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Sidney Katz
President, Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Ave
Rockville, Maryland 20850

June 15, 2020

Re: MNCPPC Planning Board Commissioner Appointment

Dear President Katz and Councilmembers:

On behalf of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), thank you for the opportunity to comment on the selection of the next Commissioner of the Montgomery County Planning Board. MCCC members reviewed the application letters and conducted interviews with the four finalists.

MCCC was incredibly impressed and inspired by the bench of qualified individuals who are passionate about giving back to their community through service on the Planning Board. Our community is fortunate to have so many skilled candidates with integrity and experience who would be able to fulfill the duties of this position.

As you make your selection, we encourage you to consider the qualities required to be a successful Planning Board member. Ultimately, MCCC's recommendations are based on the perspective that it is vitally important for our County's economic viability to support business success through the planning and land use process. Therefore, we are interested especially in a candidate's approach to economic development, housing, moratorium, and needed transportation improvements (both roads and transit). In addition, knowledge of relevant planning and development issues as well as thoughtful, open-minded, and deliberative approach to managing the process are important.

Based on careful study of the application letters and the in-depth interviews we conducted, **the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce recommends that Jerry Cichy be reappointed to serve a second term on the Planning Board.**

Jerry has the proven experience, deep knowledge, and respected leadership to drive strong economic policies into his second term, specifically as the county is working through the Subdivision Staging Policy and the County's Thrive 2050.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Godwin".

Georgette "Gigi" Godwin
President and CEO

cc: Marc Elrich, County Executive
Gus Bauman, MCCC Infrastructure and Land Use Committee Chair
Bob Elliott, MCCC Infrastructure and Land Use Committee Co-Chair