

## **Honorable Wala Blegay Brief Bio**

Honorable Wala Blegay is a Liberian American and one of our very own. Honorable Blegay was elected to serve her first four-year term on the Prince George's County Council in the November 2022 General Election and represents Councilmanic District 6. She is a passionate advocate for Civil Rights, Women's Rights, and Workers' Rights, and the creator and host of the "Chat With a Lawyer" television talk show, a free legal resource for County residents. Honorable Blegay is a grassroots organizer, she has committed her office to the Engagement, Education, and Empowerment of all stakeholders. The Council lady is an adjunct professor at the American University Washington College of Law and former staff attorney for the DC Nurses Association advocating to improve the working environment for nurses and working families, Council Member Blegay has been noted as the "working people's" voice.

Honorable Blegay has previously served the Maryland Governor's Task Force for the Study of Economic Development and Apprenticeship Programs, ACLU of Maryland, Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women, Board of Directors for the Training Source, Prince George's County Human Relations Commission, Prince George's County NAACP, Emerge Maryland, Maryland Coalition of Consumer Rights and the Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Honorable Wala Blegay has published numerous articles related to civil rights, health care and education and is the recipient of the 40 under 40 in Prince George's County Award, the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Presidential Service Award and the Daily Record's Leading Women Award. Council Member Blegay is a first generation Liberian and Nigerian American; graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park with a B.A. in Government and Politics; and she earned a J.D. from the American University, Washington College of Law. She is a proud member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. A Prince George's County resident for more than 20 years, Council Member Blegay resides in Kettering.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, without further I do, I present to you the Honorable Wala Blegay, Vice Chair, Prince George County Legislative Branch District 6, Largo, MD.