



NEWS RELEASE

Mayor Taps Executive Assistant

FREDERICK, MD – July 23, 2018: Today Mayor Michael O'Connor announced his selection of Frederick native Gayon M. Sampson to serve as executive assistant to the mayor.

“Gayon brings with him a deep affection for the City, extensive government experience, knowledge of Frederick’s past, and a keen desire to see the City reach its greatest potential,” O'Connor said. “I’ve recently appreciated Gayon’s work on the Strategic Opportunities Advisory Team that examined the City’s organizational structure.”

Sampson currently serves as community outreach advisor in the Office of Government and Community Affairs at Johns Hopkins University & Medicine. Prior to joining Johns Hopkins, he was employed as a policy associate at the Greater Baltimore Committee, where he specialized in education and workforce policy. Sampson has also served on the transition committee for Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh and previously held an appointment on the Maryland State Board of Education and the Governor’s P-20 Leadership Council. He has experience working in federal, state and local government offices.

A graduate of Tuscarora High School, Sampson earned his bachelor’s degree in political science from Towson University. He is currently pursuing his master’s degree in public administration at the University of Maryland School of Public Policy.

As set out in the Charter for Frederick, [Article III, Section 30](#), the executive assistant to the mayor serves at the pleasure of the mayor and performs such duties as may be required by the mayor, except that the executive assistant has no supervisory duties or responsibilities with respect to any City employee.

Sampson will begin in his new position with Frederick on Aug. 1. His salary will be \$73,916.

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