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Dear President Floreen and Councilmembers:

This letter is written on behalf of the East Bethesda Citizens Association (EBCA), one of the largest citizens associations in Montgomery County, Maryland. It was started in the 1930's and represents over 1,200 households east of Wisconsin Avenue, north of East-West Highway, west of Columbia Country Club, and south of Jones Bridge Road.

As the Montgomery County Council evaluates applicants to fill the vacancy on the Montgomery County Planning Board, EBCA highly recommends that the Council consider appointing a new member who is from the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area.

Having someone from this area of the county will bring additional geographic diversity to the Planning Board as well as provide an important voice for residents and business owners in this area where new development and growth is taking place. In addition, they would have first-hand experience regarding issues in our area. We feel someone from the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area, an urban environment close to the District of Columbia, bordered to north by Walter Reed Medical center and National Institutes of Health two of the county's largest employers, would bring valuable insight and expertise that would well serve the planning board for years to come.

Sincerely,

EBCA, President  
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