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Dear Candidate,

On behalf of a joint committee of the Hampden Community Council, Medfield Community Association, and Wyman Park Neighborhood Association, it is my pleasure to extend an initial invitation to join us on March 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for an Candidate's Night Out Forum at the Keswick Multi-care Facility, 700 W 40th Street, Baltimore, MD 21211.

We are staging this event to provide members of our three communities with the opportunity to meet as many candidates as possible prior to the Primary Election. For the first hour we would like to invite every candidate to set up a booth and interact with community members in an informal setting. This event will not be limited to any party and will be open to any and all candidates who are formally registered by the February 3, 2016 deadline. We will confirm this information mid-February.

Following a one hour Open House, at 7:00 p.m. we will offer a Question and Answer program splitting time among the Mayoral, Comptroller, City Council President, and City Councilperson candidates for the 7th and 14th districts. The questions will be pre-submitted to the community groups and directed through a moderator from the community associations. Each candidate will have an opportunity for a 2 minute introduction and be presented questions submitted by community members that will be directed toward the candidates. We will finalize the agenda and timing by the end of February and hope to provide equivalent time to everyone involved.

In the meantime, we have asked everyone to submit that attached Request for Information for a program that will be provided at the event. Please return this survey by **February 19th** so your information can be included in the program.

It is our sincere hope that you will join us for this unique opportunity to introduce yourself to the community in this setting. We would like to gather a diverse group of candidates for this event to allow our communities to truly familiarize themselves with the names they will soon see on the ballot.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Dawkins Wrenn
President, Hampden Community Council



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Co-sponsored by Medfield Community Association and Wyman Park Neighborhood Association

CANDIDATE’S NIGHT OUT March 9, 2016 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Name: Mary Pat Clarke

Residence City: 3911 Cloverhill Road, Baltimore MD 21218

Campaign Website: marypatclarke.com

Present occupation: Fulltime Member, Baltimore City Council, 14th District

Office sought: Re-election to the Baltimore City Council, 14th District

Location: (district) North Central Baltimore: from Hampden (west) to Clifton Park (east); and, generally from 25th Street (south) to Coldspring Lane (north)

Party designation(s): Democrat

Education (degrees, dates, names of school):

A.B. in English Lit, Immaculate College, 1963 (now University, home of the Mighty Macs basketball stars);

M.A. in English Lit, University of Pennsylvania, 1966; PhD Program in Writing, University of Pennsylvania,

1984-87, did not complete to earn degree (but learned a lot!).

Other Qualifications:

High school English and French teacher in Philadelphia before moving to Baltimore in 1967; wife and mother of four children, now also grandmother of 10 grandchildren; President & Acting Director, Greater Homewood Community Corporation, early 1970’s; Girl Scout Community Leader for Hampden, Wyman Park and rest of Area 13, Cub Scout leader, and May Mart Chair for Roland Park School #233, all in early 1970’s; Fulltime City Council representative, former Council District 2, 1975-83; Administrator of Division of Geriatric Medicine and Project Director, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s “Hospital Initiatives in Long-Term Care,” Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 1984-87; Part-time Adjunct Faculty in English/Writing, Johns Hopkins University undergraduate night-school and UMBC, 1984-1987; Fulltime President of the Baltimore City Council, 1987-1995; JHU and UMBC Adjunct Faculty positions again in 1996-2003, also including social studies course on American Cities at MICA, 1996-2003; Fulltime City Council representative for 14th Council District, 2004-present.

In 100 words or less please tell us about yourself such as previous positions held and any other pertinent information that you would like to share with the community:

I am Mary Pat Clarke, teacher, mother of 4, "Bubby" of 10. Joe and I moved our family to Baltimore in 1967 and decided that, unlike our moving-around childhoods, our family would put down roots so our children would always know "where they come from." They proudly do know and love Baltimore!

With our family, I got involved in the public schools, in neighborhoods, and in coalition politics. In 1975, a City Council vacancy occurred, and candidates began seeking my support for election. Which made me ask, "Why not *me* to work for Baltimore?"

Please, Baltimore, keep working me hard!
