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May 23, 2019

**TO:** Jack Louws, County Executive  
**FROM:** Jessica Lee, Program Specialist, Developmental Disabilities  
**RE:** Nomination for Initial Appointment to the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

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JACK LOUWS  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

I am pleased to recommend **Arrissia Owen Turner** for initial appointment to the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board. (DDAB) The DDAB recommended her nomination at the 5/20/19 meeting.

Arrissia is the parent of an elementary aged child with developmental disabilities, experienced in navigating and advocating within complex health and service systems. Parents are the primary support for most individuals with DD across the lifespan, and parent representation on the DDAB is particularly critical to its mission.

Her references describe her as engaged and supportive as well as noting her skill as a communicator.

As you can see, Arrissia provides valuable expertise in areas that will assist the Board in its work improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

Thank you, Jack, for considering this nomination for appointment.

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