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**Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Recommends Two Candidates for Open Seat  
on Montgomery County Planning Board; Reappointment of Chair Recommended**

**ROCKVILLE, MD:** On Monday, June 10, 2019, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) submitted their recommendations to the Montgomery County Council for the two vacancies on the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Montgomery County Planning Board.

MCCC's Infrastructure and Land Use Committee – comprised of Board Members and Member Companies -- reviewed application letters and conducted interviews with seven of the 24 individuals who applied for the vacancies. Based on careful study of the application letters and in-depth interviews that were conducted, MCCC recommends the following:

- For the Chair position, MCCC recommends that the Council reappoint **Casey Anderson**. Should he be reappointed, Chairman Anderson would be the first Chair reappointed this century.
- For the open seat on the Commission, MCCC is recommending that the County Council appoint either **Jennifer Russel** or **Partap Verma**.

MCCC's recommendations are based on the perspective that it is vitally important for Montgomery County's economic viability to support business success through the planning and land use process. Therefore, MCCC was especially interested in a candidate's approach to economic development and needed transportation improvements. Additionally, knowledge of relevant planning and development issues as well as a thoughtful, open-minded, and deliberative approach to managing the process were an important part of the Committee's deliberations.

Regarding the recommendation to reappoint Casey Anderson as Chair, MCCC President and CEO Gigi Godwin stated, "Chairman Anderson's thoughtful, steady, and creative leadership over the past four years has earned his reappointment by the Council. As the County continues in its demographic and development trends, he provides the kind of calm, thoughtful leadership our highly diverse and growing County needs."

For the open Commissioner position, "our community is fortunate to have so many qualified candidates with integrity and experience who would be able to fulfill the duties of this position," said Godwin. "Both Jennifer Russel and Partap Verma bring positive experiences in community building and working collaboratively with disparate interests to achieve this County's land use, housing, and transportation goals."

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