



Notice of District 16 State Senate Vacancy

For Immediate Release

January 18, 2023

Senator Susan Lee has notified the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee (MCDCC) that she has resigned as the Maryland State Senator serving District 16 effective January 17, 2023. Governor Wes Moore has appointed Senator Susan Lee to serve as the next Secretary of State for Maryland.

By authority of Article III, Section 13, of the Constitution of Maryland, the Governor shall appoint a person to fill this vacancy whose name is submitted to the Governor by the MCDCC within thirty days after the occurrence of the vacancy. **The person appointed by the Governor will serve for the unexpired term ending in November 2026.**

The MCDCC is accepting applications from individuals who meet the eligibility requirements stipulated below. All interested applicants must submit their application no later than **5 pm, Thursday, February 2, 2023.**

The District 16 Democratic Club will host a public forum for residents of District 16 to meet the applicants at **7:30 pm, Wednesday, February 8, 2023**, via Zoom Meeting.

Registered District 16 Democratic voters interested in submitting letters of support for their preferred applicant must do so no later than **5 pm, Thursday, February 9, 2023.**

The MCDCC will hold a Special Meeting at **7:30 pm, Tuesday, February 14, 2023**, to interview the applicants and vote to recommend a candidate to the Governor to fill the vacancy. The meeting, which will be open to the public, will be held in-person at MCDCC Headquarters, 12320 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, MD 20852, and will be live-streamed via Zoom Webinar. All attendees and applicants, whether they wish to attend in-person or via Zoom Webinar, must register in advance.

Application information and meeting registration details below.

HOW TO APPLY

Individuals interested in applying for the appointment should submit a cover letter, a resume, and any other supporting materials that they would like the MCDCC to consider by email to office@mcdcc.org with the subject line **D16 Senate Vacancy** no later than **5 pm, Thursday, February 2, 2023**.

Applicants also must provide the full address of their current domicile.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must be a registered Democratic voter in the State of Maryland, a resident of Legislative District 16, and have attained the age of 25 years. Determination of eligibility for the appointment by the MCDCC shall be final and not subject to appeal.

Candidates who meet the above qualifications will be invited to make a brief oral statement at the February 14, 2023, MCDCC meeting and answer questions of MCDCC members. The MCDCC will vote to recommend an applicant to the Governor immediately upon concluding the interviews.

PUBLIC FORUM

The District 16 Democratic Club will host a public forum for residents of District 16 to meet the applicants. The public forum will be held at **7:30 pm, Wednesday, February 8, 2023**, via Zoom Webinar. Attendees and applicants must register in advance at bit.ly/d16-02-08.

PUBLIC INPUT: DISTRICT 16 DEMOCRATIC VOTERS

Registered District 16 Democratic voters are strongly encouraged to submit letters of support for the applicant of their choice to d16vacancy@mcdcc.org no later than **5 pm, Thursday, February 9, 2023**.

Please put the name of your preferred candidate in the subject line. Your letter must also include your full name and address.

Letters may also be submitted by mail or other carrier or delivered in person and received no later than **5 pm, Thursday, February 9, 2023**, addressed to:

**Secretary
Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee
12320 Parklawn Drive
Rockville, MD 20852**

DEMOCRATIC CLUBS, CAUCUSES, AND ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

The District 16 Democratic Club, as well as other Democratic clubs, caucuses, and allied organizations and elected officials throughout the County are strongly encouraged to publicize this notice widely throughout Montgomery County.

SUMMARY TIMELINE

5 pm, Thursday, February 2, 2023

Deadline to Submit Applications
via email to office@mcdcc.org.

7:30 pm, Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Public Forum for Applicants and District 16 Democratic Voters
via Zoom Webinar
Register at bit.ly/d16-02-08.

5 pm, Thursday, February 9, 2023

Deadline to Receive Letters of Support from D16 Democratic Voters
via email to d16vacancy@mcdcc.org.

7:30 pm, Tuesday, February 14, 2023

MCDCC Special Meeting to interview applicants and nominate a candidate who will then be confirmed by the Governor. In-person and via Zoom Webinar.
Register to attend in person or via Zoom Webinar at bit.ly/mcdcc-02-14.

QUESTIONS

Please email any questions addressed to Secretary, Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee, to office@mcdcc.org or call (301) 946-1000.

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PRESS INQUIRIES:

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