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Council President Navarro
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Council President Navarro, Vice President Katz, and members of the County Council,

On behalf of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and members, we commend you for the straw vote you took yesterday requesting that the County Executive revise and submit a more sustainable proposal for County employee compensation and benefits. The Council showed fiscal prudence in directing the County Executive to renegotiate County employee contracts given the County's projected budget constraints and lowered expectations for tax revenue growth.

The Chamber testified before the Council on April 8 and reconfirmed our long-standing support for the dedicated public servants and quality services our County offers its citizens in public education, public safety, transportation, and health and human services. But to continue to ensure the continuation of these services, our County government must support a vision for economic development for a 21st century community that will attract employers, and the talent they need, which in turn will result in a vibrant economy to sustain and grow our tax base to support our quality of life.

We applaud the Council's commitment to ensuring that the budget you adopt is sustainable and supports a vision and a plan for ensuring a vibrant, relevant, and globally competitive economy. We stand ready to support the Council and the County Executive in this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Godwin". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Georgette "Gigi" Godwin
President and CEO

To Lead, Advocate and Connect as the Voice of Business

