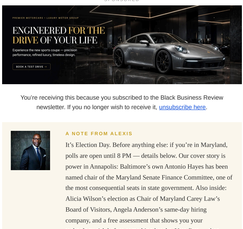
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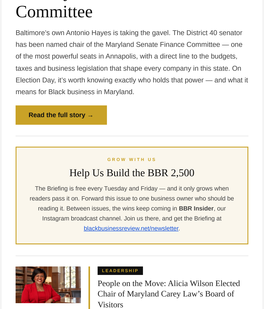


A NOTE FROM ALEXIS

It's Election Day. Before anything else: if you're in Maryland, polls are open until 8 PM — details below. Our cover story is power in Annapolis: Baltimore's own Antonio Hayes has been named chair of the Maryland Senate Finance Committee, one of the most consequential seats in state government. Also inside: Alicia Wilson's election as Chair of Maryland Carey Law's Board of Visitors, Angela Anderson's same-day hiring company, and a free assessment that shows you your technology risk before something breaks. Vote first — then read.

— Alexis Coates, Founder & Publisher
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THIS WEEK'S STORIES



THE BIG STORY

Antonio Hayes Takes the Gavel: Baltimore Senator Named Chair of Maryland Senate Finance Committee

Baltimore's own Antonio Hayes is taking the gavel. The District 40 senator has been named chair of the Maryland Senate Finance Committee — one of the most powerful seats in Annapolis, with a direct line to the budgets, taxes and business legislation that shape every company in this state. On Election Day, it's worth knowing exactly who holds that power — and what it means for Black business in Maryland.

Read the full story →

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LEADERSHIP

People on the Move: Alicia Wilson Elected Chair of Maryland Carey Law's Board of Visitors

Alicia Wilson has been elected Chair of Maryland Carey Law's Board of Visitors — and last week she celebrated the BBR feature herself, sharing it with her own community on Facebook. That's the story behind the story: Black leaders, covered accurately, carrying the coverage further than we ever could alone. Read why her chairmanship matters for Maryland's legal and business pipeline.

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BUSINESS

Angela Anderson Spent 20 Years in HR. Now She's Trying to Get People Hired the Same Day.

Angela Anderson built Hire on the Spot to solve a simple problem: employers who need people now, and people who need work now. Her company puts candidates in front of hiring managers fast — no endless application black hole. It's also the model behind BBR's own feature program: a real story, told well, that a business can point to. Here's hers.

Read more →

ELECTION DAY

Vote Today, Maryland

Polls are open today, Tuesday, November 3, from 7 AM to 8 PM — and as long as you're in line by 8 PM, you'll be able to vote. On Election Day you vote at your assigned polling place — find yours at vote.md.gov.

And a note on this issue: today is the final Election Week Sprint issue. Starting with Friday's Briefing, this sponsor slot returns to our Monthly Sponsor Program — $1,000/month, one sponsor per category, in every issue, all month.

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For Sale: Baltimore Trucking Company — $2.8M Ask, $2.96M in Revenue
A turnkey flatbed trucking operation based in Baltimore, running Northeast-corridor lanes from West Virginia, Maryland, and Virginia up to Connecticut and Massachusetts, is on the market. The sale includes 13 tractor trailers and 16 flatbed trailers — $1,345,000 in inventory, included in the asking price — a 12-person team, an office trailer and shop equipment, and a facility lease running through December 2032. Operating since 2006 with long-standing broker and customer relationships, the owner is retiring and offers six months of seller financing. Cash flow is not disclosed in the listing. Listed on BizBuySell by Arturo Stahl. Figures as listed by the seller.
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