

**RESOLUTION NO. 2960**


BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Salisbury, Maryland that the following individual is appointed to the Youth Development Advisory Committee for the term ending as indicated.


Name  
Leah Dyson

Term Ending  
July 2022

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on July 8, 2019.

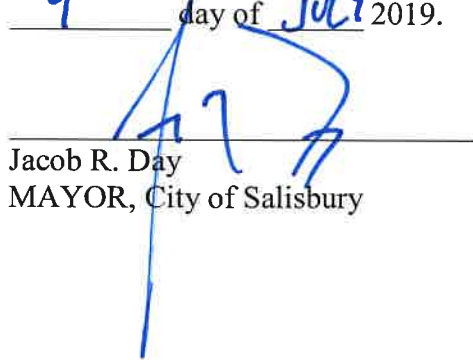
ATTEST:

  
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Kimberly R. Nichols  
CITY CLERK

  
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John R. Heath  
PRESIDENT, City Council

APPROVED BY ME THIS

9<sup>th</sup> day of JULY 2019.

  
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Jacob R. Day  
MAYOR, City of Salisbury



City of  
**Salisbury**  
Jacob R. Day, Mayor

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Julia Glanz, City Administrator  
**From:** Laura Baasland, Administrative Office Associate  
**Subject:** Appointment to the Youth Development Advisory Committee  
**Date:** July 3, 2019

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Mayor Day would like to appoint the following person to the Youth Development Advisory Committee for the term ending as indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Leah Dyson	July 2022

Attached you will find information from Leah Dyson and the resolution necessary for her appointment. Please forward this information to the City Council so it may be placed on their agenda at the next Council meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Attachment

cc: Mayor Day



6 June 2019

Dear Mayor Jake Day:

Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services (SNHS) staff has served on the Youth Development Advisory Committee for several years. Initially represented by our Executive Director, Cheryl Meadows, I am writing this letter to request consideration of myself for membership going forward. While my experience as a housing specialist may not be what first comes to mind when you think of serving youth, I feel that this knowledge affords me a great deal to offer and I do have personal interest in lending my support to the initiatives carried out by the members of this committee.

The mission of SNHS is to cultivate sustainable neighborhoods with partnerships and lending that inspire self-reliance, growth and optimism. This work goes hand-in-hand with the Youth Development Advisory Committee's goal of ensuring that the youth in our communities receive the support they need to thrive in every aspect of life. Sustainable housing is a human right and a basic necessity vital not only to adults but especially to the successful development of our children and adolescents. I would like to make myself available as a resource regarding these matters and would also like to learn about how we can more carefully consider this population in our program operations.

Furthermore, and in addition to housing counseling, Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services provides extensive financial education and coaching throughout the tri-county area. Through these experiences, I have seen that financial education in this area is lacking, and I believe that the youth in our community deserve to be better prepared in their pursuit of fiscal independence. Should these or related issues become a focus of this committee, I feel my participation would be beneficial.

Thank you for your considering my request for membership on the Youth Development Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leah Dyson".

Leah Dyson  
Counseling and Education Manager

## **EDUCATION**

*Wilmington University, Master of Science, Administration of Human Services, anticipated graduation date: December 2021*

*Salisbury University, Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, Gender Studies and Creative Writing, May 2008*

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

*Maryland Notary Public, July 8, 2015 – July 8, 2023*

*Housing Counselor Certification, Department of Housing and Urban Development, December 2017*

*Financial Capability, NeighborWorks America, September 2018*

*Foreclosure Intervention and Default Counseling, NeighborWorks America, August 2017*

*Homeownership Counseling, NeighborWorks America, May 2017*

*Post-Purchase Homeownership Education, NeighborWorks America, May 2015*

*Pre-Purchase Homeownership Education, NeighborWorks America, August 2014*

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services, Salisbury, Maryland**

*Counseling and Education Manager, February 2017 – Present*

*Housing Counselor, May 2014 – December 2015*

- Manage and facilitate homebuyer and financial education programs throughout the community
- Counsel and advocate for homeowners at risk of foreclosure
- Administer long-term financial coaching to individuals and families
- HUD Certification Exam Coach for the Community Development Network (CDN) of Maryland, Panelist for Bixal/HUD Housing Counselors Exam development, member of Blue Hub Capital's CDFI Advisory Board for the state of Maryland

### **Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California**

*Section 8 Advisor, July 2016 – February 2017*

- Conducted certification sessions, processed yearly contract renewals and verified application accuracy
- Verified home inspection approval and comparable rents, processed rent increases to landlords
- Maintained contract and compliance between participants, landlords, and the Authority

### **New Directions for Veterans, Los Angeles, California**

*Housing Specialist, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF), January 2012 – May 2013*

- Implemented housing placement process for Veterans at-risk of or transitioning out of homelessness
- Trained staff and volunteers in housing placement procedures and policies
- Managed caseload of dual-diagnosed/chronically homeless Veterans

### **CLARE Foundation, Santa Monica, California**

*Housing Placement Specialist, May 2011 - December 2011*

- Developed and implemented agency's first housing placement process for participants at-risk of homelessness
- Managed caseload of dual-diagnosed/chronically homeless individuals
- Cofounded Westside Housing Group, an inter-agency network of housing professionals

### **Affordable Housing Centers of America, Baltimore, Maryland**

*Delinquency Counselor, April 2009 - March 2010*

- Counseled homeowners at various stages of loan delinquency and foreclosure
- Routinely negotiated loss mitigation and/or liquidation options with mortgage servicers