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State Prosecutor Selection and Disabilities Commission Receives 18 Total Applications for State Prosecutor Vacancy; 2 Withdraw

Westminster, Maryland – September 13, 2019

State Prosecutor Selection and Disabilities Commission received 18 applications for the State Prosecutor vacancy. Chairperson Brian DeLeonardo received official notice on August 13, 2019 from Governor Larry Hogan to fill the vacancy of State Prosecutor created by the July 31, 2019 retirement of Emmet Davitt.

Current applicants for the vacancy are: Mark Blumberg, Jon Cardin, Carol Coderre, Amanda Costley, Michael Dunty, Kenneth Haber, Charleton Howard, Lyle Jones, Ari Kodek, Kelly Madigan, Marc Mandel, Terence Nash, Joseph Riley, David Ryden, Adam Sampson, Vickie Wash, Allan Webster, and Thomas Yeager. Two individuals submitted timely applications that were received by the Commission after the prior press release that announced applicants. Ari Plaut and Donald Walter withdrew their applications from consideration.

The Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. at the Office of Attorney General, 200 Saint Paul Place, Baltimore, Maryland to begin its review of the applications. Most of this meeting will be held in closed session, as the Commission will be discussing and reviewing individual applicants. The Commission will meet again on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 in the same location, to meet with applicants selected for an in-person interview. Most of this meeting will be held in closed session, as the Commission will be meeting with individual applicants.

The Commission has seventy days from receipt of the Governor's notification to review applications, evaluate applicants, and write a report to the Governor with the applicants that it finds legally and professionally qualified. The Governor then may appoint or reject the nominees within thirty days of receiving the commission's report. In addition to DeLeonardo, the Commission consists of Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh, Galen Clagett, Joan Carter Conway, M. Christina Hamilton, Roger Manno, and Doyle L. Niemann.

The State Prosecutor investigates certain criminal offenses, including state election law violations, state public ethics law violations, state bribery law violations involving public officials or employees, misconduct in office by public officials or employees, and extortion, perjury, or obstruction of justice related to any of the aforementioned offenses. The State Prosecutor is nominated by the State Prosecutor Selection and Disabilities Commission and appointed by the Governor to a term of six years.