

## Anne Arundel hopefuls audition for 'House of Cards'

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The Annapolis mother of four stole Thursday afternoon for herself.

She put her hair up. She put on her white dress with “great lines.”

And her turquoise heels clicked as she stepped into the West Annapolis office and handed a questionnaire to the casting assistant.

Skills: Mopping and wrangling children.

Pets: Worms.

Name: Val Fulton.

“You have a great, up-scale D.C. look,” said Susan Holliday, casting assistant for the popular Netflix series “House of Cards.”

“I wouldn’t be surprised if my boss wants to give you a call. Any on-camera experience?”

Fulton flashed her best Hollywood smile and left, perhaps dreaming of acting beside Kevin Spacey.

About 80 of her Anne Arundel neighbors turned out for Thursday’s casting call. Most came with little preparation, arriving as news spread among social media websites and local law offices that “House of Cards” needed extras for a two-day filming next month at the State House.

“We’re looking for real Maryland, Virginia, D.C. people,” Holliday said. “The dignified, professional, politician types.”

For four hours, they filed into the Annapolis Street office of Filmsters, a local film production and development company. The doors closed at 4 p.m. but the Hollywood hopefuls kept coming.

Holliday said most should expect a call to participate in the local filming, planned for June 17 and 18.

“I would say maybe all of them are going to be used.”

Those selected will be paid \$85 for 10 hours of work each day. And it wasn’t just brawny men and busty women Holliday sought.

“You never know if we might need a pregnant woman,” she said to one expecting Annapolis woman.

Among the aspiring extras was a Naval Academy librarian and a staffer in the school’s football office.

Some were legislative aides to state senators, paralegals and construction workers. Some spent hours preening and preparing the perfect look to compliment Spacey’s role as a U.S. representative embroiled in political warfare.

The Rev. Henry Green of Heritage Baptist Church in Annapolis wore a blue suit, black loafers, burgundy tie and Rotary Club pin.

“You look like a senator, like you might be from some Southern state,” Holliday said.

Green answered in his best Dixieland accent.

“Well, little lady, I’m so glad to meet you.”

The appearance of Annapolis contractor Brian Buchner was met with compliment.

“We always need muscular, bald men on the show,” Holliday said.

Local attorney Suzanne Vetter earned similar praise.

“You’ve got a really good staffer, White Housey look,” Holliday said.

County Councilman Chris Trumbauer, D-Annapolis, pitched his case for appearing on-screen.

“If there’s ever a tree-hugger policy guy on the show, that’s me,” he said.

And Annapolis attorney Randall Fisher spread his arms to strike a Broadway pose.

“This is Hollywood. You have to jump at the chance.”

After her audition, Annapolis insurance agent Joanne DeLoache gushed about the prospects.

“I have a total crush on Kevin Spacey.”

She wore a business blazer, white blouse and bright red heels.

Her look?

“I’d say it’s conservative ... with underlying provocative manner.”