



Friends & Foundation of Howard County Library Announces New Board Chair and Board Members

(November 22, 2019) – The Friends & Foundation of Howard County Library System announces the appointment of Mickey Gomez as its new Board Chair, and welcomes new Board Members Shara Alpert, John Dove, Dr. Diane Martin, and Wendy Slaughter.

Mickey Gomez is a writer and community activist, whose interests include reading, photography, art, technology, nonprofits, and spending time with her rescue dogs. **Shara Alpert** is an Attorney at Law; **John Dove** is a Financial Advisor at Edward Jones; **Dr. Diane Martin** has an Ed. D. Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, Howard University; and **Wendy Slaughter** is President of The Wendy Slaughter Team of Elevate Real Estate Brokerage.

The Friends & Foundation of HCLS is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit that raises funds and recruits friends to support the Howard County Library System in its mission to deliver high quality education for all ages. The Friends & Foundation is overseen by its Board of Directors, supported by businesses and organizations, and funded by more than 2,000 individual donors.

“I am excited to assume the role of Chair of an organization with the goal of raising funds and engaging donors into our world class Howard County Library System” said Gomez. “It is an honor to help guide our important work the next few years as we aim to grow our board to more comprehensively support the growth of the HCLS.”

Gomez assumes the role from outgoing Board Chair Phillip Dodge, who will join the Board of Trustees of the Howard County Library System.

“We are thrilled to welcome Mickey as the Chair of Friends & Foundation of HCLS Board of Directors and look forward to continuing to partner under her leadership and that of the growing Friends & Foundation Board of Directors” said Tonya Aikens, President & CEO of the Howard County Library System. “Her warm and thoughtful leadership will be a wonderful compliment to that of outgoing Chair Phillip Dodge, who I thank for his years of support for the Friends & Foundation.”

About the Friends & Foundation of Howard County Library System

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