



*THE VOICE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY BUSINESS*

**CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE – DISTRICT 4 SPECIAL ELECTION**

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- 1) **WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE ROLE THAT MONTGOMERY COUNTY WILL PLAY IN OUR FUTURE GLOBAL ECONOMY?**
  - a. **WHAT WOULD YOU DO AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO REACH THIS VISION?**

TECHNOLOGY, BIO-TECH AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS ARE ALL PART OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS COMMUNITY. THE COUNTY SHOULD CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THESE BUSINESSES AND INSTITUTIONS TO REMAIN HERE AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO LOCATE HERE. THESE ARE MAJOR PLAYERS IN OUR GLOBAL ECONOMY.
- 2) **DO YOU BELIEVE THAT PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR COMPANIES TO LOCATE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY? IF MONTGOMERY COUNTY IS GOING TO EXPAND ITS IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL TAX BASE AND PROVIDE QUALITY HIGH PERFORMING JOBS TO ITS RESIDENTS, THEN INCENTIVES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THAT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.**
- 3) **ECONOMIC DOWNTURN HAS RESULTED IN DECREASED REVENUES FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ARE THE BEST METHODS FOR BOOSTING COUNTY REVENUES? WHAT SHOULD BE TRIMMED FROM THE COUNTY'S BUDGET IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES?**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK TO EXPAND ITS COMMERCIAL TAX BASE BY PURSUING QUALITY BUSINESSES INTERESTED IN LOCATING IN THE WASHINGTON METRO AREA. EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO IDENTIFY WHICH PROGRAMS THAT THE COUNTY FUNDS ARE SUCCESSFUL AND SEEK TO ELIMINATE THOSE WHICH ARE NOT.
- 4) **GIVEN THAT MARYLAND'S INVESTMENT IN TRANSPORTATION CONTINUES TO DECLINE AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION REMAINS A HUGE CONCERN FOR VOTERS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, HOW DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHOULD ADDRESS OUR TRAFFIC RELIEF?**

THE COUNTY SHOULD PUT GREATER EMPHASIS IN WORKING WITH THE ANNAPOLIS DELEGATION TO BRING STATE RESOURCES TO THE COUNTY AND PRIORITIZE ITS TRANSPORTATION NEEDS, RECOGNIZING THAT FOR NOW RESOURCES WILL BE LIMITED.
- 5) **WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON SOME OF OUR KEY TRAFFIC RELIEF PROJECTS INCLUDING THE PURPLE LINE, CORRIDOR CITIES TRANSITWAY AND THE WIDENING OF I-270? EACH OF THESE PROJECTS ARE IMPORTANT INITIATIVES AND STAND ON THEIR OWN MERITS.**
- 6) **PLEASE DISCUSS YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE MASTER PLANS THAT WILL COME BEFORE THE COUNTY COUNCIL IN 2008 INCLUDING: GAITHERSBURG WEST, GERMANTOWN AND WHITE FLINT, AS THESE AREAS ARE ALL OPPORTUNITES FOR IMPORTANT ECONOMIC**

**DEVELOPMENT.** EACH OF THESE MASTER PLANS HAVE THEIR OWN UNIQUE ISSUES, BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE. THE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES WILL CENTER AROUND THEIR ECONOMIC VIABILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENTS.

- 7) WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL AND WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH?**  
MY GOAL IS TO BRING AN INDEPENDENT, FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE VOICE TO THE COUNCIL. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BRING A BALANCED PERSPECTIVE TO COUNTY INITIATIVES AND TO REPRESENT THE RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT 4 WHERE I HAVE SPENT MY ENTIRE LIFE.