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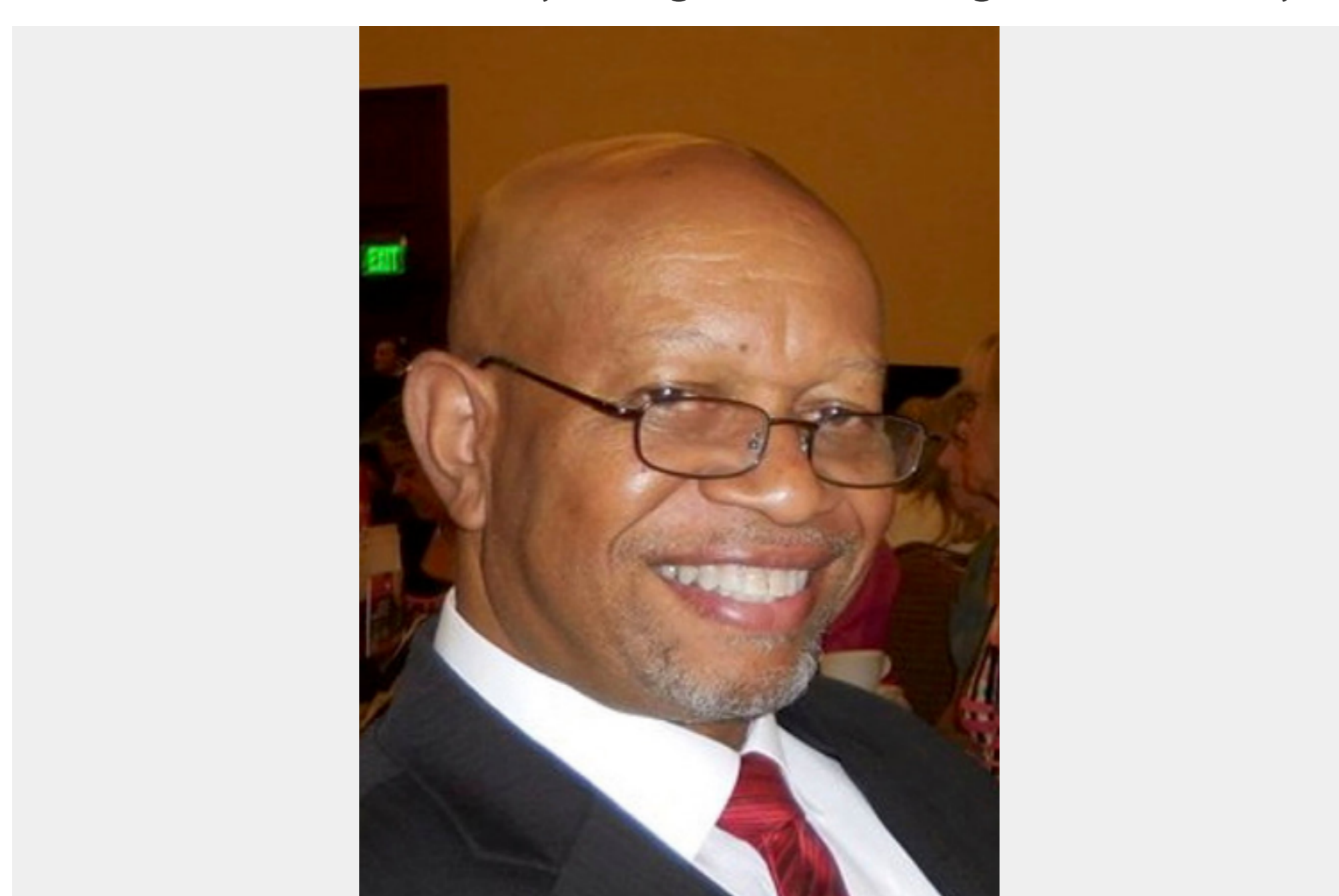
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## George Brooks Jr. nominated to USDA advisory committee

Member of Mesa Community College sustainable agriculture faculty



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GEORGE BROOKS JR., MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE FACULTY MEMBER

George Brooks Jr., Ph.D., Mesa Community College sustainable agriculture faculty member, has been nominated by the Aquaponics Association to serve on the new USDA Advisory Committee on Urban and Innovative Agriculture.

Mr. Brooks is one of five nominated by the association to serve on the 12-person committee. If selected, Mr. Brooks will advise the U.S. secretary of agriculture on the development of policies and outreach relating to urban, indoor and other emerging agricultural production practices, as well as to identify any barriers to urban

agriculture, according to a release.

Of the nominations, Aquaponics Association Chairman Brian Filipowich stated, “It’s important that individuals with extensive knowledge of aquaponics serve on the advisory committee. The expansion of aquaponics is vital for our health, our environment and our economy, so that the USDA does not miss opportunities to support this ultra-efficient growing method.”

“It would be a tremendous honor to share my passion to help reimagine our food system,” Mr. Brooks said in the release.

Mr. Brooks has a doctoral degree in fisheries conservation and management from the school of natural resources and the environment at the University of Arizona, a master of science in marine biology from San Diego State University and a bachelor of science in zoology from Arizona State University.

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