

## **News Release**

# Comptroller Lierman Releases Advisory Councils and Workgroups 2024 Report

Eleven advisory councils and workgroups offer ideas to improve the agency, strengthen partnerships throughout Maryland

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (May 5, 2025) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman today released the Comptroller of Maryland Advisory Councils and Workgroups 2024 report, which summarizes the progress and recommendations made by the advisory groups during their first year.

"Their efforts have been instrumental in advancing our initiatives." Comptroller Lierman said in her letter preceding the report. "Through these meetings, we've also had the opportunity to share updates on our most important projects and discuss our challenges. Their insights and innovative solutions have been invaluable in helping us better serve and connect with Maryland's diverse communities."

In her first year in office, Comptroller Lierman and her team established Advisory Councils and Workgroups through a public nomination process to provide the agency with input and recommendations in key areas affecting Marylanders. The groups meet quarterly and include prominent Maryland advocates, public servants, business owners, union, and faith leaders, to discuss critical issues affecting Marylanders and identifying opportunities to make the state more equitable, resilient and prosperous.

Comptroller Lierman praised their dedication, leadership, and expertise in shaping the agency's approach to the future, which includes strengthening its partnerships with various Maryland communities.

The advisory councils and workgroups have been organized into the following focus areas:

- Business advisory
- Climate resilience
- Faith-based initiatives
- Information technology

- Financial literacy
- Labor and workers' issues
- Support for new Americans and immigrant communities
- Local government collaboration
- Women's economic empowerment
- Tax practitioners
- Staff initiatives

Each section of the report summarizes the major goals and accomplishments of the workgroups and identifies future topics of interest for consideration. More information can be found on the Maryland Comptroller's <u>Advisory Council and Workgroups website</u>.

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