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Retired Judge Heard, first female Chief Judge of the Baltimore Circuit Court, makes first ever endorsement; says Vignarajah is "best candidate" and "knows how to get the job done"

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Today, retired Chief Judge Wanda Heard issued a public endorsement of mayoral candidate and former Deputy Attorney General Thiru Vignarajah.

The retired Judge emphasized that she had never before made a political endorsement, even before she was a judge, but that the epic challenges now facing Baltimore required a strong leader, and that Vignarajah was the only candidate prepared to tackle these problems: Baltimore's "problems need to be addressed by someone with the talent, intellect, the dedication, the ability, the resources, and the plan" and by a leader who "knows how to get the job done."

Former Chief Judge Heard's announcement comes just days after 85 CEOs also took the unprecedented step and announced their unequivocal support for Vignarajah in a public letter.

The endorsement will be shared in a video testimonial released on social media at 2 PM today and is currently <u>available for review at this link</u>.

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