice to make: 1) Continue in the direction the current Mayor & Council have been heading during the past four years, resulting in a city subsumed by the University of Maryland and governed by an elitist few; or 2) Elect a new

Mayor & Council that will work to build a city that is truly inclusive of all residents, but separate from, and independent of, the University of Maryland. As Mayor, I will work to make College Park a place where no evil can thrive – a city where God’s Name

is hallowed, His Kingdom comes, and His Will is done – a city like none that’s ever been!” says Lalzarliani H. Malsawma, better known as “Zari.”

Zari and her family immigrated from India to the United States in 1973, settled down here in College Park, Maryland, and became naturalized citizens in 1984. Zari graduated from Parkdale High School, Goucher College (B.A. in biology), and Georgetown University (M.S. in linguistics). She received training in prayer ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary’s School of World Mission, and she has worked & served in different capacities in educational institutions, church, and community.

NIKESHA S. PANCHO 410-693-6352 nikki@nikeshapancho.com



Nikesha “Nikki” Pancho is a native of Prince George’s County, Maryland and the mother of two. She possesses over sixteen years of leadership in the private and public business sectors. She has dedicated most of her adult life as a Civil Servant in

the community in several capacities for the youth, homeless veterans, seniors and anyone in need.

Every winter, Nikki assists in coordinating a Coat Drive to distribute coats and other winter accessories to the homeless. Nikki has extensive training as a mental health youth counselor, mentor, coach and

fitness trainer. She uses her training in those fields to combat the issue of childhood obesity, mentoring youth about college scholarships, how to access health insurance, mental health services and various meal programs for all ages.

Nikki is a Co-Host of a local sports television program. She uses this platform to bring awareness to issues that affect individuals in the sports field, but also issues that affect those who live our community. Nikki plans to do less talking and more listening, she also desires to use the resources and people in our community to make changes for the people, by the people and with the people of College Park, Maryland.

PATRICK L. WOJAHN 240-988-7763 patrickforcp@gmail.com



Patrick Wojahn is a national and regional leader in the District of Columbia Metropolitan area on transportation and infrastructure issues. He works with Rails-to-Trails Conservancy as Director of Government Relations, advocating for trails and safe

bicycle and pedestrian networks. Patrick has led regional and national transportation bodies.

Born and raised in Wisconsin, Patrick received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 2002. He completed the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at the Harvard John

F. Kennedy School of Public Policy in June 2010 and is a graduate of the spring 2012 class of the Prince George’s County Citizens Police Academy and the 2014 class of Leadership Greater Washington.

Patrick has lived in College Park with his husband, Dave Kolesar, for over sixteen years. Patrick ran for Mayor in 2015 to help College Park realize its unfulfilled promise of becoming a top-tier college town. While on Council he took on new initiatives to improve life for College Park residents, headed a committee to develop new strategies to address problems with rental properties, strengthened the City’s tools to ensure that vacant and abandoned properties are properly maintained, and led initiatives to make the City more environmentally sustainable.

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DISTRICT 1

S. M. FAZLUL KABIR 301-659-6295 faz.kabir@gmail.com



Fazlul Kabir is a four-term Council Member representing District 1. He has been living in Hollywood for over 16 years. He works for the Federal Government and holds a PhD in Electrical Engineering. He also teaches at the University of Maryland in College Park.

Before he became a Council Member, he served as a four term Secretary of the North College Park Community Association

Kabir has led the effort and worked with a group of residents to establish the Hollywood Farmers Market and the Hollywood Community Garden in north College Park. He is the co-founder of the annual College Park Day event and organized several

neighborhood cleanup events.

Kabir has also worked to improve pedestrian safety by adding flashing lights along Rhode Island Avenue. He started the monthly Community-Police meeting and promoted bikeshare in north College Park and advocated quick completion of the Gateway Park.

Kabir looks forward to completing the Hollywood streetscape and the Hollywood Dog Park and starting the reconstruction of the Duvall Field by next year. He will work to bring more community space and programs in North College Park for residents of all ages.

Kabir writes a daily blog about College Park on <http://www.KabirCares.org>.

CATHERINE HOPE KENNEDY 202-400-1501 katekennedycp@gmail.com



Catherine (Kate) Hope Kennedy has lived in Hollywood with her husband since 2014 and has served in the city council since 2017. Before joining the council, she served as Treasurer of the College Park Community Foundation and as Vice-Chair of the Advisory

Planning Commission. She enjoys shopping at the Hollywood Farmer's Market, biking (preferably on dedicated trails), running Saturday morning at College Park Parkrun, and walking her rescue dog, Seneca, through the neighborhood.

She earned her Master's in Business Administration

from Georgetown University, and put her business savvy to work for nonprofits. An executive who specializes in fundraising, Kate has raised funds for the Girl Scouts and for a tuition-free private school in Anacostia. She currently serves as Chief Development Officer at The League of Women Voters US.

Kate brings her fundraising and business expertise to the City Council. She advocates for resources and amenities in North College Park, including the completion of Duvall Field, the Hollywood Commercial District Streetscape Project, and Gateway Park. She is dedicated to a more inclusive and welcoming College Park because she believes a neighborhood should be more than a collection of strangers, it should be a community.

P.J. BRENNAN 202-288-5569 pj4cpmd@gmail.com

P.J. has served on the City Council since 2014. During his time on council, P.J. has demonstrated a strong commitment to working with residents, city staff, county and state leaders, and the University of Maryland to achieve results. In addition

to his duties as a councilmember, P.J. has chaired multiple city committees, and currently chairs the College Park City-University Partnership Housing & Development Committee. P.J. is a proven leader, keeping his communities informed and engaged, and promoting smart growth and quality of life.

P.J. is a graduate of the University of Maryland and

has an MBA from University of Maryland University College. P.J. works for the federal government and has worked for various cultural and academic institutions in the Washington metropolitan area. P.J. is a graduate of the Maryland Municipal League Academy for Excellence in Local Governance and is currently enrolled in the Excellence in Government Fellows program with the Partnership for Public Service.

P.J. and his husband Nick moved to College Park in 2011 and since then have grown to a family of four. The Brennan family enjoys walking their two dogs on local trails, gardening, biking around town, exploring local restaurants and farmer's markets, and taking advantage of the growing number of amenities along Baltimore Avenue.

MONROE S. DENNIS 301-474-6270 msdennis001@earthlink.net

A native Marylander Monroe finished high school in Worcester County, Maryland. He finished college in Baltimore having earned a B.S. degree in Mathematics. He has been employed as a federal employee and served two years in the US Army.

Since, Dennis has retired from the IBM Company, and from Group1/Pitney Bowes Software.

Dennis re-established residency in College Park in the mid-1990's and soon after engaged with the Lakeland Civic Association (LCA) and other neighborhood advocacy groups such as the Lakeland Community Heritage Project (LCHP). He has served as LCA

president for more than six terms. During his LCA time, Dennis had interacted with City Staff, and Mayor and Council to accomplish a number of initiatives, and considers his ability to grasp the big picture, and to work through details with all stakeholders to arrive at amicable end-results as an asset that will serve well in the future. Many of these interactions and engagements led community residents to "draft" him for Council candidacy.

Seeking another Council term – potentially his fifth - Dennis expects to continue to enhance relationships among Council members, constituents, and tackle all quality-of-life, public safety, and other day-to-day issues facing the Mayor and City Council.

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DISTRICT 2

OSCAR E. GREGORY 240-426-0321 ogregoryforcp@gmail.com



I am a long-life resident of Maryland, growing up in Beltsville before moving to College Park in 1973. A graduate from High Point HS and like many, I worked my way through college. I was a member of the UMD wrestling team and created PGCC's first

Annual Community Square Dance.

My thirty-five-year corporate accounting and finance profession in various industries, include banking, telecommunications, information technologies, national security, health and environment, labor unions, non-profits and government contracting, give me a unique edge in dealing with a variety of issues and solutions. I bring a well-developed customer

service centered focus to City Hall.

Most of our neighbors in Lakeland, Berwyn, Branchville, Oak Springs and our seniors at Attick Towers, do not feel heard. We are now ready to change that.

I fight to put real tax money back in the pockets of homeowners while maintaining the high quality of city services, incentivize not penalize all our residents, push for our environment and safety, and ensure our children enjoy new playground equipment, not hand-me-downs.

The foundation of College Park lies within each amazing neighborhood, and the public servants that help them every day. My number one priority is "Put Our Neighborhoods First"

DISTRICT 3

ROBERT W. DAY 301-741-1962 robwday@gmail.com



I have lived in College Park Estates with my wife Melissa and our sons Robert Jr., Matthew and Maxwell, for 22 years.

I have been an active member of the community for 18 years through many boards and commissions. Until I was elected to the Council, I was the President of the College Park Estates Civic Association, Chair of the Rent Stabilization Board, member of the Noise Control Board, current member and two-term former chair of the Advisory Planning Commission.

I currently serve as Vice-Chair Metropolitan

Washington Council of Governments Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC), Member of Maryland Cybersecurity Council, and a member of National League of Cities University Communities Council.

I have worked to represent resident and neighborhood interests to improve the Quality of Life in our community. Throughout all of my board and committee roles, and now as a councilmember, I have been a strong voice, asking the tough questions and focusing on representing the needs and desires of the community. My goal in running for re-election is to continue being a strong leader in building a better College Park which will remain a community that people and businesses want to call home for years to come.

MARK J. MULLAUER 443-604-2561 mmullauer@gmail.com



Mark originally came to the city of College Park in 2007 to study at the University of Maryland, and has since made College Park his home. He received a B.A. in Economics. He is employed with MV Transportation, who are contracted by WMATA to run

the Operations Control Center of MetroAccess. In

this position he works as a data analyst and leads the Reconciliation Department. In 2017, Mark purchased a College Park Towers Condominiums unit and in 2018 was elected to the board of directors

As Mark's time in College Park continues, he would like to be involved in the community doing all he can to help his beloved city. This is why he is running to represent the residents of District 3 in which he has resided for 11 years.

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DISTRICT 3

JOHN B. RIGG 443-646-3503 john.rigg@gmail.com



John Rigg has served as Councilmember for District 3 since 2017, living with his family in Calvert Hills since 2007, where he served for five years as President of the civic association. A leader on city council, natural collaborator, and tireless community activist,

John has worked hard to protect the character of College Park's neighborhoods while bringing amenities and smart development to our city.

John has delivered results for District 3: he fought to conserve open forest land on Albion Road, worked with UMD leadership to create a city-university daycare at a vacant school site on Calvert Road,

and is working to improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.

John currently serves as Chair of the Human Services Committee for the Council of Governments, a policymaking body of regional elected officials. He volunteers as a Paramedic and is active at his church.

John has master's degrees in Public Administration and Health Administration, and works as a Senior Advisor at HHS. He served in the White House under two presidents, and worked in the House of Representatives.

John would love to hear your thoughts about ways our city can become an even better place. Contact him via email jrigg@jrigg.net, or <http://jrigg.net>

DISTRICT 4

MICHEAL O. EMMANUEL 240-413-4050 michealisgood@yahoo.co.uk



Micheal O. Emmanuel graduated from University of Maryland with BA in Government and Politics. He obtained MA in Public Policy and Public Administration, and Master Certificate in Communication and Business Administration at Liberty University. He will

graduate this Fall with another MA in Interdisciplinary Studies (Public Community Health and American Government). He's a prospective 2020 PhD student in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security.

Micheal was elected to Student Governance Board (SGB) as the Vice-President for Academic Affairs. He represented students' interests in various committees, forums.

As Amnesty International intern, Micheal researched human rights issues, conducted daily administrative

operations and mentored high-school students.

In 2016, Micheal interned with Democrat Jamie Raskin Maryland's 8th Congressional District, canvassed for votes and helped to generate grassroots voter support.

In 2018, Micheal worked for Governor Hogan/Rutherford reelection campaign. He served as the deputy field-organizer in PG's County, designated Election Observer.

Micheal worked for the two-major political parties because he believes in getting things done. He will bring energy and enthusiasm to city council.

Micheal joins APHA and APSA. Micheal devoted two-month in remote village, Enugu, Nigeria educating pregnant women about infant-mortality, reproductive health issues. He has volunteered hours with Capital Area Food Bank, Washington DC.

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DISTRICT 4

MARIA E. MACKIE 240-472-0681 mmackie4d4@gmail.com



I grew up in College Park, and returned here with my husband in 1994. We've been married for 34 years and have 5 adult children. I have degrees in both Agricultural Engineering and Agricultural Economics, and I have worked at Farm Credit Administration and NASA

Goddard. I'm presently self-employed and work in many different capacities: assisting the elderly, tutoring PreK-8th, and helping people make wise energy choices. I have served the city as the District 4 Board of Elections Supervisor, as a Neighborhood Watch Captain, and with the West College Park Civic

Association. In addition, I work with the International Friends Clubs, helping international students at UMCP feel at home in College Park. In the past, I served as an active member of the Swim Club. I enjoy walking, gardening, reading, writing, and I am very active in my church.

If elected I pledge to listen carefully to the residents and represent District 4 to my best ability on the City Council. My top three priorities are: safety and well-being of all residents of College Park, communication, and fiscal responsibility. Let's work together to make College Park a great place to call home, now and into the future, for everyone.

DENISE C. MITCHELL 301-660-8513 electmitch4d4@gmail.com



Denise Mitchell's goal is to achieve transparency on the council, to serve constituents with integrity, and engage a wide range of stakeholders to implement a bold and inclusive vision for College Park.

Denise is an Early Childhood Administrator and Consultant and currently works with programs in the USDA CACFP program. Denise previously served on the City Council from 2009-2013 and served as Mayor Pro Team from 2013-2015. During both tenures, she represented city leadership with the National League of Cities, Maryland Municipal League and the Prince George's County Municipal Association.

Denise and her family moved to College Park Woods in 1975. She began her service within the community by serving on the Board of Directors of the West College Park Civic Association and as a member and Chair of the Education Advisory Committee. Denise is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Denise received her Master of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Administration from the University of the District of Columbia and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Health Administration from Rutgers's University. In her spare time, Denise enjoys cooking and watching Agatha Christie murder mysteries.