

**Makeda Drake**

Nominee for Appointment as Member – Public Art Commission



Brandon M. Scott  
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## MAYOR'S REQUEST TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONFIRMATION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICER

Pursuant to Article IV, §§6(a) and (b) of the Baltimore City Charter 1996 Edition, Mayor Brandon M. Scott hereby requests the City Council of Baltimore City to confirm the appointment of **Makeda Drake** serve as a municipal officer on the **Public Art Commission**. In support of this request, information concerning the mayoral appointee is provided below and in the attached resume.

*The information set forth in both the document and the attached resume have been distributed to authorized persons for use in the City Council confirmation process.*

Name: **Makeda Drake**

Email: **makedadrake\_pe@hotmail.com**

Appointed to: **Public Art Commission**

Succeeds: **N/A**

Term Expiration Date: **December 5, 2028**

Previous Terms Served (if none, write N/A): **N/A**

Party Affiliation: **Democrat**

Specific Position Requirements: **1 must be an engineer**

Council District: **3**

Current Occupation: **Project Manager**

Current Employer: **RK&K**

Employer's Address: **700 E Pratt St Suite 500, Baltimore, MD 21202**

Other Relevant Employment: **See attached resume.**

Undergraduate Institution: **Morgan State University**

Graduate Institution: **University of Maryland College Park**

Civic and Professional Affiliations: **American Society of Highway Engineers; American Council of Engineering Companies; Conference of Minority Transportation Officials; Maryland Association of Engineers; Women's Challenge, Inc**

Signature: 

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## MAKEDA DRAKE P.E.

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### PROFILE

I am an experienced engineer with more than 25 years in the industry, including 14 years practicing as a licensed professional. Driven by a commitment to excellence, I have developed a diverse skill set in planning and designing civil infrastructure projects. Additionally, I have developed SOPs to enhance efficiency within the organizations I have served. I have lived in Baltimore City for over 40 years. I value community engagement and actively participate in several organizations, from serving as chairman to participating as a dedicated member..

### LICENSE

- MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER
- VIRGINIA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

### REFERENCES

#### Danielle Brock

Project Manager RK&K 410-462-9137

#### Elford Jackson

Director - RK&K 410-462-9335

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### PROJECT MANAGER

#### **RK&K – BALTIMORE, MD 2022 – PRESENT**

Interpreting and applying legislative regulations, policies, and procedures related to jurisdictional standards for the development of roadway design projects. Working with innovative funding in the delivery of highway and bridge projects. Maintaining project quality assurance with implementation of review procedures. Training and supervising engineering staff. Managing the planning and development of civil engineering projects for safety improvements, multi modal improvement projects, and geometric improvement projects. Managing the coordination and communication for projects while providing technical support. Administering construction estimates, plans and specifications for projects. .

#### **HNTB - BALTIMORE, MD 2021 - 2022**

Lead team leaders in implementing and managing projects to meet engineering principles, practices and procedures. Led the development of construction plans, contract specifications and design budgets for geometric improvements, utility relocations, drainage improvements, erosion and sediment control layouts, stormwater management runoff, maintenance of traffic, signing, pavement striping and signal designs. Led the assembly of submission packages from planning to final. Manage contract budgets, DEB compliance percentage and, reviewed procurement submissions. Assisted in developing project Request for Proposal documents. Facilitated contract selection review processes and negotiations.

#### **WBCM – Baltimore, MD 2014 – 2021**

Oversaw the design and planning for civil engineering projects that included roadway geometric improvements, roundabout design, traffic calming roadway safety improvements, park site design and bridge approach projects. Coordinated with project stakeholders on technical project activities and permits. Performing technical reviews for project plans that included multi discipline designs. Performed infield inspection of infrastructure compliance with design requirements. Developed and delivered design project presentations for stakeholders, official and the public.

## EDUCATION

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEER

Morgan State University – Baltimore, MD 1999

### MASTERS OF ENGINEERING

University of Maryland College Park – College Park, MD 2007

## ORGANIZATIONS

#### American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)

- Young Professionals Committee - Chair
- Local Government Committee
- DEIB Committee

#### American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE)

- Events and Hospitality Committee

#### Maryland Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO)

#### Maryland Association of Engineers (MAE)

#### The Women's Challenge, Inc

- Events Committee