



# City of Seat Pleasant

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## PRESS RELEASE

Councilmember LaTasha Gatling to Meet with President Obama and Administration Officials in Washington

LaTasha C. Gatling, Council President with the City of Seat Pleasant will travel to Washington, D.C. Friday, June 17, 2011 to meet with members of the Obama administration and attend an intimate reception with the president. Council President Gatling is one of a small number of members of People For the American Way Foundation's Young Elected Officials Network, a network of young progressives in elected office, who was invited to the White House to discuss important issues facing states and localities.

We will be discussing with President Obama and the Administration the condition of the economy and job development in America among other important issues facing our nation.

The Young Elected Officials Network, a project of People For the American Way Foundation, provides support and training for over 600 progressive state, county and city elected officials from all 50 states.

"We are thrilled to be able to take the observations and concerns of so many young, progressive elected officials to President Obama and the Administration," said Andrew Gillum, Executive Director of the Young Elected Officials Network. "These young leaders are on the front lines of progressive change, fighting for the values of fairness, equality and opportunity in their home communities. President Obama, a successful grassroots leader himself, understands that national movements are built by individual citizens and their elected representatives working hard to bring about positive change in their own communities. We're tremendously proud to be able to help the president get to know our communities and discuss the issues affecting states and localities across the country."

**Seat Pleasant: "A City of Excellence"** is one of Maryland's 157 municipalities with a population of 5,000 residents, 100 businesses, 13 houses of faith, and 20 non-profit organizations. The Seat Pleasant government has a mayor, seven member city council and 41 government employees operating a \$3.8 million dollar budget. (END)