

May 9, 2022

The Honorable Gabe Albornoz Council President Montgomery County Council 100 Maryland Avenue Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear President Albornoz and Councilmembers:

Re: MNCPPC Planning Board Commissioner Appointment

On behalf of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), thank you for the opportunity to comment on the selection of Carol Rubin to serve a full term as Commissioner of the Montgomery County Planning Board. Our community is fortunate to have such a qualified candidate with integrity and experience who would be able to fulfill the duties of this position.

MCCC believes this appointment should be based on the qualifications, integrity, and commitment of the applicant. The applicant should have both knowledge of relevant planning and development issues and a balanced, thoughtful, and deliberative approach to resolving those issues.

Based on careful study of and knowledge of the candidate, MCCC recommends Carol Rubin. Ms. Rubin has served ably in this role since a unanimous vote by the County Council on October 26, 2021, to appoint her to fill the remaining term of Natali Fani-González. We are particularly impressed with her interest and experience in engaging a broad range of stakeholders, her previous work experience at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and her understanding of the impact of planning and development.

Warmest regards,

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Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

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cc: County Executive Marc Elrich

Gus Bauman, Chair, MCCC Infrastructure and Land Use Committee Bob Elliott, Co-Chair, MCCC Infrastructure and Land Use Committee