

TOWN MEETING

January 14, 2021

8:00 PM

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes** (December 10, 2020, including the Traffic Calming Hearing)
- 5. Resident Input**

Public comment period. All comments are limited to 3 minutes.
Residents are asked to please state name and ward.
- 6. Committee Reports**
 - a. Recreation Council
 - b. Green Infrastructure Committee
 - c. Cheverly Day Committee
 - d. Planning Board
- 7. Town Administrator Report**

Town Administrator – will provide a report to the Mayor and Council regarding the status of Town operations and a summary of actions taken under the COVID-19 state of emergency.
- 8. Police Report**

Chief Towers - will give monthly report.
- 9. Cheverly Police Department Appreciation***

In appreciation of our Cheverly Police Department's uninterrupted service in the time of COVID-19 and their many initiatives in support of community, Mayor Riazi will invite a motion from Council to provide a monetary appreciation to the employees of the Cheverly Police Department.
- 10. Public Works Report**

Director Brayman - will give update on the Department of Public Works.
- 11. Cheverly Public Works Department Appreciation***

In appreciation of exemplary service to the Town, especially regarding supports extended during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Riazi will invite a motion from Council to provide a monetary award to five (5) Cheverly PW employees as recommended by PW Director Steve Brayman.
- 12. Application for Class B, Beer, Wine for the use of SOL Banquet Hall, LLC, t/a VIP Stage**

The Mayor and Town Administrator will provide an update of BoLC actions regarding the application of Ofobuiké N. Okeh, Member, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of SOL Banquet Hall, LLC, t/a VIP Stage, 5005 Jackson Street, #B, Hyattsville, 20781.

13. Second Reader of the Town Elections Charter Amendment and Continuation of Public Hearing on Charter Amendment - The Mayor will read the proposed Town Elections Charter Amendment. The public hearing remains open and comments are welcome. The amendment will also be read at the February Town meeting. A vote will follow the third reader of the proposed amendment in the February Town meeting.

14. Election Resolutions*

Mayor Riazi will discuss the adoption of four Resolutions pertaining to the May 2021 Elections. The Resolutions are for the Board of Elections Supervisors, Board of Elections Clerks, Board of Elections Judges, and Compensation for Board of Election Supervisors and Judges.

15. Ethics Commission Appointment*

CM Bryner to nominate Ms. Dionne Dobbins to fill a vacancy on the Ethics Commission.

16. Planning Board Appointment*

CM Fry to nominate Barbara Brown to become the newest member of the Planning Board.

17. Review of February Town Meeting agenda and future requests

Mayor and Town Administrator will offer a forecast of the February Mayor and Council Worksession agenda. Mayor will seek Council input on agenda items for consideration for future Worksessions.

18. Mayor and Council Announcements

Opportunity for Mayor and Council to share community happenings and events.

19. Adjourn

(*) denotes an agenda item requiring action (typically expressed by a vote) of Mayor and Council.

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When: Jan 11, 2021 08:00 PM

Topic: January 14 Town Meeting

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Town of Cheverly
Town Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2020

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm via Zoom.

In attendance: Mayor Riazi, Council Members Radloff, Watson, Bryner, Munyeneh, and Fry. Council Member Garcia absent. Town Attorney – Jason DeLoach
Staff: Town Administrator – Dylan O. Galloway, Director of Public Works - Steve Brayman, Chief of Police - Jarod J. Towers, and Town Clerk - TC Hegeman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: CM Radloff, seconded by CM Watson. Approved unanimously. Traffic Calming moved up behind Resident Input.

Approval of Minutes (November 12, 2020): CM Watson, seconded by CM Bryner.

CM Garcia joined the Town Meeting.

Traffic Calming Decision CM Radloff spoke about the concerns on Lockwood Road and Crest Avenue that his constituents have expressed to him. CM Radloff would like at a minimum to take a similar approach to the Dewey Street recommendation of a speed limit trailer and agrees with updating the wider stop bars.

Motion to Move Forward with Recommendation to Put Down New Stop Lines at the Intersection of Crest Avenue and Lockwood Road and the Speed Trailer Placement on Lockwood Road with the Condition to Revisit the Speeding and Pedestrian Traffic along this Stretch in the Summer Months: CM Radloff, seconded CM Watson. Approved unanimously.

CM Fry asked if CM Radloff would be willing to amend his motion from the Summer Months to the Spring. CM Radloff agreed.

Committee Reports

Green Infrastructure Committee *Shelia Salo* detailed ways in which you can recycle, compost and/or mow your leaves.

Cheverly Day Committee *Mayor 2021* is a parade year and t-shirts are available now.

Town Administrator Report Administrator Galloway gave his COVID-19 report.

Police Report *Chief Towers* were in the final stages of creating our Use of Force Policy. Chief Towers also discussed evaluations of officers that occurs in January, officers approaching residents who aren't wearing a mask, and message trailers. If you are interested in Policies, you can get involved with PCAB.

WMATA representatives Dan Shapiro, Lisa Betz and Brad Dakake gave a presentation on Metro solar parking, stormwater management, lighting, and security. Charlie Scott, the government liaison spoke about the budget shortfall and the proposed closing of several metro stations including Cheverly.

Cheverly Air Quality Monitoring and Public Health January Workshop PhD student Jan-Michael Archer discussed the specifics of the program and the virtual workshop. He also suggested the app Smell MyCity which allows anyone to upload information about any smell including the date and time and they can track it with the wind patterns to try and locate its origins.

Public Works Report Director Brayman discussed the pavilion roof replacement, sidewalks, underground storage tank removal, disposal of contaminated soil, groundwater, and asphalt restoration. Mr. Brayman also informed mayor and council about the allocation of funds for the UST removal and remediation.

***Prologis application to MDE for a permit to construct** Shelia Salo of the Green Infrastructure Committee (GIC) recommend that the Town of Cheverly write a letter of non-objection to approval of the MDA Project Permit #20NT0259. This letter should be subject to the following conditions: 1) a site visit should be required, 2) the application should be referred to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for review, 3) the Town of Cheverly should be notified of the results of the periodic MDE site inspections. Groups and individuals are encouraged to send comments to Maryland Department by December 24, 2020.

CM Munyeneh strongly disagreed with two of the three recommendations. She did support the third condition.

Motion to Move Forward with the Three Recommendations of the Cheverly Green Infrastructure:
CM Watson, seconded by CM Radloff.

CM Munyeneh asked if CM Watson would amend the motion to only reflect the third recommendation.

CM Watson declined to amend motion.

CM Bryner asks that a distinction be made between the first two recommendations and the last recommendation.

CM Watson rephrases the original motion. **Motion to direct the Mayor and Town Administrator to Convey to MDE Our Non-Opposition to the Granting of the Permit with the Three Recommendations Outlined Earlier: The Site Visit, The Referral of the Application to DNR and the Notification to Cheverly of Inspection Reports.** CM Radloff maintains the second. Opposed by CM Bryner, CM Garcia, CM Fry, and CM Munyeneh.

Motion to Support the Third Recommend of the Cheverly Green Infrastructure which is that the Town of Cheverly Receive Periodic Notifications from MDE from the Developer: CM Munyeneh, seconded by CM Bryner.

CM Munyeneh clarifies motion. There are three recommendations that were made by Cheverly Green Infrastructure: 1) to ensure a site visit from MDE, 2) referral of application to MDR, and 3) to be notified periodically of site visits from MDE.

Motion to Accept the Recommendation of the Cheverly Green Infrastructure, That is Recommendation Number Three and Make No Reference to the Comment Period: CM Munyeneh, seconded by CM Bryner. In favor CM Garcia, and CM Fry. Opposed by CM Watson. Abstained by CM Radloff.

WSSC Unidirectional Flushing Update Monica Marquina and Wesley McBride of WSSC discuss the projects progress. As a result of the colder temperatures the project will be halted and resume in the Spring of 2021.

First Reader of the Town Elections Charter Amendment and Continuation of Public Hearing on Charter Amendment Mayor Riazi highlighted the key points

In Defense of Black Lives Resolution CM Munyeneh read the resolution.

Motion to Cheverly Council to Adopt the Resolution in Support of Black Lives: CM Munyeneh, seconded by CM Garcia. Approved unanimously.

Review of January Meeting Agenda

Budget update and amendments	Rental assistance /Cheverly rental permits
CIP	Public Works building scope study
Resident complaint board	Grass policy
Appointment to Ethics Commission	Town seal design
Appointment of Barbara Brown to the Planning Board	Property annexation
Timeline for Town Administrator's performance evaluation	

Mayor and Council Announcements

CM Garcia left the meeting

CM Fry Cheverly Angel Tree to help Cheverly families in need for the holiday, food distribution at Cheverly Station on Saturday from 11-1, Santa Sleigh on December 19 from 10-1, and December 28 Blood Drive.

CM Munyeneh Fourth Ward Civic Association meeting the third Monday of the month.

CM Watson the final Market is this Saturday, December 12., toilet removed from Euclid Park for the season, Legislative Dinner for PGCMA is a week from tonight and is virtual.

Mayor Riazi Story time with Santa will be virtual on Zoom.

Motion to Adjourn: CM Fry, seconded by CM Bryner. Approved unanimously.

1:14 a.m.

Town of Cheverly
Traffic Calming Petition Public Hearing
Minutes
December 10, 2020

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

In attendance: Mayor Riazi, Council Members Radloff, Watson, Bryner, Munyeneh, and Fry.
Council Member Garcia absent. Town Attorney – Jason DeLoach
Staff: Director of Public Works – Steve Brayman, and Town Clerk – TC Hegeman.

Director Brayman confirmed the traffic calming request and that it was completed with the help of Mr. Jack A. Goode, Traffic Engineer.

Mr. Jack A. Goode, Traffic Engineer with A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. discussed the results, gave his recommendations, and answered questions.

Lockwood Road and Crest Avenue intersection analysis.

Mr. Goode explained the process for the collection of data and gave a speed study summary. He does not recommend installing a calming device at this time based on the data collected.

Mr. Goode gave four recommendations; they are as follows:

- Increase the size of the Stop sign
- Install advance Stop warning signs
- Install wider stop bars
- Police enforcement

Several residents spoke about the speeding that they witness on a regular basis and questioned the max speeds (too low) recorded by the survey. They strongly desire a traffic calming device be installed.

CM Radloff discussed the speeding that he sees on his street and asked residents about their thoughts on the recommendations given by Mr. Goode.

Residents not sure a larger stop sign would help and still want a traffic calming device installed before anything tragic happens as there are numerous children that live on that street.

Mr. Goode informed them that speed hump studies have suggested that the installation of a speed hump sometimes result in increased the speed.

Motion to End Public Hearing: CM Radloff, seconded by CM Bryner. Approved unanimously.
7:55 pm

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

VICE & SEX TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

OFFICER STATEMENT

CCN: _____ DATE: 10-31-20 TIME: 0100 Hrs.

STATEMENT OF: Detective D. Clark #3541

HOME ADDRESS: 8801 Police Plaza Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 PHONE: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: "VIP Stage" 5005 Jackson Street Hyattsville, Maryland 20781 PHONE: _____

SEX/RACE/DOB: _____ POB: _____ HEIGHT: _____

WEIGHT: _____ HAIR: _____ EYES: _____ SSN: _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER: _____ TYPE OF OFFENSE: _____

STATEMENT TAKEN BY: _____ LOCATION: _____

On 10/30/20 at approximately 2345 hours members of the Prince George's County Police Department's Vice & Sex Trafficking Investigations Unit & JAG Unit were working in an undercover capacity at VIP Stage located at 5005 Jackson Street Hyattsville, MD. 20781. I, Detective Clark #3541 along with Detective Hunt #2764 posed as a potential patrons at the event, "Apocalypse: The Night Before Ish Goes Left", which was advertised on social media. The event was being promoted on social media under "A-Lounge" but carrying the same address of 5005 Jackson Street Hyattsville, MD. Upon approaching the establishment, we were asked if we had advanced tickets to which we replied we did not. The man advised it was \$20 per person. Det. Hunt #2764 paid for admission for he and I totaling \$40. We were then instructed to see the armed security guards for ID checks and pat downs. Det. Hunt #2764 was then patted down by an African American male dressed in all black wearing a ballistic vest. The security guard told me he could not pat me down implying that I was a female. I was not patted down and no one verified my age before entering. There was an additional Hispanic security guard standing by the front door wearing an army green ballistic vest and a Special Police patch. Upon entry into the establishment, we went to the bar where Det. Hunt #2764 purchased one alcoholic beverage for \$10. There were approximately 20 people inside of the location. Everyone was not wearing a mask. There was a live disc jockey playing music. There were approximately 11 tables scattered on the main floor and there were VIP tables elevated around the main floor. An additional VIP section was not open. We were advised by staff that hookah was available for \$40 and VIP ranged from \$250-300. There was also bottle service for an additional fee. After making such observances, Detective Hunt and I exited the establishment without further incident. Upon leaving the property, I observed more cars parked and even more attempting to enter the property.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE STATEMENT CONSISTING OF _____ PAGE(S). THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

WITNESSED BY

SIGNATURE .

Det. Clark #3541

been resolved; that there are elementary schools close by; a middle school ½ a mile away; that children and the community in the area should not be subjected to this; that he is aware that the new owners are not associated with the previous owners; that it will return to previous condition; that having security won't assist in surrounding areas; that the current landlord won't allow Prince George's County Police Department to come in that area; that he is against liquor stores in that area all together; that it is a family friendly area; that the last liquor store closed three years ago; that vagrants are still there, but it has decreased; that he didn't believe the community was interested in not; that he's not sure where the signatures came from; that by them altering the application are we sure of what they're doing; that regardless of the posting he is still in opposition; that he has been a resident for thirty-seven years; that he has seen growth and change; that he has tried to deal with the landlord; that the security of the area is his major concern; that he doesn't understand why the landlord won't allow Prince George's County Police Department to come in; that he doesn't understand what private security will do if the Police Department can't come in.

Sunanda Rana stated that security is very important to her; that they're family friendly people too; that they want it safe for their family; that she is not familiar with the issues with the security and landlord.

Gerald Daniels stated that he is a resident of Adelphi; that he lives across the street; that he has been a resident for twenty eight years; that he has been going to the shopping center; that he has seen the changes; that he recommends having El Toro open; that you have to miles away just for lottery tickets currently.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Cristian Mendoza.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Brian Berman, Member/Authorized Person, Shravan Chincode, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B+, Beer and Wine for the use of Srisai, LLC, **t/a Crescent Beer & Wine**, 15501 Annapolis Road, Bowie, 20715, transfer of location from Laurel Spirit, Inc., t/a Laurel-Bowie Liquor and Deli, 9830 Mallard Road, Laurel, 20708, Chang Baek Choi, President, Constance Arlene Duncan, Vice President. Continued from July 24, 2018. Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Shravan Chincode stated that he is a resident of Ashburn, Virginia; that he goes by Shawn; that he was here before the Board at the last hearing; that customers want to be able to purchase wines that they can't currently; that he wants to be able to sell seven days a week; that he understands he won't be able to sell off sale unless food is served at all hours; that they are working on figuring out the food preparation; that they currently can't sell port wines or those made in whisky barrels and people have been asking for them.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Cristian Mendoza.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Zacharie Tankoua, Member, for a new Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Sol Banquet Hall, LLC., **t/a VIP Stage**, 5005 Jackson Street #B, Hyattsville, 20781. Continued from June 26, 2018. Applicant is represented by Charles Iweanoge, Esquire.

Zacharie Tankoua stated that he is a resident of Lanham; that he has been a resident for seventeen years; that he has been before the Board previously; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not had a violation on a liquor license; that he has not had liquor license previously; that he doesn't own any other business that has a liquor license; that he is the sole Member and Manager of VIP Stage; that he understands his responsibilities; that they haven't been open yet; that he doesn't even sell food currently; that the business doesn't occupy unit A or C, only B; that he will be there 30 hours a week; that he will have 15-20 employees; that some will be part time and some will be full time; that he will have chefs, bartenders, waiter/waitress; that he has reviewed the Rules and Regulations; that you must be 18 to serve alcohol and 21 to consume; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that they intend to apply for a Special Entertainment Permit in the future; that the entertainment will be patron dancing; that they will come in to eat and have a DJ; that the only people dancing will be patrons; that patrons must be dressed appropriately; that patrons can't come in nude; that they can't come in underwear and bra only; that they won't serve people that come in dressed that way; that there will be a full kitchen; that there will be hot and cold food; that the hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Sunday; that the menu focus will be quality African food, North, East, South and West; that the menu insert is for specialty food; that there will be formal seating, tables and sofas; that there will be a VIP area; that it is his dream to provide a venue that has not been here before; that the VIP area is for a private party; that it will provide one on one confidence; that there will be places for people to eat and have private conversations; that no one in the private area will be dancing or nude; that dancing will only be on the dance floor; that the VIP seating is for 5-10 people; a couple for 10 people, more for 5 people; that they aren't completely open to the restaurant; that they are half open and the view is blocked some; that there are curtains, yellow in color; that for VIP you have to book reservations in advance; that he understands there can be no VIP seating without a Special Entertainment Permit; that he understands he's responsible for following the Rules and Regulations; that he is responsible for his employees following the Rules and Regulations; that he is the only restaurant in the area to provide special African food; that not only is it from the North and South, but it is a magnificent venue that people can come and have meetings with good food and good drinks; that he intends to invite the Fire Department when they're open; that once they're open he'll reach out to the community; that during the last election he had people request to hold campaign meetings there; that he is off of Kenilworth, about one block away, a couple blocks away; that there are no grocery stores; that a Spanish restaurant opened recently a few buildings down; that there isn't anything else there; that you must get off of Kenilworth to get there or see it; that he has small signs; that a map can take you there; that they don't have as set advertisement plan; that he has experience in the restaurant industry; that when was in school he worked at Dancing Crabs.

Michael Kupa stated that he is a resident of Bowie; that he is the Chef at VIP Stage; that he helped in the preparation of the menu; that the concept is for food from different countries like Italian and Ethiopian too; that they will rotate every day to two or three days to focus on certain countries; that the menu will change; that he was hired in December or January; that he has a Bachelors in Culinary Arts and Business; that he studied overseas; that he has other restaurants he's set up and made the menu; that he wants to research the food and techniques; that some food he's not as familiar with; that the menu and descriptions will change.

Zacharie Tankoua stated that he has had the lease for nine months currently; that he is funding the lease personally currently; that he is not holding events currently.

Laila Riazi stated that she is a resident of Cheverly; that she represents the Town of Cheverly; that she submitted a letter prior to the hearing; that she wants the Board to take in the history, isolation and the character of the location; that it is out of the way; that even if VIP Lounge and Super Fuego are not externally connected they are close; that it is a dark area with little lighting; that parking is out of the way; that the business next door has a similar operation; that she finds it odd that Mr. Tankoua is not aware of the business next door or their issues; that the VIP areas are odd; that a banquet facility was how it was portrayed and those are usually family friendly, but the odds don't go with that idea; that they want a dance hall permit; that to her understanding VIP doesn't mean family, it is separate; that she wants to know what role employees play, what kind of private conversations will take place, will the tables be moved to accommodate dance, what happens with the license if no food is served since there are no tables or will alcohol not be allowed at these times; that the community was not asked about their opinion; that after they've finished at these locations people leave those areas and go into the communities and the Police Department has to step in; that the hours are not compatible with having children or families; that they have questions on parking, the meal requirement, lighting in parking lot and in front of the business, can patrons bring in their electronic devices because they've been controlled next door by not allowing people to bring them in, what constitutes VIP, how are employees involved; that she wonders what the marketing platform is, if it will be more focused on "Bring your family" or "Closed off for private entertainment"; that the area creates the feeling of being hidden. That the officials in the Town of Cheverly have not been approached by the applicant in any way; that the last time she went to that area was about four weeks ago at 10 pm; that there may be new restaurants in the area she's not aware of, but they close at normal family friendly times; that a family wouldn't go to this industrial area off the main roads; that it is a dark area at night; that there is a towing company, a storage facility and a bakery in that area; that they aren't against growth or new restaurants, but the information presented contradicts that that's what this is.

David Warrington stated that he is a resident of Cheverly; that he is representing the Mayor's Council; that they are in a unanimous position to oppose this business; that they have been complaining since 2011 when Fuego opened; that patrons from these places migrate to other areas and then their Police Department have to respond even though it's not in their corporate limits; that Ms. Riazi drafted a letter and the mayor and council supported it unanimously to be presented; that a flyer initially informed him of what was going on and he sent in an undercover officer as a patron; last saw Fuego open May 14th; that he has never had contact with the applicant; that they never attempted and he didn't either; that the business is not located in Cheverly, it is outside of their jurisdiction, but it is in the variance on the edge of town and they do have some voice.

Zacharie Tankoua stated that the capacity is 150 people and the parking supports that.

Malcolm Augustine stated that he is a resident of Cheverly; that he is in opposition; that it is an industrial zone; that there has been no attempt to reach out; that the only thing there is a night club or strip club; that there have been no advertisements which puts a damper on a restaurant in this area; that Fuego has done lots of advertisements; that the owner hasn't done market research; that this will give an establishment that had their license revoked a liquor license right next door; that he is here as a single resident; that he lives approximately one mile away directly; that there

has been lots of conversation in the community about this in opposition; that he is unhappy with the business that is next door.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Cristian Mendoza.

Mr. Camacho moved to deny the request to issue the license, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Kelsey, Mr. Bowman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Hugo A. Bonilla, Owner, Patricia E. Martinez Rivera, Manager, for a new Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Riviera Tapas Bar, LLC, t/a **Riviera Tapas Bar**, 6108 Rhode Island Avenue, Riverdale, 20737.

Applicant represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Robert Kim requested to amend the application from a Class B License to a B (DD).

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to amend the application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

Robert Kim requested to amend the application to 2,259 square feet of on sale.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to amend the application, seconded by Mr. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

Hugo Bonillo stated that he is a resident of Hyattsville; that he is a permanent resident, that he has been a resident of Maryland for the 12 years; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been in violation of any liquor laws; that he has not had a license previously; that he has not had a liquor license revoked; that he is part owner of a restaurant in Silver Springs; that they have been open 7 years; that he is not on the liquor license; that he has not owned a business in Prince George's County with a license previously; that he has his Alcohol Awareness Certification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to sell; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he is a Chef by training; that he has a menu with starters, entrees and more; that he's not open yet; that he is about 1 month away from opening; that he will cook food; that other than the changes requested there have been no other changes to the application; that he understands he has an obligation to answer any questions of the Board; that he is the Chef at the restaurant in Silver Springs too and will split his time between the two; that he has never been convicted of a crime.

Patricia Martinez stated that she is a resident of Hyattsville; that she is a United States Citizen; that she has been a Maryland resident for about 15 years; that she is familiar with the neighborhood; that she has talked to them and been to the town hall meetings; that neighbors have visited and are happy they are moving in; that there is a liquor store in the area; that other options are limited; that it is a historic area, but they are bringing in something new; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she has never violated any liquor laws; that she has never had liquor license before; that she doesn't have an interest in a business in Prince George's with a liquor license; that she will be full time; that she has restaurant experience; that she has had her Alcohol Awareness certification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that there are no other changes to the application; that she understands she is responsible for questions the Board has; that the average daily receipt of food and non-alcohol sales must be at least 50%; that she expects it to be around 25%; that she is still working on permits; that the Health Department approval is pending; that the capacity is 75 people; that there will be a full kitchen with a Chef, menu and wait staff; that she understands they must file a monthly report; that Riverdale Park is in support of them and offers financial support to new businesses.



November 24, 2020

Chairman and Members of the Board
Board of License Commissioners
9200 Basil Court, Suite 420
Largo, MD 20774

Dear Chairman and Members of the Board,

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly are firmly opposed to the application for a new Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of SOL Banquet Hall, LLC, t/a VIP Stage, 5005 Jackson Street # B, Hyattsville, MD 20781 on the border of Cheverly's corporate limits.

The Town is requesting that this letter and the following enclosed Exhibits be added to the Record of the November 17, 2020 Hearing on the liquor license application:

Exhibit # 1- This is a two-page Exhibit. Page 1 shows two violations of the laws and rules concerning alcoholic beverages that occurred at the Stone Fish Grill at 8500 Annapolis Road in New Carrollton, MD. The first violation was for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages to a Minor and it occurred on September 1, 2015. The second violation was for Selling Alcohol on a Sunday without a Sunday Sales Permit and it occurred on June 22, 2014. Mr. Okeh was the person that held the liquor license at the Stone Fish Grill when both of these violations of the laws and rules concerning alcoholic beverages occurred. Mr. Okeh was fined \$1500.00 for Selling Alcoholic Beverages to a Minor and \$1,000.00 for Selling Alcohol on a Sunday without a Sunday Sales Permit. According to testimony given by Mr. Okeh's attorney at the November 17, 2020 Hearing, Mr. Okeh never had any violations of the laws and rules concerning alcoholic beverages at the Stone Fish Grill. Mr. Okeh also wrote on his liquor license application Affidavit that the Stone Fish Grill was never found in violation of laws and rules concerning alcoholic beverages-see Page 2 of Exhibit # 1. The violations of the laws and rules concerning alcoholic beverages that occurred at the Stone Fish Grill raise serious concerns about Mr. Okeh's sworn statements in direct contradiction of documented facts.

Exhibit # 2- This is a four-page Exhibit. Page 1 supports Town Code Officer John Rogers' statement at the November 20, 2020 Hearing that the Use and Occupancy Permit # 969-2014-0 allowing a Parking Lot at 5007 Jackson Street is Abandoned. The Site Plan that accompanies the Use and Occupancy Permit for the VIP Stage at 5005 Jackson Street # B references the 5007 Jackson Street Use and Occupancy Permit # 969-2014-0 as authorization for an offsite parking location for the VIP Stage at 5007 Jackson Street. However, 5007 Jackson Street cannot serve as the offsite Parking Lot for the VIP Stage under Abandoned Use and Occupancy Permit 969-2014-0. Page 1 also supports Code Officer Rogers' testimony at the Hearing that Excellent Tours is the current occupant of the property at 5007 Jackson Street and is using the property for the

parking and storage of company buses and limousines. As Code Officer Rogers mentioned at the Hearing he took pictures of the property at 5007 Jackson Street on November 12, 2020. These pictures are Pages 2-4 of Exhibit # 2 and they clearly show that the property is occupied by Excellent Tours and is used for the parking and storage of company buses and limousines.

Exhibit # 3- This is a two-page Exhibit. Page 1 is a copy of the first page of the liquor license application for 5005 Jackson Street # B, Hyattsville, MD 20781 which lists the applicant for the license as SOL Banquet Hall, LLC. Page 2 is a copy of the Certificate of Occupancy for 5005 Jackson Street # B, Hyattsville, MD 20781 that lists the Occupant as Sol, LLC. As Code Officer Rogers testified at the Hearing on November 17, 2020 it is the Town's understanding that when an entity applies for a liquor license at a particular address, the entity's name must match the Occupant's name on the Certificate of Occupancy for that address. Since the names at 5005 Jackson Street # B do not match it appears that SOL Banquet Hall, LLC's application for a liquor license is invalid.

Exhibit # 4- As Mayor Riazi testified at the Hearing on November 17, 2020 the current application for a new Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Sol Banquet Hall, LLC., t/a VIP Stage fails to address any of the concerns raised in the 2018 application. In fact, the current applicant has failed to provide any direct testimony on the proposed family-friendly banquet hall, including the hours of operation (previously proposed as from 10:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.), menu, siting, lighting and safety, advertising plan, etc. Additionally, in this most-recent application, there has been no reference to the previously stated intention to pursue a special entertainment license for this location and no testimony regarding Alcohol Awareness and Rules and Regulations. The Town offers Exhibit # 4 as evidence of these and other continuing concerns dating from 2018 and unaddressed by the current applicant.

The Town of Cheverly appreciates the opportunity to add this letter and Exhibits to the Record of the November 17, 2020 Hearing. We feel that the materials added to the Record provide further evidence of the many troubling issues at 5005 Jackson Street and the many misleading statements on the liquor board application. The Mayor, Town Council, and citizens of Cheverly urge the Board of License Commissioners to make the decision NOT to grant a liquor license to this establishment. We find a denial of this application to be the only studied and responsible determination in this matter.

Sincerely,



Dylan O. Galloway
Town Administrator, Town of Cheverly



Laila Riazi
Mayor, Town of Cheverly

cc: Cheverly Town Council

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**TOWN OF CHEVERLY
CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION R-06-20**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHEVERLY, MARYLAND, adopted pursuant to the authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Title 4, Subtitle 3 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Edition, as amended), to amend the Charter of the said Town, said Charter being a part of the public local laws of Maryland (1963 Edition, as amended), which Article contains in whole or in part the Charter of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, whereby the Mayor and Town Council increase the number of the Board of Supervisors of Elections from Three (3) to Five (5), permit early voting, same day voter registration and voting, and mail-in voting.

WHEREAS, State law grants to the Town plenary powers to legislate and regulate Town elections; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council find that increasing the number of the members of the Board of Elections Supervisors will facilitate the work of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council deem it appropriate to permit the use of early voting procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council deem it appropriate to permit same day voter registration and voting; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council deem it appropriate to permit the use of Vote-by-Mail ballots.

SECTION 1: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHEVERLY, MARYLAND, that, pursuant to Article XI-E of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, Title 4, Subtitle 3 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Sections C-18, C-18.3, and C-18.4 of the Town of Cheverly’s Charter be amended as follows:

ARTICLE V. - ELECTIONS

§ C-18. - Officials to register voters and conduct elections.

A. There shall be a Board of Election Supervisors, consisting of ~~three (3)~~ **FIVE (5)** members who shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to approval of the Council for two (2) year terms. ~~Two (2)~~ **THREE (3)** members shall be appointed at the first council meeting in January of every even-numbered year, and ~~one (1)~~ **TWO (2)** memberS shall be appointed at the first council meeting in January of every odd-numbered year. **UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHARTER PROVISION, THE CURRENT THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL RETAIN THEIR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD, AND THE MAYOR, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL, MAY APPOINT AN ADDITIONAL TWO MEMBERS, ONE MEMBER WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BE UNTIL JANUARY OF 2022, AND THE OTHER MEMBER WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE**

48 **SHALL BE UNTIL JANUARY 2023.** The Mayor shall designate one (1) of these to serve as
 49 Chairman. The members of the board shall be Cheverly residents and registered voters for town
 50 elections and shall not hold or be candidates for any town elective or other appointive office
 51 during their term of office. Prior to assuming the duties of office, each member of the board shall
 52 take an oath before any officer of the State of Maryland, duly authorized to take an affidavit, to
 53 the effect that he will obey the Constitution of the United States and the constitution and the laws
 54 of the State of Maryland, and the laws of the town of Cheverly, and will fairly and impartially
 55 administer the duties of his office. A vacancy on the board shall be filled by the Mayor subject to
 56 approval of the Council for the remainder of the unexpired term.

57 B. Subject to modifications and qualifications not in conflict with this Article and enacted by
 58 ordinance, the board shall be responsible for the registration of voters, certification of candidates,
 59 and town elections. In order to carry out such duty, the board shall have the power to make and
 60 publish regulations, pursuant to and not in conflict with the provisions of this Article, regarding
 61 the conduct of such functions. And further, the board shall act as judge and arbiter of all disputes
 62 and controversies arising from the administration of the town election laws. For the exercise of
 63 such powers, a majority of ~~two (2)~~ **THREE (3)** shall be sufficient for quorum and decision.
 64 Appeals from the actions and decisions of the board may be taken as otherwise provided by law.
 65 The board shall meet at regular intervals as it prescribes and shall be authorized to hold such
 66 special meetings as the board may require, and all such meetings shall be open to the public. In
 67 all matters, including the drafting, amendment or adoption of regulations and working
 68 procedures, as well as the performance of all registration and election related duties including
 69 acting as judge, and arbiter of all disputes, the town attorney shall act as an advisor to the board,
 70 unless the Mayor and Town Council designate another to perform all or some of those duties.
 71 Any regulation or amendment thereto shall be submitted to the attorney for the board and the
 72 Town Administrator for their comments and approval prior to adoption by the board.
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74 § C-18.1 – Registration of voters
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76 B. Registration may be made by becoming a registered voter of Prince George’s County or by the
 77 following procedures. Persons qualified to vote in the Town of Cheverly elections may register
 78 to vote in person or by mail. There shall be no registration of voters by the town board of
 79 election supervisors during the period beginning thirty (30) days prior to or fifteen (15) days
 80 after any election, **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION C-18.3(F)**. Registration in
 81 person may be completed on such dates and at such special registration sites as may be
 82 established by the Board of Election Supervisors. The dates and sites of such special
 83 registrations shall be generally published to town residents at least five (5) days prior to such
 84 dates. To register by mail, residents may call the town office during normal business hours and
 85 request that a registration application be sent, or request in person the registration application at
 86 the town office. The individual requesting such registration application shall give the clerk his or
 87 her name, address and telephone number. When the completed mail registration application is
 88 returned to the town office, the date received shall be noted thereon and a notice of receipt shall
 89 be sent by unforwardable mail within three (3) business days. The information on the returned
 90 application, when properly certified by the board, shall be transferred to a permanent registration
 91 card. The voter then shall, when he appears to vote at any general or special election day, affix
 92 his signature to the permanent registration card, thus completing his registration. Special
 93 arrangements to secure the signature of a disabled applicant by other means may be made by the
 94 board. The original mail registration application shall be preserved by the board until the person

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95 has signed the permanent registration card, but no longer than five (5) calendar years from the
96 date received.

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98 § C-18.3. - Election procedure.

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100 A. All elections to fill the office of Mayor and Ward Councilmembers, and for other purposes, shall
101 be by ballot, **VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT**, or voting machines. An election to fill the offices of
102 Mayor and Ward Councilmembers shall be held on the first Monday in May of every year,
103 beginning on the first Monday in May, 1976. The Mayor shall be elected by the combined vote
104 of all the wards of the town, and the Ward Councilmembers shall be elected by the votes of the
105 wards in which they dwell. The candidate for each office who shall receive the greater number of
106 votes than any other candidate for said office shall be declared elected, and in the event of a tie
107 vote, a special election shall be held within forty-five (45) days to elect one (1) of the candidates
108 so tied.

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110 **B. THE COUNCIL OR BOARD MAY PROVIDE FOR ONE OR MORE EARLY VOTING**
111 **DAYS IN TOWN ELECTIONS. ANY EARLY VOTING DAY SHALL BE HELD NO**
112 **MORE THAN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN ELECTION DAY**
113 **ESTABLISHED IN § C-18.3(A) OF THIS ARTICLE. ON A DESIGNATED EARLY**
114 **VOTING DAY, THE POLLS SHALL BE OPEN TO QUALIFIED VOTERS AT THE**
115 **TIMES AND PLACES SPECIFIED AND ADVERTISED BY THE BOARD, WHICH**
116 **SHALL BE OPEN A MINIMUM OF EIGHT (8) HOURS IF EARLY VOTING IS**
117 **CONDUCTED ON A SATURDAY AND AT LEAST FOUR (4) HOURS IF EARLY**
118 **VOTING IS CONDUCTED ON ANY OTHER DAY OF THE WEEK.**

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120 ~~B.~~ C. No person shall be allowed to vote in any election in the town except those persons whose
121 names appear upon the registration books of the town, and who reside in the town on election
122 day, **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION C-18.3(F)**. Any qualified voter is entitled
123 to vote in town elections by absentee ballot if the requirements established therefor are met. A
124 voter whose registration has been cancelled shall not thereafter be eligible to vote except by
125 registering again as in this Charter provided.

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127 ~~C.~~ D. In all town elections, it shall be the duty of the board of elections to give public notice of the
128 times, place and purpose thereof. Such public notice shall be given on the government access
129 cable channel, in the town newsletter, in a newspaper of general circulation within the town and
130 in the town’s public notice advertisement currently located at Forest Road and Cheverly Avenue.
131 Such public notice shall be given at least 30 days before the date of election, and in the case of
132 notice on the government access cable channel and the public notice advertisement such notice
133 shall continue to be advertised until the date of the election. In the discretion of the Board,
134 notices may also be posted in such public places in each ward in such manner as the Board may
135 determine.

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137 In elections to fill the offices of Mayor and Ward Councilmembers, the polls shall be opened at
138 7:00 a.m., and closed at 8:00 p.m. The board of Election Supervisors may authorize periods of
139 excused absence of up to four (4) hours between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m, on election
140 day for judges and members of the Board.

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142 Immediately upon closing of the polls, the judges of the election shall proceed to count the
143 ballots, but no ballot cast by a voter dwelling in one ward for a candidate for the office of
144 Councilmember of another ward, and no ballot cast for more than one candidate for the office of
145 Mayor, shall be counted. The counting of the ballots or checking of the votes on voting machines
146 shall be announced publicly, and written returns fully completed and signed by the judges of
147 election and the Board of Election Supervisors, and sealed in an envelope with the names of said
148 judges and board signed thereon.

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150 One (1) copy of such returns shall be sent to the Mayor of the town and one (1) copy to the Town
151 Clerk for filing among the records of the town. Any judge or member of the board who declines
152 to sign said return shall prepare, sign and seal in an envelope and send as aforesaid an individual
153 return, giving his reason therefor. The ballots shall then be returned to the ballot boxes from
154 which they were removed, a paper seal with the signatures of the judges and board thereon shall
155 be pasted upon said ballot boxes in such manner that the boxes cannot be opened without
156 breaking said seal, and in the event voting machines are used in lieu of the paper ballots, the
157 voting machines, upon completion of the tabulation of the votes cast, shall be sealed as provided
158 by law for general elections of state and county officials.

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160 There shall be no postponement or adjournment of the above actions until they all are completed.
161 Said voting machines or boxes, sealed as aforesaid, shall then be retained by the board for
162 periods of seven (7) days, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, in the case of machines, and
163 six (6) months in the case of ballots, after which periods of time the machines shall be unsealed,
164 and the boxes shall be opened and the ballots destroyed, and the board shall record a certificate
165 of the fact of destruction; provided, however, that if there be a contest of the election, said ballots
166 shall not be destroyed nor voting machines unsealed until after the decision of the Circuit Court
167 for Prince George’s County.

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169 ~~D.~~ E. Any candidate at said elections may contest the same and the Circuit Court for Prince
170 George’s County shall have jurisdiction to determine such contest. Each judge of the Circuit
171 Court may adopt such modes of proceedings and adjudging costs in cases of contested election
172 as to him shall seem most satisfactory.

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174 No such contest shall, however, be considered unless the petition for the same is filed in the
175 Circuit Court of Prince George’s County within seven (7) days, exclusive of Sundays and legal
176 holidays, after the public announcement by the board of the result of the election.

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178 **F. SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION. TOWN RESIDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE**
179 **TO REGISTER TO VOTE PURSUANT TO THIS CHARTER MAY REGISTER TO**
180 **VOTE IN TOWN ELECTIONS UP TO AND INCLUDING ON ELECTION DAY BY**
181 **COMPLETING A VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION AND REGISTERING TO**
182 **VOTE WITH THE TOWN CLERK, OR A REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATED BY THE**
183 **TOWN CLERK. ANY PERSON WISHING TO REGISTER AND VOTE UNDER THIS**
184 **SUBSECTION MUST PROVIDE, IMMEDIATELY BEFORE VOTING:**

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186 **1. A MARYLAND DRIVER’S LICENSE OR MARYLAND IDENTIFICATION**
187 **CARD ISSUED BY THE MARYLAND MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION; OR**
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189 2. IN THE EVENT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL CONTEMPLATED UNDER THIS
190 SUBSECTION DOES NOT HAVE A MARYLAND DRIVER'S LICENSE OR
191 IDENTIFICATION CARD, HE OR SHE MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF AN OFFICIAL
192 DOCUMENT THAT CONTAINS THE APPLICANT'S NAME AND CURRENT ADDRESS
193 AND THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD OF
194 ELECTIONS UNDER MD. CODE ANN., ELECTION LAW ARTICLE § 3-306(B)(2)(ii).

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196 § C-18.4. – VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS

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198 A. ANY PERSON QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN ANY TOWN ELECTION MAY USE A
199 VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. THE
200 TOWN CLERK SHALL ENSURE VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS ARE SENT TO EVERY
201 REGISTERED VOTER WITHIN THE TOWN.

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203 B. PRIOR TO ANY TOWN ELECTION, THE TOWN CLERK SHALL PRINT OR CAUSE
204 TO BE PRINTED AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS,
205 ENVELOPES, AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAIL-IN VOTERS.

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207 C. ONE NOTICE SHALL BE MAILED TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS IN THE TOWN AND AT
208 LEAST ONE NOTICE TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE TOWN INFORMING
209 THEM OF THE VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT VOTING DEADLINES AND THE DATE,
210 TIME, AND LOCATION OF IN-PERSON VOTING ON ELECTION DAY. NOTICE WILL
211 BE MAILED OR DISTRIBUTED NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION
212 TO WHICH THEY APPLY. THE NOTICE WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE MAILING
213 OF THE BALLOT ITSELF. AT LEAST ONE OTHER FORM OF MASS
214 COMMUNICATION INFORMING THE PUBLIC OF THE TOWN ELECTION WHICH
215 MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED ON THE NOTICES SHALL
216 BE PROVIDED. THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS MAY PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL
217 NOTICES AND REMINDERS.

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219 D. THE FORM AND ARRANGEMENT OF ALL VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS, BALLOT
220 INSTRUCTIONS, COVERING ENVELOPES, BALLOT ENVELOPES, AND RETURN
221 ENVELOPES SHALL BE AS DETERMINED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

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223 E. AT ALL TIMES, THE TOWN CLERK SHALL ENSURE ADEQUATE PROCEDURES
224 ARE IN PLACE TO SAFEGUARD THE VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS.

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226 F. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS FOR A TOWN ELECTION MUST BE MAILED OR
227 DISTRIBUTED NO MORE THAN 30 DAYS AND NO FEWER THAN 15 DAYS PRIOR TO
228 THE ELECTION TO WHICH THEY APPLY.

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230 G. SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION, VOTERS THAT
231 HAVE RECEIVED A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT MAY VOTE IN THE TOWN ELECTION
232 THROUGH VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT OR BY IN PERSON VOTING. ANY SUCH
233 VOTERS MAY UTILIZE ONLY ONE METHOD OF VOTING.

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235 H. NO VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT, COMPLETED OR OTHERWISE, SHALL BE

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236 **HANDLED OR DELIVERED BY A CANDIDATE OR ANY INDIVIDUAL**
237 **VOLUNTEERING OR WORKING FOR A CANDIDATE, EXCEPT FOR THEIR OWN**
238 **BALLOT OR THAT OF THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OR A MEMBER OF**
239 **THEIR HOUSEHOLD.**

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241 **I. NO PERSON MAY CAST A VOTE USING A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT THAT WAS**
242 **ISSUED BY THE TOWN FOR ANOTHER PERSON.**

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244 **J. A REGISTERED VOTER MAY OBTAIN A REPLACEMENT VOTE-BY-MAIL**
245 **BALLOT IF THE ORIGINAL BALLOT WAS DESTROYED, SPOILED, LOST, OR NOT**
246 **RECEIVED BY THE REGISTERED VOTER. A REGISTERED VOTER WHO OBTAINS A**
247 **VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION WILL BE**
248 **REQUIRED TO SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT, IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE BOARD,**
249 **SPECIFYING THE REASON FOR REQUESTING THE REPLACEMENT BALLOT.**

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251 Section 2: That the date of the adoption of this Resolution is _____, and that the
252 amendment to the Charter of the Town of Cheverly hereby proposed by this enactment, shall be and
253 become effective on _____ [50 days], unless a proper petition for a referendum hereon shall be
254 filed by _____ [40 days], and a fair summary of the Amendment shall be published in a
255 newspaper having general circulation in the Town not less than four (4) times at weekly intervals by
256 _____ [40 days].

257 Section 3: That as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted becomes effective, either
258 as herein provided or following a referendum, the Clerk shall send separately to the Department of
259 Legislative Services, the following information concerning the Charter Amendment: (1) the
260 complete text of this Resolution; (2) the date of referendum election, if any, held with respect
261 thereto; (3) the number of votes cast for and against this Resolution by the Mayor and Council of the
262 Town of Cheverly or in a referendum; and (4) the effective date of the Charter Amendment.

263 Section 4: That the Clerk be, and he/she is specifically enjoined and instructed to carry out
264 the provisions of Sections 2 and 3, and as evidence of compliance herewith the said Clerk shall cause
265 to be affixed to the Minutes of this meeting (1) an appropriate certificate of publication of the
266 newspaper in which the fair summary of the Amendment shall have been published; and (2) records
267 of mailing referred to in Section 3, and shall further complete and execute a Certificate of
268 Compliance.

269 **INTRODUCED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, at a Regular
270 Meeting on October 8, 2020, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

271 **ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, at a Regular
272 Meeting on October 8, 2020, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

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Adopted: _____

Attest: _____

Mayor

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275 ⇆ indicate deletions

276 CAPS/**BOLD** indicate additions

RESOLUTION R-1-21

Appointment of Members of the Board of Election Supervisors

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland desire to make appointments to the positions of election supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of Section C-18A of the Charter of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, the following person is appointed as a member of the Board of Election Supervisors for a two (2) year term:

John LeGloahec

Term 2021-2022

These appointments are effective on the date of this resolution.

Adopted: January 14, 2021

Attest: _____

Mayor Riazi

Councilmember Radloff

Councilmember Watson

Councilmember Bryner

Councilmember Munyeneh

Councilmember Garcia

Councilmember Fry

RESOLUTION R-2-21

Appointment of Election Clerks

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland desire to make appointments to the positions of election clerks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of Section C-18 C of the Charter of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, the following persons are appointed as election clerks to assist the Board of Election Supervisors in the registration of voters and the conduct of elections in **2021**:

Election Clerks
TC Hegeman
Melanie Friesen

These appointments are effective on the date of this resolution.

Adopted: January 14, 2021

Attest: _____
Administrator Galloway

Mayor Riazi

Councilmember Radloff

Councilmember Watson

Councilmember Bryner

Councilmember Munyeneh

Councilmember Garcia

Councilmember Fry

RESOLUTION R-3-21

Appointment of Election Judges

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland desire to make appointments to the positions of judges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of Section C-18 C of the Charter of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, the following persons are appointed as election judges to assist the Board of Election Supervisors in the conduct of elections in **2021**:

WARD 1: Frank Fennell

WARD 2: Barbara Goodalle

WARD 3: Bambi Harmon

WARD 4: Robin McClain

WARD 5: Charly Garces

WARD 6: Afua Branoah Banful

These appointments are effective on the date of this resolution.

Adopted: January 14, 2021

Attest: _____

Mayor Riazi

Councilmember Radloff

Councilmember Watson

Councilmember Bryner

Councilmember Munyeneh

Councilmember Garcia

Councilmember Fry

RESOLUTION R-4-21

Compensation for Election Supervisors and Election Judges

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland will provide compensation to the Board of Elections Supervisors and Board of Election Judges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of Section C-18 D of the Charter of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, *“Board members, judges and clerks may, at the pleasure of the majority of the Mayor and Council, be removed from office and successors appointed. Compensation of the members of the board of supervisors of elections and judges of elections and expenditure for their duty shall be determined by the Council annually.”*

The compensation for Board of Election Supervisors shall be \$300 and Election Judges shall be \$150 for their duties on Election Day. Compensation will be granted for any additional days necessary to complete the 2021 election.

This will be effective on the date of this resolution.

Adopted: January 14, 2021

Attest: _____
Administrator Galloway

Mayor Riazi

Councilmember Radloff

Councilmember Watson

Councilmember Bryner

Councilmember Munyeneh

Councilmember Garcia

Councilmember Fry

DIONNE DOBBINS, PH.D.
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Sr. Researcher/ Project Management/Research to Practice, Policy and Advocacy Translation

Extensive experience managing multiple and complex research projects from planning to implementation to management, analysis, and reporting. Excels at translating highly technical information in nontraditional formats for non-technical audiences. Experience leading projects from federal, state, and private funders.

EDUCATION

Post-Doc	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Ph.D.	University of Miami, Applied Developmental Psychology
M.S.	University of Miami, Applied Developmental Psychology
B.A.	University of Maryland, Psychology (<i>Summa cum laude</i>)

CURRENT POSITION

Senior Director of Research **December 2014- present**
Child Care Aware® of America (CCAOA)

Key accomplishments:

- Grew the research department from 2 people to a 7-person team. Works across the research, advocacy, marketing, communications, and policy department to bring child care research to members, policy makers, advocates, parents, and researchers.
- Brought in over \$3 million in funding from private foundations, national organizations, and federal agencies
- Led the production of CCAOA's most popular annual report on the [Price of Child Care](#) for 5 years. Each year the report has grown and has become more user-friendly with web-based tools for researchers, policymakers, and advocates.
- Supervised [Mapping the Gap™](#) project, a series of ten story maps analyzing child care supply and demand, subsidy use and other state-specific child care issues at the zip code level.
- Led cross-collaboration with researchers from the Center for the Study of Child Care Employment to draft, develop, and produce an [explainer video](#) highlighting CCAOA's data in an explanation for why parents pay so much for child care even while child care providers make less than minimum wage.
- Oversaw the development of the first iteration of [CCAOA's Child Care Licensing Database](#) and led the **Licensing Benchmarking Work Group** which included management of in-house subject matter experts as well as an off-site panel of experts in order to develop a benchmarking rubric for advocates to use in assessing child care licensing standards.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Researcher/Evaluation Specialist

Danya International

- Directed and managed research, training, and technical assistance projects for government and nongovernment clients
- Translated and disseminated research and evaluation findings to relevant stakeholders and consumer groups
- Developed award-winning psycho-educational web content for DOD
- Developed and evaluated eLearning curricula for CDC

Health Scientist Administrator (contract position)

National Institutes for Nursing Research (NINR/NIH), Bethesda

- Responsible for the administrative, scientific, and technical review of research grant applications for the child and maternal health portfolio
- Identified research funding priorities in child and maternal health
- Researched and developed maternal and child health focused requests for applications (RFAs) and Requests for Proposals (RFPs)
- Provided technical assistance to applicants and grantees on maternal and child health funding emphasis at NINR
- Organized and managed peer-review groups to evaluate research proposals based on their scientific merit

Program Director

PennGood, & Associates, LLC

- Managed \$2,000,000 multimedia health equity campaigns targeting African American seniors for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Designed and conducted formative research activities to inform the development of campaign materials including literature reviews, media buying surveys, and consumer focus groups
- Conducted media outreach analysis

Senior Program Associate

The Finance Project

- Led strategic and financial planning processes with over 20 statewide and community initiatives in the fields of education, workforce development, child mental health
- Published 10 financing strategy briefs and guided community initiatives in the identification of fiscal and personnel resources to support their work
- Designed and conducted over 50 trainings and conference workshops on financing and sustaining community initiatives
- Directed and produced policy tools for \$2,000,000 national contract funded by the Child Care Bureau

National Head Start Fellow

- One of ten fellows selected from a national pool, assigned to Associate Commissioner's Office

- Researched, revised, and trained on Head Start Child Outcomes standards
- Revised Head Start monitoring tools and protocols
- Advised on Head Start Reauthorization

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Board of Directors, Cheverly Weekday Nursery

Board of Directors, Program and Policy, Community Crisis Center Incorporated

HONORS AND AWARDS

National Head Start Fellow

National Center for Early Dev. & Learning Postdoctoral Fellow

Recipient, ACYF Young Minority Investigator Grant

National Science Foundation Minority Graduate Fellow (full tuition)

Honorary American Psychological Association Minority Fellow

University of Maryland President Kirwan Minority Scholar (full tuition)

National Science Foundation Undergraduate Minority Student of the Year

HIGHLIGHTED RECENT REPORTS

It's About Time! Parents Who Work Nonstandard Hours Face Child Care Challenges. January 2019.

<https://info.childcareaware.org/report-nonstandard-hours-child-care>

The US and the High Cost of Child Care: A Review of Prices and Proposed Solutions for a Broken System. October 2018. www.usa.childcareaware.org/costofcare

Checking In: A Snapshot of the Child Care Landscape – 2018 Report. July 2018.

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I am a resident of Cheverly, MD, Ward 6 for 28 years now. I have raised my two daughters here and have proudly participated in Town elections and community support efforts.

I am the convening coordinator for the Cheverly African American Community Organization, CAACO. CAACO has partnered with the Mayor and Council persons, various other Cheverly organizations and the Cheverly United Method Church.

I have 37 years of federal government service primarily in the areas of accounting, auditing, and budgeting.

I am a proud graduate from American University, School of Business Administration.

I am honored to be nominated for becoming a member of the Cheverly Planning Board. I will work diligently with Mayor and Council and the Cheverly Planning Board to ensure that all planning and development initiatives are transparent, benefit our citizens and have bring a value-added aspect for the future of the Town of Cheverly.

Sincerely,
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