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**TO:** Michael Hanlon  
City Clerk

**FROM:** Ray O'Connell *ROC*  
Mayor

**DATE:** July 9, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

Mayor O'Connell has approved the following appointments for City Council's consideration.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Authority/Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Anna Lightner	Commission on Homeless	
Carolyn J. Hoffman	Commission on Homeless	
Ellen Denizard	Commission on Homeless	
Jennifer Miklus	Commission on Homeless	
Robert Nicoletta	Commission on Homeless	
Larry D. Pickens	Commission on Homeless	
Edwin Ramos	Commission on Homeless	
Hope Sabbagh	Commission on Homeless	
Charlene Smalls	Commission on Homeless	
Benjamin T. Stephens	Commission on Homeless	
Michelle Wagner	Commission on Homeless	

I have attached their resumes to this email for your review.

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Attachments

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**REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT**

**DATE** 2/28/20

**MAYOR'S OFFICE**

**AUTHORITY, BOARD OR COMMISSION YOU ARE REQUESTING APPOINTMENT TO:** Consideration to be on the commission for homelessness

**NAME:** Hope Sabbagh

**HOME ADDRESS:** 63 Pershing Blvd Whitehall, PA 18052

**BUSINESS ADDRESS:**

**TELEPHONE NO. (RESIDENCE)** 484-375-3347 **BUSINESS**

**EMAIL:** hsabbagh@m.marywood.edu

**PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY:** Seeking employment as a social worker after May 2020 graduation

**JOB TITLE:** Intern at William Allen High School and Graduate Student

**EMPLOYMENT (Prior):** Served Valley Against Sex Trafficking from 2018-2019 as an intern and outreach worker.  
Served Aspire to Autonomy, Inc as a community relations board member and as a family resource specialist/family finder for Justice Works Youth Care and Family Services

**EDUCATION:**  
**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE:** ☒ **YES** ☐ **NO**  
**COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY GRADUATE** ☒ **YES** ☐ **NO**  
**DEGREE/FIELD OF STUDY**

B.A. In Criminal Justice from DeSales University and will be graduating May 2020 with a Masters of Social Work degree from Marywood University.

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS AND OFFICES:** Serving my graduate school program at Marywood University as the president of the student body and

continue to be active in going to the homeless coalition meetings in Allentown to better serve our homeless community.

I currently intern for William Allen High School with the ninth grade student center with the home and school visitor, who has worked closely with the homeless liaison for ASD, Rooster.

## PAST ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICES

**HELD:** Serves as the president of the student body in my graduate school program at Marywood University and served

Aspire to Autonomy, Inc as the community relations board member. I have also been a part of the homeless coalition meetings

in Allentown's Zion's Church for almost 2 years. I have served my local church, St. George, as a youth advisor, Sunday school teacher,

humanitarian coordinator, and co-chair for our annual heritage festival.

**DO YOU LIVE IN THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:**           YES           ☒           NO           Border to Allentown

**DO YOU HAVE A SIGNIFICANT “BUSINESS” OR “PROPERTY” INTEREST IN ALLENTOWN? PLEASE EXPLAIN:**

N/A.

**ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER:** ☒ YES ☐ NO

**WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS APPOINTMENT? BE SURE TO INCLUDE WHAT VALUE YOU WILL BRING TO THE BOARD:**

I am interested in this appointment because I have invested a lot of time and efforts in the community for the past 2 years with the homeless.

When interning and employed by VAST, I was able to network with agencies and institutions in the community that worked with the vulnerable which included the homeless. I worked alongside St. Lukes Parish Nurses, LVHN Street Medicine, Ripple Community Center, Zion's Jubilee Breakfasts,

Alliance Hall, Laundry on Linden, and worked closely with United Way, VYH Synergy Project for runaway youth and the YMCA Warming Station.

**DO YOU ANTICIPATE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY SERVING AS A MEMBER OF AN AUTHORITY, BOARD OR COMMISSION:**                      YES                      ☒                      NO                      ☐

**IF YES,  
EXPLAIN:**

**IF YOU ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR REAPPOINTMENT, PLEASE INDICATE HOW MANY TERMS YOU HAVE SERVED \_\_\_\_\_ AND THE YEAR YOU WERE FIRST APPOINTED \_\_\_\_\_.**

**NOTE: This information will be used for making appointments to authorities, boards and commission and in the event you are appointed/reappointed, it may be used as a news release to identify you to the community.**

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Signature

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Date 02/28/20

**Please forward this request for appointment, along with a resume to:**

**Mayor's Office  
City Hall  
435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, PA 18101**

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# HOPE SABBAGH

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Languages: English (Native), Arabic (Conversational)

## CAREER OBJECTIVE

Hard-working Social Work major attending Marywood University, with 4 years of work experience. Aiming to leverage a proven knowledge of case management, community outreach, and social services skills to successfully fulfill an additional internship in hopes to achieve her career goal. Frequently praised as interpersonal, caring, nurturing, and driven by her peers, she aims to make a difference in the lives of people she meets.

## EDUCATION

MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY, SCRANTON, PA; MSW AUGUST 2017-MAY 2020

❖ Extracurricular activity - Student Government Association

DESALES UNIVERSITY, CENTER VALLEY, PA; B.A. CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2011-2016

❖ Extracurricular Activity-Gateway to Success Program

## EXPERIENCE

MSW INTERN/OUTREACH WORKER, WAHS, ALLENTOWN, PA – 2019-2020

Works with the students in the ninth grade center with various issues, assists with facilitating parent/student meetings, assists in filling out SAP forms, works on sapphire portal, attends various coffee and conversation events every month with the community, attends student of the month celebrations, assists in making referrals to various programs within and outside of school, assists court hearings for truant students, assists home school visitor on home visits, and communicates with students and student contacts to locate truant students. Works along a multi-disciplinary team within William Allen High School to help ensure positive success and safety for our students.

MSW INTERN/OUTREACH WORKER, VAST, ALLENTOWN, PA – 2018-2019

Educated the public on the ongoing problems of human/sex trafficking, Engaged with the community and victims of sex trafficking in hopes to give resources and support. Assisted State police and FBI in human trafficking stings in Northampton and Monroe County. Conducted research, agency tasks, and trainings on trauma and the trafficking crisis. Worked alongside homeless population and agencies. Represented VAST at Community first and homeless coalition meetings.

JUSTICE WORKS YOUTH CARE; ALLENTOWN, PA 2016-2018

Family Finder: Discovered, located, and engaged biological and fictive kin or significant adults in the life of referred family in order to develop a supportive network of connections. Provided sufficient information about discovered individuals to CYS agency to determine how they participate as a connection resource for the child or family. Coordinated and Facilitated Blended Perspective Meetings in order to solidify a family plan of supports for children in care

Family Resource Specialist: Engaged with clients in their homes and community to connect them with resources in the area. Provided court testimony when subpoenaed. Engaged with stakeholders of families for the continuation of care.

INTERN, PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE; ALLENTOWN, PA 2014-2014

Shadowed Public Defender doing defense process and interrogation, organized & filed casework for the Public Defender, studied coping strategies of prisoners during incarceration via digital communication.

INTERN, DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE, ALLENTOWN, PA 2013-2013

Prepared, edited, copied, arranged, and organized court paperwork. Witnessed criminal and civil hearings to familiarize self with proceedings. Analyzed Assistant District Attorney actions during court hearings.