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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

It is my purpose to become a member of the Commission on Aging because I believe that the specific needs of the aging population must be met with commitment and sincerity. I have the commitment and am eager to learn more about the resources, needs, questions and answers that pertain in order to assist in advising the City Council and facilitating communication.

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

- Born 1937 at 87 Charles Street and raised on Calvert Street in the “Old Fourth Ward” until age 17.
- Attended Stanton School and graduated from Bates High School in 1955.
- Graduated from Morgan State College in 1960.
- Widow of the late Lt. Col. (Ret) Benjamin Harris, Jr., Annapolis business owner from 1980-2012.
- Mother of Benjamin Harris, III, Jackie Harris-Harrell, and John Harris, Sr.
- Grandmother of Marylyn Harrell, Angela Harris, and Anna Harris.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- Adjunct Professor of English, Anne Arundel Community College, 1987-1989.
- English Teacher, AA County Public Schools, 1969-1987.
- Substitute Teacher, Fort Campbell, KY, 1966-1969.
- Substitute Teacher, Baltimore, MD, 1965-1966.
- English Teacher, Education Center, Frankfurt, Germany, 1964-1966.
- French Teacher, Pemberton Township, NJ, 1960-1962.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- Asbury United Methodist Church, 87 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401.
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Pi Omega Chapter of Annapolis, MD.
- NAACP Life Member.
- Brewer Hill Cemetery Association.
- Annapolis Senior Activity Center.

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