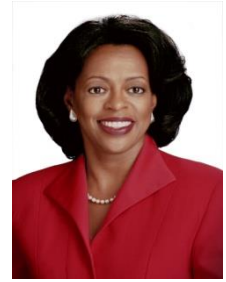


***Comptroller Joan M. Pratt, CPA
City of Baltimore, Maryland***



The Honorable Joan M. Pratt, CPA was re-elected to her fifth term of office in November of 2011. She was first elected to office in November 1995. 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 the year 1900.

As an elected official, she is one of five voting members of the City's Board of Estimates. The Board of Estimates is responsible for formulating, determining, and executing fiscal policies of the City. In this capacity, she scrutinizes all transactions before they are voted on for final approval by the Board. 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. Comptroller Pratt's goal is to assure the cost effective and efficient fiscal administration of the City. To further this goal, she reviews policies, oversees expenditures, and makes recommendations, which improve the City's fiscal administration.

As Comptroller for the City of Baltimore, she is Chairwoman of the Baltimore City Elected Officials' Retirement System and Employees' Retirement System and a trustee for the Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System. She began her service on both retirement boards in 1990 as a trustee before she was elected to office. Additionally, there are three departments under the administration of the Office of the Comptroller; the Department of Audits, the Department of Real Estate and the Department of Communication Services. Oversight of these agencies plays a tremendous role in the Comptroller's capacity to achieve her objectives.

Comptroller Pratt is a voting member of the Baltimore City Board of Finance, which is authorized to issue and sell certificates of indebtedness, to select depositories of City Funds and authorize obligations, including promissory notes. She is a member of the Architectural and Engineering Awards Commission, which approves recommendations for competitive negotiations of contracts for professional design services; Chairwoman of the Expenditure Control Committee, which approves personnel transactions that affect the City's operating budget; and Chairwoman of the Space Utilization Committee, which reviews leases and other transactions related to the use of City-owned properties or the use of space by City departments. Comptroller Pratt serves on the Baltimore Hotel Corporation Board as Treasurer and as a member of the Audit Committee. The Baltimore Hotel Corporation oversees the Hilton Baltimore's cash flow, its operation and debt service payments.

The Honorable Joan M. Pratt, CPA is a graduate of Hampton Institute where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. She went on to receive a Masters of Science degree in Taxation from the University of Baltimore. Comptroller Pratt started her career at the Big 8 accounting firm Coopers & Lybrand. In addition, she served as Comptroller of the Baltimore Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., for 13 years.

The Honorable Joan M. Pratt's Board affiliations include: Board Member (ex-officio) – The Baltimore Museum of Art; Board Member, The Empowerment Academy; and member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority – Rho Xi Omega Chapter, and The Harbor City Chapter of The Links, Inc., She is 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*.

Comptroller Pratt is committed to the mentoring of young people and has assisted several with their endeavors to become financial specialists. Comptroller Pratt is also committed to educating the public on the importance of being debt-free, saving and investing.