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The Honorable Joan M. Pratt, CPA was re-elected to her sixth term of office in November of 2016. Comptroller Pratt is the second female as well as the second African American to hold the elected position of Comptroller of Baltimore City since the office was created in 1900.

Comptroller Pratt is committed to the mentoring of young people and has assisted several with their endeavors to become finance specialists. She is also committed to educating others on the importance of a debt-free lifestyle, saving and investing.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Comptroller is one of five voting members of the City's Board of Estimates. Other members of the Board of Estimates include the Mayor, the President of the City Council, the City Solicitor, and the Director of Public Works. The Board is responsible for formulating, determining, and executing fiscal policies of the City. The Comptroller scrutinizes all transactions by reviewing policies, overseeing expenditures, and making recommendations before they are voted on for final Board approval. Listed under the administration of the Office of the Comptroller include the Departments of Audits, Real Estate and Communication Services.

The Comptroller is vice-chair of the Baltimore City Elected Officials' Retirement System and Employees' Retirement System and a trustee for the Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System. Comptroller Pratt began her service on these retirement boards in 1990 as a trustee before being elected.

Comptroller Pratt is a voting member of the Baltimore City Board of Finance; a member of the Architectural and Engineering Awards Commission; Chairwoman of the City Expenditure Control Committee; and Chairwoman of the Space Utilization Committee. She serves on the Baltimore Hotel Corporation Board as Treasurer and as a member of the Audit Committee.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Hampton Institute B.S., Accounting
University of Baltimore M.S., Taxation
Auditor, Coopers & Lybrand Accounting
Comptroller, Baltimore Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.,

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Board Member The Empowerment Academy and The Baltimore Museum of Art (ex-officio); Member Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority – Rho Xi Omega Chapter, and The Harbor City Chapter of The Links, Inc.; the recipient of numerous awards including the National Achievement Award in Government from the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), the Joyce M. Johnson Award from the National Association of Securities Professionals (NASP), and the Economic Development Award from the Black Women's Agenda, Inc. She was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by *Baltimore Magazine*.