

New eComment for Charter Board

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Frank Gilliard submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: Charter Board

Item: 5.a) February 29, 2024 Written Comments

eComment: Good evening my name is Frank Gilliard IV long time resident of Waldorf. I recently attended the meeting at the West Library where I was brought up to speed on the limitations of our current government structure vs. the advantages of the proposed charter. During that meeting the County Executive position was discussed, specifically the qualifications and residency requirements. One gentleman expressed concern that we might be too restrictive with some of the requirements to be eligible for this position. Since then I was pondering what exactly that gentleman's concern was. I think the main concern was whether or not our talent pool was deep enough within the county to produce someone not only qualified but also willing and available to serve in the Executive position? If not then what? So my thoughts are as follows: - I agree with the minimum age of 25 - I think the qualifications should be further broken down into minimum, highly desired and expectations after accepting position. - Under the minimum qualifications I recommend dropping the initial residency requirement with the expectation that residency should be established within say 9 months (just a suggestion) which is approximately the length of a school year if kids are involved. This will allow us to cast a wider net to at least get a look at what talent outside of the county might offer. Under the highly desired we can get specific with the residency requirements. This will communicate that although we prefer an established resident we will consider applicants outside of the county if they meet the minimum requirements. This helps to ensure that we potentially get the best candidates available to fill the position. - Ultimately this process will look how we want it to look and breaking out the qualifications section alleviates a potential self induced handcuff from the inception of the charter. Just a few thoughts thanks for reading. I will be perusing the other sections and providing feedback as necessary.

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