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Relevant Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Former Peace Corps Volunteer (Gueckedou, Guinea; 1988-1990) ❖ 30 Years' Experience in Financial and Budget Management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget Director with the US State Department, where I managed nearly \$1Bn in funds and supervised more than 100 staff throughout my career. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9 as a Foreign Service Officer @ various US Embassies ▪ 9 as a member of the Civil Service in the Bureau of Medical Services ○ Senior Budget Analyst and Deputy Country Director with a privately-held online accounting firm (Virtual Growth), and Deputy Country Director (Africare Mali) ❖ Entrepreneur – Founder, and CEO of TutorCoachPool (DBA for H. Elliot Associates, LLC); an EdTech start-up housed at bwTech@UMBC (a Maryland incubator). We conduct training and consulting services in accounting and financial reporting to small businesses and non-profits.
Background	<p><i>Profile</i></p> <p>I am a 53 years-of-age, African American, and democrat. Born and raised in South Central Los Angeles, CA, I possess no prior experience holding political office. I am the father of a 16-year old (Elliot) junior at the Avalon School; and a 13-year-old daughter (Sarah), a seventh grader at St. Mary's school. My wife (Madeline) and I have been married for twenty years. In my spare time I shuttle kids to ballet practices; and soccer games; and teach accounting at a local college.</p> <p>My family and I moved to Rockville, Md in September of 2009, after transitioning from my last Foreign Service tour at the U.S. Embassy in Panama City, Panama. We chose Rockville because of its outstanding schools; its livable communities; and its diversity.</p> <p><i>Education</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BA - Dartmouth, 1988 (Major: Economics; Minor: Government) ▪ MA - Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Affairs (SAIS), 1992 (International Economics)

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<p>Priorities & Vision</p>	<p><i>Priorities</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Job Creation 2. Smart Community Policing 3. Supportive Educational Complex 4. A Balanced Communication Strategy 5. Enhance Livability: Beyond Town Centers <p><i>Vision</i></p> <p><i>Niche.com</i> rated Rockville as one of the best places to live in Maryland with researchers giving the city an A+ for the quality of our public schools; an A+ for the quality of life for families; and an A+ for our diversity.</p> <p>Our city is a growing community of diverse, intelligent, and dynamic stakeholders. With a population of a little under 47,000 we also face numerous challenges: e.g. overcrowded classrooms, increased vacancy at commercial office buildings, poorly conceived parking/walkability paths in and around the Rockville town center. I want to be at the Council’s leadership table in helping define and navigate our community’s journey through inevitable environmental, and social-economic changes and pressures.</p> <p>I believe that I possess a mix of experiences and talents that compliments the present council structure. First, I am not a politician. Results-oriented, I am a former public servant, having spent nine (9) years am not a politician by profession. Second, I am a budget, financial manager. I respect process, planning, and deliberation when confronting complex issues. I am a member of the adjunct faculty at Virginia International University, where I teach accounting online and in the classroom. Third, I am passionate about making a positive impact. My priorities represent a platform to drive Rockville’s success in the new millennium.</p> <p><i>Job Creation</i></p> <p>We need to be concerned with doing more to encourage job growth and career maintenance in the city. The jarring site of empty retail spaces at the town center signal the arrival of the future. Not only will individuals continue shopping online, but people will also expand that types of products and services they buy online. This reality directly competes with die-hard brick-and-mortar retailers. As a council-member, I will lead the effort making Rockville the first Maryland city to establish a short and long-term strategy of addressing this.</p>

I envision forming partnerships with local businesses, financial institutions, and the chamber of commerce to find innovative ways to support existing businesses; to support the creation of new ones. By nurturing small businesses, the Council helps ensure the city's fiscal health.

Smart Community Policing

A strong community begins with a strong, and trusted police force. My first encounter with Rockville police was negative, occurring unexpectedly one evening (8pm-9pm) last spring when two officers were looking for something or someone (I never did get the full story) in the bushes in front of my home. Despite me being the homeowner, I felt treated as the suspect.

Citizens should be able to confront and engage with police officers without fear of being maligned or embarrassed. I envision instituting more community policing efforts – initiatives aligned with local groups at every demographic. For example,

- Walk in our shoes -- Develop a system of ride-on for kids, young adults to give them a chance to see some of what it is like to be a cop.
- Establish partnerships between the police and youth groups.

Supportive Educational Complex

Kids should have a variety of options to be learn and contribute to the community after school. For example, consider using empty retail space to conduct job-training programs. Establish a partnership with the local tutoring companies (e.g. Mathnasium) to hold after-school tutoring sessions that use each school's high achievers.

Communication Strategy

I envision the council increasing the quality of its engagement with the community beyond the regularly scheduled meetings. I support creating a social media eco-system that enables ongoing and constant communication with community stakeholders. Citizens will be able to dialogue real-time with council members sharing their opinions. In addition, the system would have a feedback mechanism so that citizens see their concerns are being addressed within a council established timeframe.

Enhance Livability: Beyond Town Centers

Citizens should not have to pay for parking; and it should not be an ordeal to find reasonable parking options. However, the reality of our rapidly growing city translates to more traffic, more congestion

in a limited space. Creative, productive solutions can be found in addressing the current situation in and outside the town center.