

Baltimore councilwoman to replace Pica in state Senate

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Baltimore City Councilwoman Joan Carter Conway was unanimously elected last night by the 43rd District Democratic Central Committee to replace state Sen. John A. Pica Jr., who resigned last week.

The five-member committee picked Conway over state Del. Ann Marie Doory, who has represented the district in the House of Delegates since 1986. A third candidate, Dr. Charles E. Wiles III, a surgeon who lives in Homeland, withdrew before the vote and threw his support to Doory.

"I am humbled and honored to be chosen to serve the constituents of the 43rd Legislative District," an emotional Conway said after the vote.

She said she looked forward to working with Doory as part of the district's delegation and that they would make "a fantastic team."

"I hope to do everything in my power to bring back all Baltimore City deserves," she said.

Conway, who was elected last year to the 3rd District council seat, was Pica's choice to succeed him and was widely viewed as the front-runner.

Pica announced his resignation last month, saying he wanted to devote more time to his career as a lawyer in the firm of Peter G. Angelos and to spend more time with his family. The resignation was effective Jan. 1.



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"Humbled and honored": City Councilwoman Joan Carter Conway reacts to the announcement that she is the Democratic Central Committee's choice to replace John A. Pica Jr. in the state Senate.

But Doory, in making her case to the central committee last night in the meeting at the Northeastern District police station, emphasized her decade of experience in state government and her

leadership positions, including vice chairwoman of the Judiciary Committee.

"My legislative experience and my record speaks for itself," she said.

The committee will forward its choice to Gov. Parris N. Glendon, who by state Constitution must appoint that person.

Conway's replacement will be up to the City Council.