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# NonPartisan Coalition • Strengthening Communities • Advocating for Government that Serves the Community

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# **NonPartisan Coalition: Sharing Best Practices**

NonPartisan Coalition is improving communities by sharing "Best Practices". Beyond listing resources, our goal is to show community leaders what is being done in other neighborhoods.

There are strong leaders in every community. These leaders are seeing a need and they are looking for solutions. We hope that by sharing some of the resources submitted by our advisers, community leaders and faith leaders will find new ways to strengthen their own communities.

#### From At-risk Populations Advocate Joe Jones:

Do you remember the saying 'We are only as strong as our weakest link'? This saying also applies to communities. Often hidden from view, every community has at-risk people: homeless, economically fragile, people with mental and/or physical challenges, refugees, and parolees struggling to re-enter the community. Find out what is being done across the DMV to help these community members.

https://nonpartisancoalition.files.wordpress.com/ 2019/06/from-our-advisers-pdf.pdf July 1, 2019 Vol. 10

#### Steering Committee Report

• The steering committee has established the following goals:

Compile information that aids communities in using County services.

Increase constituent awareness and engagement in County government and services.

Hold elected officials responsible for serving constituents by making public the methods used to track and resolve constituent issues.

#### Web Site

- Thanks to Carol Relitz and Durward Womack, our web site has continued to improve and add useful content. Check it out at: www.NonPartisanCoalition.net
- Submit articles for our web site or newsletter to:

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#### **Our Leadership Team**

Carol Jenkins- founder

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Anita Brown- recording secretary

Joseph Jones-vice president

Carol Relitz- web administrator

# Holding Elected Officials Accountable Through Engagement

#### **Citizen Advisory Groups**

In Prince George's and Montgomery County, citizen involvement is encouraged through Boards and Commissions. To find the list of Boards and Commissions, click these links:

Prince George's County: <a href="https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/456/Boards-Commissions">https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/456/Boards-Commissions</a>

NPC adviser, Barbara Sollner-Webb is a member of the Solid Waste Advisory Board. Find out more about the important work this Board is doing: https://nonpartisancoalition.files.wordpress.com/2019/06/from-ouradvisers-pdf.pdf

Montgomery County: <a href="https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/">https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/</a> boards/list.html

One of particular interest to several of our NPC advisers is the Office of Common Ownership Communities. Learn more about this office here: <a href="https://montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA/">https://montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA/</a> <a href="https://montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA/">housing/commonownership/index.html</a>

## Do you know some great community resources?

We would love to hear from you. What are some resources that:

- •Encourage Civic Engagement
- •Strengthen Communities
- •Provide Government Oversight
- •Provide Services for Community members
- •Protect the Environment?

Please share these resources with us! Email to:

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