

The Gaithersburg - North Potomac - Rockville Coalition
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ELECTION SCORECARD

We now have the chance to elect citizen-friendly officials who will develop a sound long-term fiscal strategy for the county without relying on massive amounts of growth that will wreck existing communities.

Marc Elrich and Phil Andrews heard our concerns during the discussions of the Gaithersburg West Master Plan and worked closely with us. Phil is running unopposed in the primary. Marc Elrich is a former civic activist and has a comprehensive vision for the future of the county.

Nancy Floreen, George Leventhal and Mike Knapp were deaf to our concerns. Knapp is not running for reelection but Royce Hanson, former Chairman of the Planning Board who was most responsible for the gigantic "Science City", is running for Mike Knapp's seat in District 2. Royce Hanson completely ignored our concerns regarding the size of the project. **Sharon Dooley**, who is a former president of the Greater Olney Civic Association, is also running for Knapp's seat and is a much more resident-friendly choice. Craig Rice is running for Knapp's seat as well but he has received over 60% of his campaign contributions from developers and special interests.

In regard to the challengers, some important points to keep in mind:

Hans Riemer recognized community concerns and wrote a statement questioning the size and the viability of the development proposed by the Gaithersburg West Master Plan.

Jane de Winter is an economist and has been very active county-wide in the PTA. Her analytical skills would be invaluable in the master plan and budget discussions.

Fred Evans is a former MCPS principal who would bring his expertise to the Council at a time when roughly 57% of the county budget goes to support the schools. He knows how the school system works and where economies can be achieved most effectively...and he lives near the Science City.

The recommendations for the **Board of Education** listed on the Scorecard were provided by residents who are active in the schools.

In regard to the races for state legislature, some candidates were more responsive than others during the master plan process. Saqib Ali attended the public hearing, the town hall meeting and wrote a letter in support of the residents. He and his family live near Quince Orchard High School and will be directly affected by development in the area. Nancy King did not respond when her support was requested even though she received mailings about the size of the development and the residents' opposition to the plan. Both Charles Barkley and Kirill Reznik wrote letters in support of the residents.

Early voting starts September 3rd and the Primary is September 14th. Information on dates, times and polling places can be found on the [Board of Elections website](#). There are no excuses not to vote. **The Primary Election is very important.** We need to make our voices heard or we get what we get.

The results of this election will affect the residents across the county. In addition to the huge amounts of density approved in the recently passed master plans, the Council is scheduled to rewrite **ten more plans** in the next term. We **can** make a difference but everyone must make the effort to vote in the Primary election.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION

COUNTY COUNCIL

Candidates have been evaluated and points have been awarded based on the candidates' determination and ability to:

- ◆ Develop a sound fiscal strategy for managing the county, including long-range planning.
- ◆ Work with the residents on future planning.
- ◆ Reconcile the future development of the County with concerns for the environment and the existing communities.

Points have been given to candidates who do not rely heavily on the development industry for funding which can, and likely does, influence their decisions. The percentage of contributions received from developers and special interests as well as additional information for each candidate is listed on www.scale-it-back.com.

<i>CANDIDATE</i>	<i>REPRESENTING</i>	<i>TOTAL POINTS</i>
Marc Elrich	At-Large	40
Hans Riemer	At-Large	27
Jane de Winter	At-Large	27
Fred Evans	At-Large	20
Duchy Trachtenberg	At-Large	15
Raj Narayanan	At-Large	7
Becky Wagner	At-Large	4
Nancy Floreen	At-Large	1
George Leventhal	At-Large	1
Roger Berliner	District 1	12
Ilaya Hopkins	District 1	8
Sharon Dooley	District 2	20
Craig Rice	District 2	2
Royce Hanson	District 2	6
Phil Andrews	District 3	28

BOARD OF EDUCATION

- District 1—Agnes Jones-Trower
- District 3—Karen Smith
- District 5—Louis M. Wilen
- At-Large—Lyda Astrove