

, has said he does not want the job permanently. # Young's letter also posed other questions to Harrison about his positions on a range of issues, including community-based policing practices, institutional racism, officer training and violence reduction. # Solicitor Davis said the administration would be " happy to respond " to the council's request. # City Councilman Eric Costello said he applauded Pugh " for putting forward an individual who is both clearly qualified and wants to be " the next commissioner, and that it is " imperative that we move forward with an extreme sense of urgency. " # Councilman John Bullock said he was surprised by the speed with which the mayor acted, but encouraged by her choice, saying Harrison has a " great reputation. " # Gov. Larry Hogan called the announcement of Harrison " very encouraging news " -- saying he had been frustrated with the lack of a permanent commissioner in recent months and has heard good things about Harrison. # This is the commissioner that Baltimore needs and Baltimore deserves -- State Sen. Bill Ferguson # Some community and public safety activists called for public forums prior to any City Council confirmation of Harrison's appointment, but were cautiously optimistic about it. Harrison's familiarity with consent decrees is a welcome qualification, said Ashiah Parker, interim director at No Boundaries Coalition in central west Baltimore. # " We would want someone who is homegrown who knows the challenges, " Parker said. " But with the challenges within the department, it's hard to think we could find someone that has not contributed to that culture. I'm in the middle.... If the mayor can submit a candidate open to community input, we're open to that possibility