

The Academy for Excellence in Local Governance

Marilyn J. Praisner Public Service Award

Deadline for Nominations: November 3, 2021

The Marilyn J. Praisner Public Service Award was established to honor the legacy of former Montgomery County Council Member, Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Past President, and beloved public servant Marilyn J. Praisner. The award recognizes those current or former elected county officials who have demonstrated outstanding service to a county, his or her constituents, and MACo.

The award is issued every year at the Welcoming Banquet & Awards Ceremony at MACo's Winter Conference and will be presented on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Hotel in Cambridge, MD. The University of Maryland School of Public Policy, in collaboration with MACo and with the support of the Local Government Insurance Trust, invite nominations for this prestigious award.

Details for Nomination:

Nominations submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

- Submit nomination letter electronically at www.mdcountries.org/PraisnerAward by 11:59 pm on November 3, 2021. Criteria for nomination letter are included on the next page.
- Nominee must be a living current or former Maryland county elected official.
- Nominating individual must be a current or former Maryland county elected official or county staff person.
- Each nominating individual may submit only one application; individuals from the same county may submit different applications (ie, the nomination does not need to be approved by the county governing body – the nominations are meant to be from individuals, not from the county itself).
- Nomination must include nominee's biographical information or list of accomplishments.
- Nominations submitted previously MAY be re-submitted for consideration.
- Previous award winners are NOT eligible for nomination.

Questions? Contact Elizabeth Hinson at ehinson@umd.edu

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Criteria for Nomination Letter

Any current or former Maryland county elected official or county staff person may nominate a former or current Maryland county elected official to receive this award. The online nomination form will include the following questions:

- 1) What are the nominee's name, title, and county?
- 2) How long has the nominee served the county?
- 3) Please describe how the nominee has met one or more of the following criteria for this award:
 - Demonstrated a keen understanding and commitment to his or her responsibilities as an elected official in the formulation of policy and public service
 - Worked proactively to foster community engagement with all stakeholders
 - Passionately devoted time, effort, and skills to promote the goals of public service
 - Adhered to high ethical standards and worked collaboratively with fellow elected officials and staff
 - Has shown that he or she values diversity by advocating for all citizens in his or her jurisdiction
 - Provided extraordinary leadership and service to the Maryland Association of Counties and furthered the mission and goals of the organization
- 4) Please also provide any additional information that demonstrates the appropriateness of this nominee to receive the Marilyn J. Praisner Public Service Award.

TO SUBMIT NOMINATION:

- **Complete the online form at www.mdcountries.org/PraisnerAward by 11:59 pm on November 3, 2021.**
- Only nominations submitted through the online form will be accepted.