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## SUN: Park Heights developer to head Maryland Racing Commission

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MARYLAND (WBFF) — Nicole Earle, a Park Heights developer focused on community investment, will be named by Gov. Wes Moore on Friday to chair the Maryland Racing Commission during a volatile time for the industry in the state.

Earle will become the first woman and first African American to lead the commission, which oversees issues — including horse and jockey safety — in thoroughbred and standardbred racing in Maryland. The Baltimore Sun obtained an advance copy of the announcement. She will lead the nine-member commission during a transition period for the state's horse racing industry. Pimlico Race Course, longtime home of the Preakness Stakes, is being reconstructed for \$400 million, and Laurel Park is being turned into a horse training center.

She has been a commission member for a year and will become chair on June 10. George Mahoney is stepping down from the leadership post but will remain a member.

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Earle is President and CEO of Dominion Real Estate and Dominion Community Development Corporation and has financed and managed projects tied to economic growth, affordable



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BECAUSE, Section Eight Housing is so much like professional horse racing ?

Shouldn't the goal be to have THE BEST person to head this Commission. Sometimes when all you are is "the First", that's ALL you ever will be. You want to be remembered for your ABILITY not your availability. *(Edited)*

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What the heck does she know about horses or horse racing? A more qualified appointee would be a retired jockey, an equine veterinarian associated with racing horses or a former horse trainer or owner.

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Park Heights is listed as a high crime area to live in and with a lot of vacant houses. Doesn't say much for her leadership of the company she owns for as a community developer

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Another DEI disaster about to unfold. I wonder what her management team will look like. Instead of bringing in top talent, Moore does his thing.

The status of the Preakness needs to be re-built before it sinks any further.

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She has no experience and no knowledge of horse racing but for Moore she be the only thing that counts for him, yo.

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DEI hire...smh

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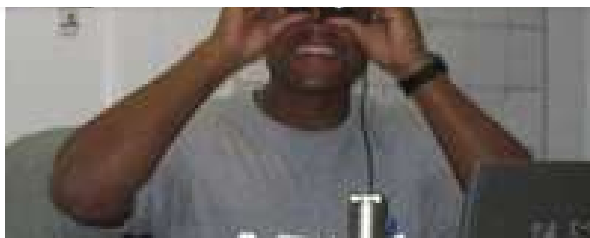
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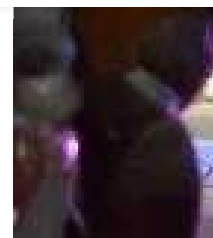
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