


**APPOINTMENT TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY
CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND
Term 2023 - 2025**

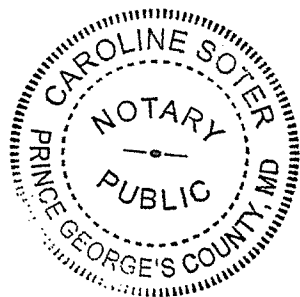
ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

I HEREBY ACCEPT NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, AND AGREE TO SERVE IF ELECTED.


Signature of Candidate

LEON J Schachter
Name of Candidate (please print)

December 18, 2023
Date of Acceptance



 12/18/2023

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COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S

**AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDATE
CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND
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The undersigned candidate hereby swears under the penalties of perjury that the following information is true and correct. The undersigned further authorizes the City of Greenbelt and/or the Board of Elections for the City of Greenbelt to take all steps necessary to validate such information.

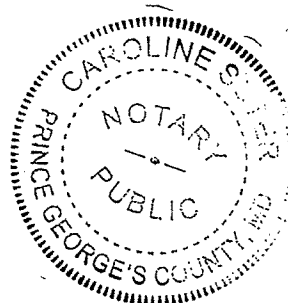
FULL LEGAL NAME LEON JEROME Schachter
DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]
SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]
RESIDENCE ADDRESS 9B Parkway Apt 101
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

Leon Schachter
Candidate's Signature

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 18 day of December, 2023.

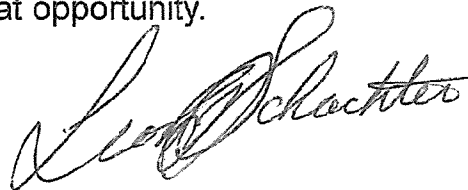
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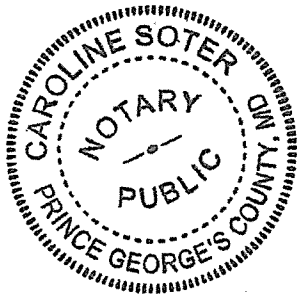



Why I want to serve as a councilperson?

I strongly believe that the key to happiness is fulfillment of a purpose to help others in a shared community; and that serving on the city council will provide me with that opportunity.



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LEON J. SCHACHTER

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Mr. Schachter is the retired Director of the Department of Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA). Mr. Schachter was progressively a trial counsel, Hearing Examiner, and then Chief Hearing Examiner at DOHA before being appointed as its director in 1990. He was responsible for changing the title Hearing Examiner to Administrative Judge to better reflect their quasi-judicial duties, and for the supervision of DOHA Administrative Judges, trial attorneys, security specialists, and support staff.

Mr. Schachter retired from DOHA in 2013 and then served as a consultant to his replacement until 2016. He was then employed as a Senior Counsel at Bigley Ranish LLP until its founder decided to close the firm in February 2023.

Mr. Schachter's prior legal experience before coming to DOHA in 1981 was national intelligence and investigative work for the DoD Office of the General Counsel; private practice with a law firm in the District of Columbia representing large corporations; work for the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Army; and the Tax Division of the Department of Justice.

Mr. Schachter had been an adjunct instructor for University College, University of Maryland (UMUC) and Prince George's Community College for approximately 25 years until going into private practice of law in 2016. He has taught a variety of legal classes, and political science classes focused on Government operations. Classes included introduction to law, contracts, judicial system, property law, legal research, and legal writing. He taught in live classrooms and online.

Councilperson for Ward IV of the City of Cheverly, Maryland. Re-elected every two years until deciding to retire from that office after 14 years of service in the position.

QUALIFICATIONS

I believe Mayor and Council are ethically required to exercise their informed discretion to select the best qualified candidate to fill the open vacancy on Council, not default to the person who has twice run for the position and failed to win a seat. I further believe that the factors to be considered are first and foremost relevant experience and then ties to Greenbelt. If you do this fairly, I believe you will determine that I am the best qualified person for the reasons set out below.

- **Councilperson for City of Cheverly, Maryland. Re-elected every two years until deciding to retire from that office after 14 years of service in the position. While Greenbelt and Cheverly are “different” as stated by the mayor, both have diverse populations, their own police force and department of public works, difficulties with inclusion of all parts of the city in the political process, and issues facing most municipalities.**
- **A wide range of municipal issues he considered and voted on included: approval of the budget for a town of approximately 6,000 residents; police general orders and conduct; functioning of public works such as trash and snow removal; speed control of traffic; tree canopy, development projects, budget, taxes, and annexation.**
- **Resident of Greenbelt where I am registered to vote.**
- **Decades of close connection to Greenbelt where eldest children were raised and went to grammar and high school schools, brother practiced medicine, and former spouse and friends resided and friends continue to reside.**
- **Active member of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club and the Mishkan Torah Congregation in Greenbelt. Also, a member of the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, the Co-Op and is a “regular” patron of at the New Deal Cafe**
- **Taking the time and expending the energy to learn about contemporary issues and problems of concern to the citizens of Greenbelt by attending Council meetings and will be reviewing historical records pertaining to issues considered in the last few years.**
- **If appointed to the Greenbelt Council, I will always consider the views of citizens and weigh the cost- benefit of any proposal in both the short and long terms. I will then vote my informed conscience.**
- **Mr. Schachter pledges not to run for -election when the appointed term ends,**