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## Fair Elections Fund Commission Nomination

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Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee  
City of Baltimore  
Baltimore, MD

Dear Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee,

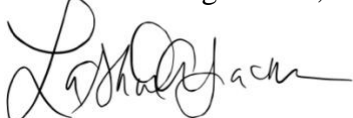
It is an honor to be nominated and it will be a privilege to be confirmed to the Fair Elections Fund Commission. I immensely appreciate the Committee for its work in consideration of my nomination. The city of Baltimore is leading the way—having a track record of progressive and inclusive policies that will propel our city forward. The establishment of the Commission was done thoughtfully, strategically, and most important, locally.

The foundation of my work in democracy and civic participation is grounded in my Maryland upbringing and rooted in small-town southern values. A small town where my grandmother still labored in fields well past when most people thought cotton picking ended with slavery. And where my grandfather had to leave his family of 11 behind to travel the country as a day laborer, earning a nickel day working on railroads throughout the south to support my mom and her 9 siblings. Despite some tough economic times, my family believed to whom much is given, much is required. My family and my neighbors were my guidance and inspiration as I grew up and came to understand how the world works and, more importantly, how communities thrive.

Now, after over 20 years of connecting financial resources to the needs of communities across the country, today I lead a remarkable organization—Funders' Committee for Civic Participation. Funders' Committee works to build an open and equitable representative democracy with a strong, inclusive civic infrastructure that enables all communities to participate and shifts power to the people. My work is centered in racial and broader principles of equity. And part of that civic infrastructure is public campaign financing as it levels and expands the field—which lends itself to a more diverse governing body. Not just race and ethnicity diversity, but also gender and socio-economic status. Equally as important, public campaign financing allows for candidates to prioritize constituents over donors. Which is a major factor in why I am asking for your consideration of my nomination. I envision civic infrastructure that inspires engagement and an equitable democratic process that offers meaningful opportunities for the people of Baltimore city to run for elected office.

I hope for a positive response and to serve my city. Thank you to the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee for your consideration.

With immense gratitude,



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