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## MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR WOMEN ELECTS NEW LEADERSHIP

At its June 21st meeting, the Maryland Commission for Women elected Commissioner Yun Jung Yang as its new Chair, effective July 1, 2018. Commissioner Tawanda A. Bailey and Commissioner Carole Jaar Sepe were elected Vice Chair and Secretary, respectively. The three officers were each elected to serve two-year terms (2018 – 2020).



**Yun Jung Yang** was appointed to the Maryland Commission for Women in October 2015. She is the Managing Partner of Law Offices of Yun Jung Yang, LLC, a Silver Spring-based boutique firm specializing in immigration law. Ms. Yang has more than two decades of experience in providing immigration-related legal counsel to domestic and foreign companies and to foreign individuals and investors. She received her J.D. from Howard University School of Law and is admitted to practice law in Maryland and the District of Columbia. She is fluent in English and Korean.

In addition to her work on the state Commission for Women, Ms. Yang is active in the community and currently is the Chair of the American Red Cross National Diversity Advisory Council and Executive Vice President for the Korean American Women's Society of Maryland. She served as a Commissioner for the Maryland Governors Commission of Asian Pacific American Affairs (2011-2015), President of the Korean American Women's Chamber of Commerce (2011-2012), and Commissioner on the Montgomery County Commission for Women (2002-2008) where she focused on raising awareness of the special needs of immigrant women for policy makers and service providers in the state of Maryland and Montgomery County. In 2006, she was awarded the Women of Achievement Award by the Montgomery County Business & Professional Women. From 2002 through 2003, Ms. Yang served as a Legal Advisor to the Washington, D.C. office of KOTRA (Korea Trade Center).

For the past three years, she has co-chaired and chaired the Maryland Commission for Women's Voices of Maryland Women Listening Tour project, and served on the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame Committee, the Women of Tomorrow Committee and the Education and Outreach Committee.

**Tawanda A. Bailey** is a long-time resident of Frederick County, Maryland and was appointed to the Commission in April 2016. She is a Compliance Officer with Frederick County's Fire and Rescue Services Division with 30 years of experience in Frederick County Government. She has been involved with many health and social services programs providing services for adults and children, which include: Section 8 Housing, Rental Allowance Assistance, Office for Children and Families, Healthy Families Frederick, Heartly House and pre-hospital healthcare. In addition, she has mentored those in teen youth programs and victims of abuse.



Ms. Bailey is a small business owner of Bailey Massage and Wellness – specializing in chronic pain management and stress management. She is active on numerous committees and boards in her community. She lives in Frederick with her husband of 18 years and has three adult children, and five grandchildren. She is a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician with the United Steam Fire Engine Company. In her spare time, Tawanda enjoys spending time with her family and friends. For the past two years, she has co-chaired the Commission for Women's Education and Outreach Committee, has served on the Voices of Maryland Women Listening Tour Committee and the Public Relations and Communications Committee, and has represented the Commission on the steering committee planning the annual Women Moving Forward Conference at the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women.



**Carole Jaar Sepe** is a resident of Frederick County, Maryland and was appointed to the Commission in July 2015. She is a small business owner and construction consultant with 30 years of experience in the construction industry where women are a minority.

She holds a Master's in Architecture from Catholic University and was appointed to the Frederick County Planning Commission in 2015. She has also previously served as Vice Chair of the Frederick County Board of Zoning Appeals and was a member of the Frederick County Professional Women's Network, a Board member of the Frederick County Student Homeless Initiative Partnership and Chair of the Building committee at Saint Joseph on Carrollton Manor Catholic Church. She is also a member of the Maryland League of Women Voters. For the past two years, she has co-chaired the Maryland Women of Tomorrow Committee, and served on the Voices of Maryland Women Listening Tour Committee and the Governance Committee.