



## MEMORANDUM

To: Annapolis City Council

From: Mayor Gavin Buckley  
City Manager Teresa Sutherland *T. Sutherland*

Date: June 30, 2018

Subject: Confirmation of Exempt Level Appointment – Finance Director

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Pursuant to Article VI, § 2.A. of the City Charter, we are seeking your confirmation of Joanna D. Dickinson, CPA, to Finance Director. The compensation of director positions is fixed by the City Manager with the approval of the Mayor in accordance with an executive pay plan adopted by ordinance. Ms. Dickinson's compensation will be step 10 of Grade A20 on the executive pay plan the City Council has adopted in the Code of the City of Annapolis, § 3.08.030. As of this writing, that amount is \$151,364.

Article VI, § 3(a) of the City Charter requires the Finance Director to be appointed on the basis of his or her knowledge and experience in government accounting and budgeting and in public financial administration, of which three years shall have been in an executive or supervisory capacity.

Ms. Dickinson is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Fraud Examiner. She has a Master of Science in General Administration degree from the University of Maryland University College and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas – Pan American.

Ms. Dickinson has more than 30 years of experience in government accounting, budgeting, and public financial administration. She currently is the Anne Arundel County Auditor, where she serves as the County Council's lead fiscal and public policy advisor. She was the Assistant County Auditor from 1995 – 2001 and again from 2012 to 2016, when she was promoted to County Auditor. Her experience also includes serving as the Assistant Controller for Anne Arundel County, as the Supervisor of Finance for Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and as the Deputy Director for Budget and Finance at Calvert County. Additionally, Ms. Dickinson has worked for two public accounting firms, Clifton Gunderson LLP (now CliftonLarsonAllen) and KPMG, in their government accounting and auditing divisions. In all of these positions, Ms. Dickinson served in an executive or supervisory capacity.

We have attached Ms. Dickinson's resume for your review and consideration and trust you will find her credentials, education, training, and experience exceed the minimum qualifications for the Finance Director position. We will be seeking your favorable confirmation at the City Council meeting on Monday, July 9, 2018.