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Gavin Buckley, Mayor  
160 Duke of Gloucester Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401-2517

AP-40-25

May 7, 2025

To: Alderpersons, City of Annapolis

From: Mayor Gavin Buckley

Re: Arts in Public Places Commission reappointment

Pending your approval, I would like to reappoint Mr. Jim Martin to the Arts in Public Places Commission. Mr. Martin has served on this board since 2022.

Mr. Martin's term will expire on 6/30/2028. A copy of his resume is attached.

Thank You.

GB/hrr

Reviewed by: Rules Committee

☒ Favorable ☐ Unfavorable

Sheila N. Finlay - 6/6/25  
Committee Chair Date





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## Boards and Commissions Application

### Personal information

Name James R Martin Jr  
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 City Annapolis ST MD Zip 21401-3627  
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 E-mail jimnapolis@gmail.com

### Statement of interest – Why should you be appointed to this board/commission?

My interest in the Annapolis Arts In Public Places Commission stems from my volunteer service on the board of the Annapolis Arts District. I also am one of the principal volunteers with the First Sunday Arts Festivals for the past twenty years.

In addition to murals, sculptures and music concerts I hope our commission can promote more outdoor music performances, dance performances and develop a new policy for buskers.

I would like to encourage cooperation between the County and City for the use of Peoples Park and other parks within the City for summer long concerts in cooperation with organizations and communities in the City.

Are you a resident of the City of Annapolis?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you an employee of the City of Annapolis?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state your job title, department & duties.

Do you do business with the City of Annapolis?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please detail.

Are you currently serving on any city boards or commissions?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list board(s).

**Work experience (titles and duties)**

Owner and manager of Free State Press on Main Street and West Street 1973-2013 and later manager of Free State Printing on Russell Street until 2019.

**Educational background (certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc.)**

B.A. from University of Maryland, College Park, Government and Politics  
Certificate in African-American Studies, UMCP

Maryland Association of Non-Profit Associations Training Seminar in Non-Profit Management

**Other experience (volunteer experience, memberships etc.)**

Past President of the Severn River Association. Founding member of the Scenic Rivers Land Trust. President of the Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association. Vice President of the Weems Creek Conservancy. And founder and first president Spa Creek Conservancy.

I have served on the City Comprehensive Plan Committees (2), City Redistricting Commission (3), And incoming Mayor Al Hopkins transition team, Inner West Street Revitalization Action Committee (Plan), Transit Advisory Board, Recreation Advisory Board.

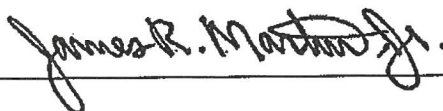
I was elected to the Anne Arundel Democratic Central Committee.

Along with Larry Griffin and Erik Evans, I was a member of Friends of Annapolis Parks which sponsored free gospel and soul/rock/R&B concerts for several summers in Whitmore Park (Peoples Park).

**References**

Name Mayor Ellen Moyer Phone 443-370-1785  
Address 1015 Forest Hills Avenue, Annapolis MD 21403  
Name Erik Evans Phone 410-858-5884  
Address 38 City Gate Lane, Annapolis MD 21401  
Name Janice Hayes-Williams Phone 443-854-1315  
Address Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks

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Signature  Date 12/13/2021

E-mail electronically completed form to [boards@annapolis.gov](mailto:boards@annapolis.gov). Paper copies may be faxed to 410-216-8284 or mailed to the Mayor's Office address above, attention Boards and Commissions Coordinator.

