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ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL

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To: Alderpersons, City of Annapolis

From: Mayor Mike Pantelides

Re: Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis appointment

I respectfully submit for your approval the appointment of Ms. Sandra D. Chapman to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Ms. Chapman is a resident of HACA Senior Housing and this appointment fills a vacancy on the Board. Her resume is attached.

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*Michael Pantelides*

Thank You.

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Reviewed by: <u>Housing and Human Welfare Committee</u>	
<u>    </u> Favorable	<u>    </u> Unfavorable
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Committee Chair	Date

Sandra D. Chapman  
Bio

Sandra is a fifth generation Annapolitan, educated in Anne Arundel County Public Schools and graduating from Annapolis Senior High School. Reared in the predominately African American Community of Parole, Sandra attended Asbury United Methodist Church as a youth before joining Mount Moriah African American Episcopal Church on Bay Ridge Avenue. Married at the age of 18, Sandra and her husband raised three kids while he served honorably with the United States Marine Corp.

In the early 80's, upon returning home with her family, Sandra's introduction to community activism came upon the heels of single parenthood. Affordable housing was offered through the doors of Bloomsbury Square, and later Robinwood, as Sandra exhibited a passion for human and civil rights. Her leadership style opened many doors, as she sought to bring change to the living conditions in all the communities under the Housing Authority banner. Sandra served as a champion for the under-served populous, holding several leadership positions with non-profit organizations such as "People Helping People," which developed community based programs to meet the needs of the Robinwood Community. Recognized for her talent and accomplishments, Mayor Dennis Callahan appointed Sandra to the Housing Authority Commission where she was elected Vice-Chair. Upon serving one term, Sandra accepted a job with the Anne Arundel County Housing Commission as the resident initiative coordinator, responsible for developing activities for residents, while empowering and educating resident councils in tenant rights and social responsibility.

Sandra has always been an advocate for the disenfranchised. She moved to Virginia in the late 90's to pursue a career as the manager of a domestic violence shelter. Tirelessly advocating for the battered and abused, she personally raised the necessary funds to build and sustain a new domestic violence shelter. Sandra worked in this field for fifteen years before returning once again to the town she loves and calls home. As a resident of Morris Blum Senior Apartments, Sandra serves as the Vice President of the Resident Council and as the President of the Resident Advisory Board, which provides leadership and direction for the Resident Councils of all the communities managed by the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis.