



Charles County Government

Gilbert O. Bowling, III ♦ District 1



Commissioner Gilbert “BJ” Bowling III (District 1) is a lifelong resident of Charles County. He currently resides in Dentsville, Maryland, with his wife of 20 years, Jennifer, and their two daughters, Jillian and Caroline.

Commissioner Bowling has always served his community and enjoyed a career in public safety for over 21 years. As such, he is a 22-year member of his union, serving in various capacities on the Board of Directors.

Active in many community organizations, Commissioner Bowling volunteered with the United Way of Charles County, where he served on the Board of Directors as Chairman. Commissioner Bowling was elected to the Charles County Democratic Central Committee in 2014 and served as the Chairman for three years from 2014-2017. He has served as Charles County Commissioner since 2018. He sits on many committees: the Board of Fire and Rescue, Charles County Chamber of Commerce: Board of Directors, Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission, Fire/EMS Scholarship Committee, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG): Food and Agriculture Regional Member (FARM) Committee, Patuxent River Commission, Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland (TCCSMD): Veterans Regional Advisory Committee (Vice Chair 2018 -2022 and Chair 2020-2021), Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board MACo Representative, and alternates on the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo): Legislative Committee, and COG Board of Directors.

Serving as a current member of the Charles County Farm Bureau, Commissioner Bowling was also honored to serve as the Vice-President. He owns and operates a 5th-generation family farm with his grandfather and father. This proud family farm raises grass-fed beef and vegetables they sell to the local community. Commissioner Bowling firmly believes that it is essential that the citizens become involved in the activities of our government and community to ensure a bright and prosperous future for all of our children.