

## Tale of two counties' doesn't have a neat plot line

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The editorial noted that a year ago, Phil Andrews (D-Gaithersburg-Rockville) was the lone Montgomery County Council member to vote against phantom COLAs (a deal guaranteeing public employees pension benefits on salary increases they never received) and that in May he was able to muster a unanimous vote on the council to overturn them.

Andrews has documented in his campaign literature that he has long refused funds from PACs as well as from development interests, which comprise another major source of influence on candidates. Surely there is some connection between Andrews's sensible Council actions and his refusal of funds from interest groups.

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