

## Ray Wacks

Ray Wacks has been the Budget Director for Howard County since October of last year, and with a 2 ½ year break, the Howard County Budget Director for many years before that. During that break he was the Budget Director for the City of Baltimore.

Ray holds a B.S. degree from Towson State University and a Master of Public Administration from the American University in Washington, D.C. Prior to his work in government he was a Peace Corps Volunteer and a school teacher in the City of Baltimore.

In 2006 he was a Maryland Association of Counties representative to the State Board of Education's Commission to Study Local Maintenance of Effort for Education Funding. He also serves as an Academy Advisor to the University of Maryland's Institute for Governmental Service's program: Academy for Excellence in Local Governance. This is a training program designed to help local governmental officials increase their understanding of local government by attending training classes on issues facing them.

In November Governor O'Malley appointed Ray to be the Chairman of the Maryland Business Tax Reform Commission.

He is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), and for many years served on the Executive Committee of the Maryland Public Finance Officers Association. Ray lives with his wife Diane, a music teacher, in Pikesville. He has four grown children and as a hobby plays the saxophone in a Klezmer Band. (There are special points for people who know what that is.)

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