

News Release

PHOTO RELEASE: Comptroller Brooke Lierman Tours Howard County

Tour stops focused on active older adults, a celebration of Korean culture, and opportunities for local businesses in Maryland's economy

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (May 9, 2024) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman on Wednesday continued her statewide Take a Look with Brooke tour with stops in Howard County. During the tour, Comptroller Lierman connected with local leaders focused on strengthening community partnerships and listening to the needs and concerns of the business community.

Comptroller Lierman met with the [Howard County Economic Development Authority](#) and provided an update on the agency's strategic priorities and initiatives, including the launch of Maryland Tax Connect, a new online portal that allows businesses to file their taxes more easily and efficiently. She also discussed the agency's public engagement team's efforts to make Marylanders aware of available resources and services.



Comptroller Lierman meets leaders from the Howard County Economic Development Authority and local entrepreneurs at the Maryland Innovation Center on May 8, 2024

Comptroller Lierman toured the recently opened [East Columbia 50+ Center](#), which is primarily used by adults aged 60 and older. The building features fitness equipment and an exercise studio and hosts a variety of programs for residents, including a congregate meal program and social day program. According to [Census data](#), one-third of Howard County's population is aged 50 and older. After the tour, Comptroller Lierman held a listening session with residents and presented a citation in honor of Older American Adults Month.



Comptroller Lierman tours East Columbia 50+ Center in Columbia on May 8, 2024.

The Comptroller traveled to the Howard County Welcome Center and toured the [HanGuk Art Center](#), a Korean pop-up museum which opened in March. The museum features more than 30 art pieces by artist Mi Schill Kim, including pottery, paintings, screens, artifacts, and books.

Comptroller Lierman presented a citation to the [Koreatown Planning Committee Board](#) in honor of Asian American Pacific Island Heritage Month. The tour was led by Amanda Hof, executive director of Visit Howard County.



Comptroller Lierman toured the Howard County Welcome Center and presented a citation at the HanGuk Art Center, a Korean pop-up museum Wednesday, May 8, 2024

During her visit to Howard County, Comptroller Lierman also toured the new café and main event space at the Howard County Welcome Center and toured the [Maryland Innovation Center](#), a business incubator which houses resident companies and amenities for affiliates and members.



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Note: More photos from the Howard County Take a Look with Brooke tour may be seen at: <https://flickr.com/photos/mdcomptroller/albums/72177720316789862/>

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