

## **News Release**

## Comptroller of Maryland Invites Marylanders to Join Advisory Councils

Applications close for Comptroller of Maryland Advisory Councils September 5

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (September 3, 2025) — The Office of the Comptroller is accepting applications through Friday, September 5, 2025, from Marylanders interested in serving on one of the agency's eight public Advisory Councils for the 2026 through 2028 calendar years.

The addition of advisory councils was a key <u>recommendation by Comptroller Lierman's transition team</u> as she began her first term, providing opportunities for members of the public to share their expertise and perspectives to help inform the agency's strategic direction and strengthen its connections to the community.

Marylanders can <u>submit applications</u> for one of the agency's eight advisory councils through Friday. New advisory group members will be announced in late October. Each advisory council meets quarterly, and members serve two-year terms. Current advisory council members are encouraged to apply for a second term.

The advisory councils are:

- Business Advisory Council includes industry representatives and prominent members of Maryland's business community, including small-, minority-, and women business owners, who help to advise the agency on priority and emerging issues and challenges facing the business community, as well as provide perspective on the state of Maryland's economy.
- Climate Advisory Council helps the Comptroller to position Maryland as a
  national leader on climate sustainability. The Council supports and reviews the
  Comptroller's development of a climate sustainability plan that includes tools and
  strategies for measuring the climate impact of state contracts and spending,
  investments, and economic and fiscal policies.

- Faith Leaders Advisory Council helps the Comptroller's Office develop partnerships with Maryland's faith community to ensure that organizations of all denominations have access to agency resources.
- Financial Literacy Advisory Council helps to support the development of a robust financial literacy agenda that positions the Comptroller of Maryland as a go-to, state-wide resource.
- Local Government Advisory Council shares information about relevant updates in county/municipal jurisdictions while also elevating areas of concern and partnership opportunities.
- New Americans Advisory Council works closely with the Comptroller of Maryland to improve the quality of services delivered by the agency and address gaps in services provided to new Americans in the state. They also advise the agency on emerging topics/issues within the new American community and identify partnership opportunities throughout the state.
- Tax Practitioners Advisory Council advises the Comptroller of Maryland on tax industry challenges and provides feedback on proposals and new initiatives to improve the quality of services provided to Maryland taxpayers and ensure industry accountability.
- Women's Economic Empowerment Council advises the Comptroller of Maryland on financial challenges facing women in Maryland and potential opportunities to strengthen and promote women's financial resilience – through financial education, addressing financial abuse (in domestic violence for instance), in starting and growing businesses, and improving access to state resources, contracts, and grants.

The agency published the <u>2024 Comptroller of Maryland Advisory Councils and Workgroups report</u> in May, summarizing the council's progress and recommendations. More information about the Comptroller of Maryland's Advisory Councils can be found at <a href="https://www.marylandcomptroller.gov/Advisory.html">https://www.marylandcomptroller.gov/Advisory.html</a>.

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