

News Release

Comptroller Brooke Lierman Kicks Off Statewide Branch Office Tour in Prince George's County

Comptroller to meet with staff at Greenbelt Office, tour local businesses, and meet with community stakeholders and elected leaders.

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 6, 2023) - Comptroller Brooke Lierman will begin her statewide tour of all the Comptroller branch offices on Tuesday morning with a day-long visit to Prince George's County. In keeping with her campaign promise to remain engaged and accessible to the community, she will spend the day meeting with staff at the Comptroller of Maryland's Greenbelt Branch Office and traveling around the county speaking with community stakeholders, business and elected leaders to learn about their visionary ideas and enterprises.

Comptroller Lierman will begin her day with a visit to the University of Maryland, College Park. She will meet with University President Dr. Darryll Pines and his cabinet. She will then tour IonQ, a leading billion-dollar, quantum-computing business in the Discovery District with Dr. Pines and Ken Ulman, President and CEO at Margrave Strategies and Board Member of College Park Partnership. IonQ was founded in 2015 by Chris Monroe and Jungsang Kim with \$2 million in seed funding from New Enterprise Associates, a license to core technology from the University of Maryland and Duke University, and the goal to take ion quantum computing from the laboratory into the marketplace.

She will then join the members of the Prince George's County Council for a meeting to discuss the latest opportunities and challenges facing the County.

In the afternoon, Comptroller Lierman will stop at the Comptroller's Greenbelt Branch Office to meet with Manager Michelle McIntyre and staff and to talk with taxpayers seeking assistance with their tax filings. The Greenbelt Branch has served the area since it opened in 2017.

Comptroller Lierman will wrap up her day touring Capitol Percussion and Backline Rental and The Shed, Medcura Inc, and Aerothreads in the University of Maryland's Discovery District.

- Capitol Percussion + Backline Rental and The Shed is owned by Jauvon Gilliam, principal timpanist of the National Symphony Orchestra. When Mr. Gilliam joined the symphony in 2009, he became the first African American principal in the orchestra's history. Leslie Odom, Jon Baptiste, and NPR's Tiny Desk series have rehearsed/staged there and offer an open studio available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Medcura, Inc. is well known for developing a diverse range of products that innovatively control bleeding. The medical company was featured in an episode of Stephen Hawking's "Science of the Future" television program as a top product that quickly stops bleeds using naturally abundant and economical ingredients.
- Aerothreads specializes in the consultation, design, fabrication, and installation of Multi-Layer Insulation (MLI) blanket products, soft goods, and critical support services to the aerospace industry. The business has extensive experience in the design, fabrication, and installation of MLI blankets for flight-qualified aerospace missions. Founded in 2014, it is a Woman Owned Small Business (WOSB).

Tuesday is the first stop in Comptroller Lierman's statewide tour of the Comptroller's Branch Offices around Maryland. The schedule for the Branch Office visits is as follows:

- Friday, March 17 – Cumberland
- Monday, March 20 – Annapolis
- Friday, March 31 – Montgomery
- Wednesday, April 12 – Salisbury
- Monday, April 17 – Baltimore City
- Wednesday, April 26 – Towson

The Comptroller will visit the remaining four offices – Hagerstown, Waldorf, Elkton, and Frederick – in May and early June.

The Comptroller's planned events Tuesday are as follows:

9:30 a.m. The University of Maryland, College Park
(Closed to Media)

10:30 a.m. IonQ, Inc.
(Closed to Media)

11:30 a.m. Meeting with Prince George County Council members
Largo, MD 20774

12:50 p.m. Greenbelt Branch Office
6401 Golden Triangle Drive
Greenbelt, MD 20785

Press availability from 1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. at the Greenbelt Branch Office, Conference Room.

2:30 p.m. Tour of the University of Maryland Discovery District
5650 Rivertech Court
Riverdale, MD 20737

Press availability at 2:30 p.m. at the Maryland Discovery District.

Tour of Discovery District Businesses
Capitol Percussion + Backline Rental and The Shed
5650 Rivertech Court, Suite Q
Riverdale, MD 20737

Medcura, Inc.
5650 Rivertech Court, Suite S
Riverdale, MD 20737

Aerothreads
5650 Rivertech Court, Suite V
Riverdale, MD 20737

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