

MEMORANDUM

December 2, 2014

TO: Councilmembers 
FROM: Councilmember Riemer, Council President Leventhal, Councilmember Elrich  
SUBJECT: Council Ad-Hoc Committee on Liquor Control

We are proposing to create an Ad-Hoc Committee on Liquor Control. The Committee will review alternative models and construct a recommendation that better aligns Montgomery County's alcohol regulations and policies with our economic development, quality of life, and public safety goals. Among other things, the Committee will review whether Montgomery County should continue to control the distribution and sale of distilled spirits, beer and/or wine at the wholesale and/or retail levels. The Committee will also review recent events in which DLC staff are alleged to have stolen products and staff members were discharged for drinking on the job.

The Committee will be chaired by Councilmember Riemer, with Public Safety Committee Chairman Elrich and Health and Human Services Committee Chairman Leventhal serving as the other members. All Councilmembers are encouraged to participate and attend the hearings.

To assist the Committee in their deliberations, they will review the forthcoming OLO Report on Liquor Control as well as hear testimony from stakeholder groups, including customers of the Department of Liquor Control, restaurateurs, beer and wine store licensees, MCGEO, representatives of the County Delegation to the General Assembly, members of the Alcohol Beverage Advisory Board, and other interested parties.

Please contact us by December 8 with any questions or suggestions you have. Thank you.