

Merino, Lisa Y.

From: Elections, Board-Of
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 4:49 PM
To: 'Deborah Wagner'
Subject: RE: Increasing number of sites
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Thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Board.

Marjorie Roher
Management & Budget Specialist &
Public Information Officer
Montgomery County Board of Elections
240-777-8525

From: Deborah Wagner [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 4:43 PM
To: Elections, Board-Of
Subject: Increasing number of sites

I am a registered voter in Montgomery County, and I strongly support an increase in the number of early voting sites in presidential election years. In 2012, the lines at my closest site were several hours long. However, I have not had unreasonable wait times in non-presidential election years.

Thank you for your service.

Deborah Wagner
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Merino, Lisa Y.

From: Elections, Board-Of
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 4:50 PM
To: 'David Sloan'
Subject: RE: In support of an early voting center in Wheaton
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Thank you for your comments. They will be shared with the Board during their deliberation.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 4:31 PM
To: Elections, Board-Of
Subject: In support of an early voting center in Wheaton

To Whom It May Concern:

After reading in the Patch newspaper about expanding the options for early voting in Montgomery County, I would like to voice support for an early voting center located in Wheaton. Wheaton is an extraordinarily diverse portion of Montgomery County, hosts many first-time voters and includes many people in time-constrained professions. These populations are exactly the ones for whom early voting makes the most difference. I applaud Maryland and Montgomery County's efforts to expand the franchise, making our democracy the most inclusive it can possibly be, and I hope that locating another early voting center in Wheaton helps to achieve that goal.

Thank you, Dave

Dave Sloan
[REDACTED]

Merino, Lisa Y.

From: Elections, Board-Of
Sent: Sunday, July 07, 2013 2:13 PM
To: 'EDITH ISAACS'
Subject: RE: Proposed Early Voting Centers

Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Board.

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-----Original Message-----

From: EDITH ISAACS [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 07, 2013 12:05 PM
To: Elections, Board-Of
Subject: Proposed Early Voting Centers

I am a registered voter who votes in every election.

I am in agreement with the proposed early voting center for my area.

We had extremely long lines at our last voting experience which probably was caused by shutting down the Whetstone Community Center as a poll and sending us as well as several other polls to the Montgomery Village Middle School. This proved to be a hardship to the elderly and parents of young children.

If I had to make a choice between the proposed early voting centers and going back to using the convenient and accessible (I walked there) Whetstone Community Center, I would chose the latter.

Edith G. Isaacs
[REDACTED]

ANNE R. KAISER
14th Legislative District
Montgomery County

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

July 16, 2013

Marjorie Roher
Montgomery County Board of Elections
18753 N. Frederick Avenue, #210
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Dear Marjorie,

We are writing in support of retaining the Marilyn Praisner Center as an early voting site.

Early voting will only continue to become more popular with each passing election. Each of us was impressed with the efficiency of the staff at the Marilyn Praisner Center who were able to assist the voters. Furthermore, the site has more than ample parking and has an ideal layout to get voters in and out with the minimum of fuss.

The location of the Marilyn Praisner Center is convenient not only to those who reside in the East County, but also, given the center's proximity to the major arteries of Route 29 and ICC, voters commuting to and from work from the southern and western parts of the county will also find it conveniently located. Additionally, in the past, two of the precincts in District 14 were combined at the Center, making it an important site for the whole district. This location is also used to host many community events, so it is known far and wide in the community.

We believe that the vibrancy of our democracy is maintained by easy and efficient access to the polls. We know that you share our sentiments and hope that you will equally express it by retaining the Marilyn Praisner Center as an early voting site.

Sincerely,


Senator Karen Montgomery


Delegate Eric Luedtke


Delegate Anne R. Kaiser


Delegate Craig Zucker

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From: Elections, Board-Of
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 8:33 AM
To: Merino, Lisa Y.
Subject: FW: Proposed Early Voting Centers

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From: sheldon fishman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 10:39 PM
To: Elections, Board-Of
Cc: Barbara Sanders
Subject: Proposed Early Voting Centers

I urge the Board to extend the geographic diversity of the early voting centers.
thank you

sheldon
Sheldon Fishman
[REDACTED]

Merino, Lisa Y.

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From: Elections, Board-Of
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2013 9:43 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Comments on Early Voting Sites

Thank you, they will be shared with the Board members.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 6:59 PM
To: Elections, Board-Of
Subject: Comments on Early Voting Sites

Dear Marjorie Roher:

Thank you very much for asking for public comments about the proposed early voting sites. I am a citizen who lives in Bethesda near the Metro station. I have worked for many elections as an election judge so I appreciate how important the particular site is for access and parking. In the past election, there were no early voting sites convenient for citizens living or working in the downtown Bethesda and Chevy Chase area. The lines at the local precincts were extremely long in the morning hours. My guess is that very few citizens from the local precincts had voted early given that the early voting locations were remote and in the "wrong" direction for people commuting into D.C..

Please find my comments attached and below.

Thank you,

Lynn Garland
[REDACTED]

Comments on Montgomery County early voting sites

1. One of the main goals of expanding early voting was to reduce the long lines on election-day so that voters who cannot wait so long will not be discouraged or disenfranchised. Most voters ("the customers") seem to want to vote first thing in the morning, especially before work. In many precincts the lines on election-day were very long in the morning and almost non-existent in the afternoon. To reduce these lines by having these working people be able to vote early, the early voting locations should be

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- along the major commuter arteries
- open early in the morning (7:00) and late in the evening (8:00)

Maryland has a limited number of voting machines so the best way to expand capacity is to expand the early voting locations (as you are already doing) and the hours.

2. The information provided states that:

The sites under consideration have been chosen based on population centers, geographic balance, and access to public transportation, parking, and other important criteria such as accessibility for persons with disabilities, security of the facility and Maryland State Board of Elections' regulations.

When you are considering sites based on population centers are you considering the data based on where people live or where they work? Many people might want to vote during their commute to and from work and during their work day, so sites should be chosen near or on the routes to major employment centers. Can your criteria be changed accordingly?

3. The two additional sites in Bethesda/Chevy Chase are much needed. They would serve not only the Bethesda Chevy Chase community but also commuters who work in DC and Bethesda from all the other Montgomery County localities.

4. The Bethesda/Chevy Chase regional service center is well located for commuters taking the metro, as well as for commuters traveling on the Georgetown Road and 355 corridors. It would also be the nearest early voting center for many of the commuters on the River Road corridor. It, however, is a somewhat confusing location and the instructions and signage from the metro, from the parking and from the sidewalk would have to be very clear. (I have been there for a public meeting and many of the attendees found it difficult to find because there were no instructions, just the address.) Given people's use of technology to find locations, people should be fine as long as there are many clear signs, so I would still recommend including it as an early voting center.

Alternatively, the lobby of 3 Metro Center and the front room in the Bethesda Library might be considered. The lobby of 3 Metro Center is perfectly located near the metro, bus station and public parking. It is spacious and clean looking. The equipment would have to be secured overnight somehow. I have no idea if using the lobby of a private building is feasible, but it would be worth exploring, The front room of the Bethesda library might be too small, and the library is not quite as optimally located, but still might be worth considering. Public meetings are often held there.

5. The Community Center at Willow Avenue not only serves the Wisconsin and Georgetown corridor but also the Connecticut avenue corridor, at least reasonably well. (The Board of Elections chart does not mention the Connecticut Avenue corridor which is a very heavily traveled commuter path.)

Merino, Lisa Y.

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From: Elections, Board-Of
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2013 4:26 PM
To: 'The Goldbergs'
Subject: RE: Voting sites fir early elections

Thank you for your comments. They will be provided to the Board for consideration.

Marjorie Roher
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From: The Goldbergs [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2013 4:25 PM
To: Elections, Board-Of
Subject: Voting sites fir early elections

I'd like to suggest considering the Montgomery County Conference Center as an early voting site. It is an appropriate use of this facility. The Center is conveniently located near the White Flint Metro and has parking available.

Natalie Goldberg
[REDACTED]



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MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

July 12, 2013

Ms. Mary Ann Keeffe
President
Montgomery County Board of Elections
18753-210 North Frederick Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Dear Ms. Keeffe:

On behalf of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee (MCDCC), I am writing to urge you and your colleagues on the Montgomery County Board of Elections to approve the following locations we recommend for early voting sites for the 2014 Primary and General Elections.

First, the MCDCC would like to thank the officers, members and staff of the Board of Elections for the extensive amount of work you will undertake to implement the expansion of the early voting process for the 2014 election cycle. The MCDCC also applauds the Maryland General Assembly for reaffirming this successful practice by enacting legislation to increase the number of early voting centers.

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the new early vote locations, because it is imperative that all of the citizens of Montgomery County who have been unable to exercise the right to vote, may easily access these locations.

The siting process will play a major role in voter participation. The process of selecting and evaluating new voting locations is an important assignment and must be performed in a manner that most improves access to voting for those citizens who have been unable to exercise this right due to employment, family or other obligations. To this end, our recommendations are intended to enfranchise the greatest number of county voters by suggesting sites that are in most densely populated and underserved areas and which have access to public transportation and/or adequate parking.

The MCDCC relied on the Board of Elections recommendations and research and we appreciate the Board's work in this area. To follow are the MCDCC site recommendations, which we have designated as primary and alternative.

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By authority, MCDCC; Gabriel Albornoz, Chair; Pamela Queen, Treasurer.



Again, the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee welcomes the opportunity to comment on the expanded early voting sites. We also welcome the opportunity to recommend new early voting locations that advance enfranchisement, which is to reach out to those individuals, who have relished the opportunity to vote in the past, but have not been able to exercise this right.

For these reasons, we urge you to approve the MCDCC's recommended early voting sites.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gabe Albornoz", written in a cursive style.

Gabe Albornoz
Chairman

MCDCC Early Vote Site Recommendations

<u>Area</u>	<u>Primary Site Physical Location</u>	<u>Alternative Site Physical Location</u>
Downtown Bethesda	<p>1. Chevy Chase Jane Lawton Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This primary site is a large, centrally located facility with adequate parking. 	<p>2. Bethesda Regional Services Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ While this alternative location's proximity to the Bethesda Metro Station is a plus, it may be hard for some voters to find. Adequate signage directing voters from the Metro Station to the center could mitigate this challenge. <p>3. Village of Friendship Heights Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This alternative location is within walking distance of the Friendship Heights Metro Station and near high density apartment buildings.
Downtown Gaithersburg	<p>1. Bohrer Recreation Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This primary site is next to Gaithersburg High School and near affordable housing in Gaithersburg. 	
Southeastern Montgomery County	<p>1. Long Branch Community Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This primary location is near densely populated apartments, familiar to area residents and would provide better voting access to the growing middle and working-class Latino community in southeastern Montgomery County. 	<p>2. Takoma Park Community Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This alternative location is near densely populated apartment buildings.
Wheaton	<p>1. Wheaton Neighborhood Recreation Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This primary site is large, centrally located and would provide better voting access to the racially and ethnically diverse community in Wheaton. 	<p>2. Mid-County Regional Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This alternative location is near the Wheaton Metro Station. <p>3. Holiday Park Recreation Center</p>



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
of Montgomery County, MD, Inc.

**Testimony before the Montgomery County Board of Elections
Early Voting Center Selection
Saturday, July 27, 2013**

The League of Women Voters of Montgomery County is pleased to have this opportunity to address the County Board of Elections before you expand the number of early voting centers from five to nine.

Good advance information. As the League's Voters Service chair and a regular attendee of the monthly Board meetings, I personally commend the Board and the staff on their decision-making process to date -- in which you have reviewed a substantial amount of information on the state criteria points for a large number of locations suggested by the Board and the public. The Board's review has already narrowed the options presented today to those best meeting the state criteria.

Additionally, the League appreciates the publicity about the selection process, the guidance on participation opportunities, and the wealth of background materials available on the Board's website to assist public review and comment.

Number of centers. The League is pleased that the Board has voted to identify nine centers (plus alternates). We recognize and support this request for the County government to provide funding for one optional center beyond the three additional centers required for our registered population by the 2013 General Assembly. The League of Women Voters of Maryland testified in support of the bills increasing the number of early voting centers during the General Assembly session "as a means of assuring maximum access to secure voting by the largest number of voters."

We are assuming that Montgomery County probably will retain all five current and three alternate centers, which already meet the major state criterion of covering 80% of the county's registered voters within their five-mile circles. It is also important that the current and future sites provide (1) adequate transit access during the complete voting time period, especially over the weekend and during evenings, and (2) parking facilities.

Locations of centers. The Board already recognizes the importance of continuity by using the same precinct locations across election cycles for voter familiarity and participation. The League hopes a similar perspective will apply to early voting centers.

Although we have no positions on specific early voting center sites to add, we strongly suggest that the process of selection of new centers not only further expand geographic coverage in the county, but also aim for the highest percentage possible of the registered population to be within the designated radius of all the combined centers.

Several of the proposed centers provide closer proximity for a significant portion of the population since they are located in between the five existing centers. We recognize this might encourage more early voting opportunities for some. However, we would suggest it is equally -- or even more -- important to give added weight to the centers that add new precincts and additional registrant populations that are not currently served in the criteria-designated circles of the current centers.

LWVMC Testimony *continued*

2012 experiences. Additionally, we want to pass along voter disappointment that there was not an early voting center in the western part of the county inside the Washington Beltway. We have had a significant number of comments on this topic both from calls to our Voter Service Hotline and through other interactions with voters before both the primary and the general elections of 2012.

In closing, we again thank you for this opportunity to comment and for the wealth of information you have posted for the public to review. We hope you will continue to augment the website with any additional evaluative material for further public review and comments as you work toward your final selection of the additional centers later this fall.

Barbara Sanders
Voters Service Chair

Linna Barnes
President



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**STATEMENT BY
DAN ADCOCK
CHAIR OF THE EARLY VOTING SITE RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCDCC)**

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

JULY 27, 2013

Dear President Keeffe and Members of the Board of Elections:

On behalf of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee (MCDCC), thank you for the opportunity to testify on the Democratic Party's recommendations for early voting locations for the 2014 Primary and General Elections.

The MCDCC is the governing body of the Montgomery County Democratic Party. My colleagues and I on the Central Committee are elected for four-year terms during each Gubernatorial Democratic Party Primary Election. This morning, I am representing the Central Committee's constituents of over 352,000 registered Democratic Party voters in the county.

First, I would like to thank the officers, members and staff of the Montgomery County Board of Elections for the extensive amount of work you have taken – and will undertake -- to implement the expansion of the early voting process for the 2014 election cycle. The MCDCC relied on the Board of Elections' recommendations and research and we appreciate the Board's work in this area.

The MCDCC also applauds the Maryland General Assembly for reaffirming this successful practice by enacting legislation to increase the number of early voting centers.

Many of us learn in marketing 101 that to be a successful entrepreneur, you need to remove the obstacles that stand in the way of your potential customers from doing business with you. That's why many businesses stay open on weekday nights and on weekends. While customer access to businesses is key to a healthy economy, its importance pales in comparison to accessing our constitutionally guaranteed right to vote.

In November 2008, Maryland voters decided that holding one-day elections did not provide citizens with enough access to polling places. They recognized that there are too many persons who cannot get to their precinct on Election Day because they work two jobs, they don't have a car, they are away on business travel or they serve as caregivers to young children and/or aging

parents. Until the intervention of the legislature and voters, too many of our fellow citizens with these hardships and responsibilities were not able to exercise their right to vote. For democracy to work, improving access to voting must be an ongoing imperative.

Montgomery County's next step in that process is locating new early voting centers to maximize voter access and participation. To this end, our recommendations are intended to enfranchise the greatest number of county voters by suggesting sites that are in the most densely populated and underserved areas and which have access to public transportation and/or adequate parking. In addition, we believe new early voting centers should be especially accessible to the county's "new Americans" to encourage them to make voting in every election a civic tradition.

With these criteria in mind, we recommend that new early voting sites be located in downtown Bethesda, downtown Gaithersburg, southeastern Montgomery County and Wheaton.

First, we believe the Chevy Chase Jane Lawton Center is the best choice for Bethesda. The Lawton Center is a large, centrally located facility with adequate parking. Our alternative locations in Bethesda are the Bethesda Regional Services Center and the Village of Friendship Heights Center.

While we like the Bethesda Regional Services Center's proximity to the Bethesda Metro Station, we acknowledge that it may be hard for some voters to find. Adequate signage directing voters from the Metro Station to the center could mitigate this challenge. The Village of Friendship Heights Center is within walking distance of the Friendship Heights Metro Station and near high density apartment buildings.

Near downtown Gaithersburg, we recommend the Bohrer Recreation Center, which is next to Gaithersburg High School and near affordable housing.

In southeastern Montgomery County, we suggest the Long Branch Community Center because it is widely used by area residents, near densely populated apartments and would provide better voting access to the growing middle and working-class Latino community in that part of the county. Nearby Takoma Park Community Center would be our alternative choice since it is also near densely populated apartment buildings.

Finally, we recommend the Wheaton Neighborhood Recreation Center because it is a large, centrally located site and would provide better voting access to the racially and ethnically diverse community in Wheaton. Our alternative choices in Wheaton are the Mid-County Regional Center and the Holiday Park Recreation Center. The Mid-County Regional Center is desirable since it is near the Wheaton Metro Station.

Madam President and Board members, thank you again for the opportunity for the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee to recommend new early voting locations which advances enfranchisement.

I would be happy to answer any questions you have.

Merino, Lisa Y.

From: Elections, Board-Of
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 4:47 PM
To: Merino, Lisa Y.
Subject: FW: Comments on additional early voting sites

Marjorie Roher
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 4:15 PM
To: Elections, Board-Of
Cc: mark uncapher; Fenati Pat
Subject: Comments on additional early voting sites

Montgomery County Board of Elections:

Dear Board Members:

I am writing to urge the consideration of an additional early voting election location in Damascus area. As an elected Republican Central Committee member from Olney in Legislative District 14, I have traveled the district for many meetings and elections. The Damascus area is both growing and under-served in terms of access to voting centers. Even in Olney we have to drive either to Rockville or Burtonsville to vote early. The citizens of Damascus have further to travel and I am sure it discourages voter turnout and increases cross county traffic for all.

I would urge the consideration of this under-served, growing area of Damascus for a early voting center.

With best regards-

Larry Lauer, District 14 Republican Central Committee (elected)
Precinct Chair 08-002- Greenwood Elementary

[REDACTED]

7/27/2013

Members of the Board of Elections,

I would like to extend a thank you for the hard work you have done in locating possible Early Election sites and for hosting this hearing. I am here today to request that you put an Early Voting site in Damascus.

My name is Patricia Fenati I have lived in Damascus, for over 40 years. In recent years, Damascus and nearby Clarksburg have been growing very fast as thousands of homes are being built along route 27 coming into Damascus.

I understand that Germantown is currently the busiest Early Voting Center now, because it serves all of the up county area. But as development in the Damascus/Clarksburg area continues to grow in the next year and a half, Germantown may be unable to handle the influx of new voters brought in by the expansion.

I have a chart below which shows the driving distances from sites in the Damascus area to the proposed voting center in Damascus as compared to the current site in Germantown. I have pieced together and attached a satellite photo of the state of development off of Route 27.

To	From	Rt 27 and Sweepstakes	Upper 27	Clarksburg Rd and 108	Laytonsville 108 & 650	New Development in Clarksburg
Damascus (Site 5)		1.8	5.0	5.5	5.8	3.7
Germantown (Site 7)		9.4	14.3	15.2	13.2	6.8
Gaithersburg (Site 15)		10.9	15.2	16.4	10.7	9.2
Brookville (Site 10)		15.4	17.2	16.9	9.3	18.0

Many more homes, town homes and apartments are being built at this time. In addition, in recent years there have been several townhouse communities built in Damascus itself creating denser population centers. Some of these communities are just across Route 27 from the Damascus voting center.

A goal of Early Voting Centers is that they be within 5 miles of the voters they serve. The above chart shows, three of the Damascus Area sites are over 13 driving miles from Germantown. And though I think the county should also consider an Early Voting Center closer to voters in the North Western corner of the county, please note that even the town of Poolesville is only 11.7 miles from the Germantown Center, closer than some of the sites in the North East area of the County.

While the above chart concentrates on the Damascus Center, I also believe that Brookville would be very important for voters in the Olney, Brookville and Ashton areas of the east county, which your map clearly shows have no nearby voting centers.

You will hear about under served areas in down county. But the upper county is the forgotten area. County services come up there last or not at all. I think it would be unconscionable for the Board of Elections to pile up Early Voting Centers in the lower county within blocks of each other while ignoring the needs of the voters in the upper county.

Thank you for listening please put an Early Voting Center in Damascus.

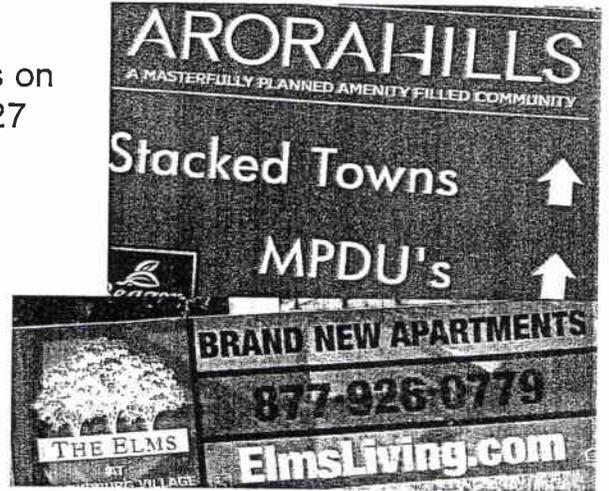
Attachments

1. *Satellite map view of early development along Route 27*
2. *Map showing locations of above chart (on back of attachment 1)*
3. *Pictures of some areas of development along Rt. 27 approaching Damascus*
4. *Pictures of some of the many townhouse developments in Damascus (on back of attachment 3)*

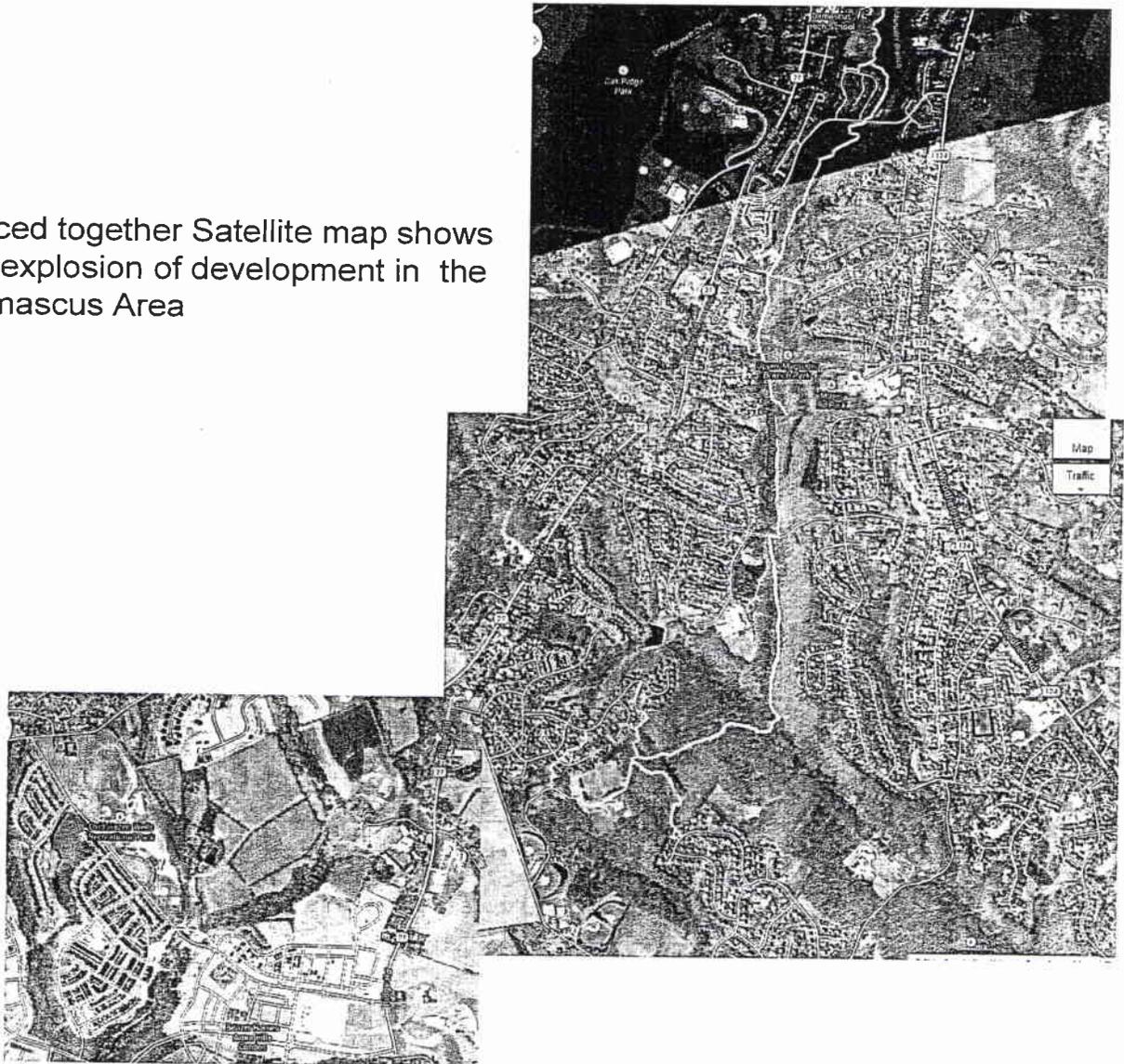


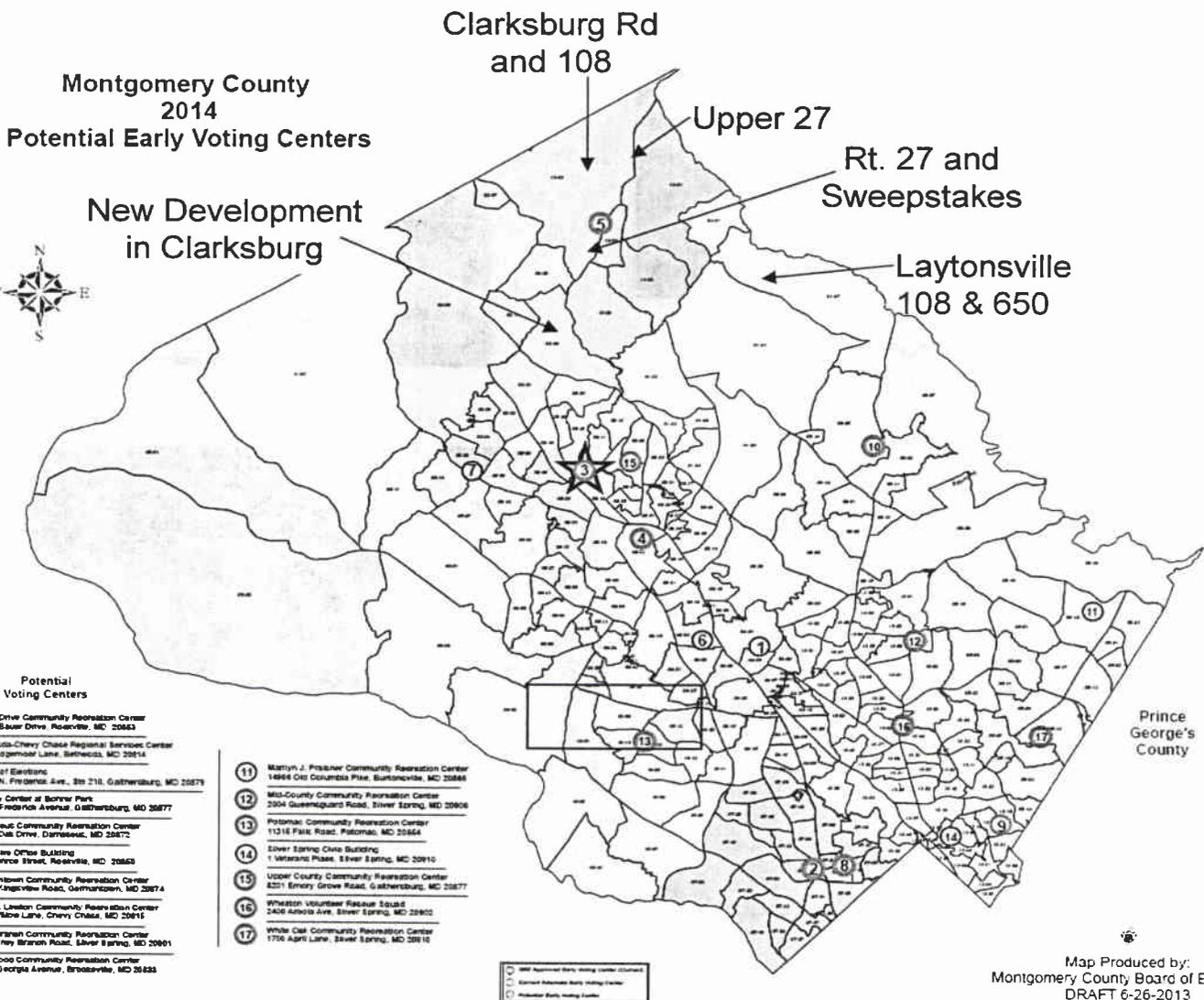
Clarksburg is building blocks and blocks of these town house developments along Rt 27

Signs on Rt 27



Pieced together Satellite map shows the explosion of development in the Damascus Area



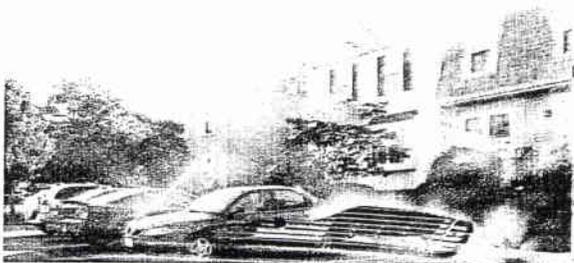
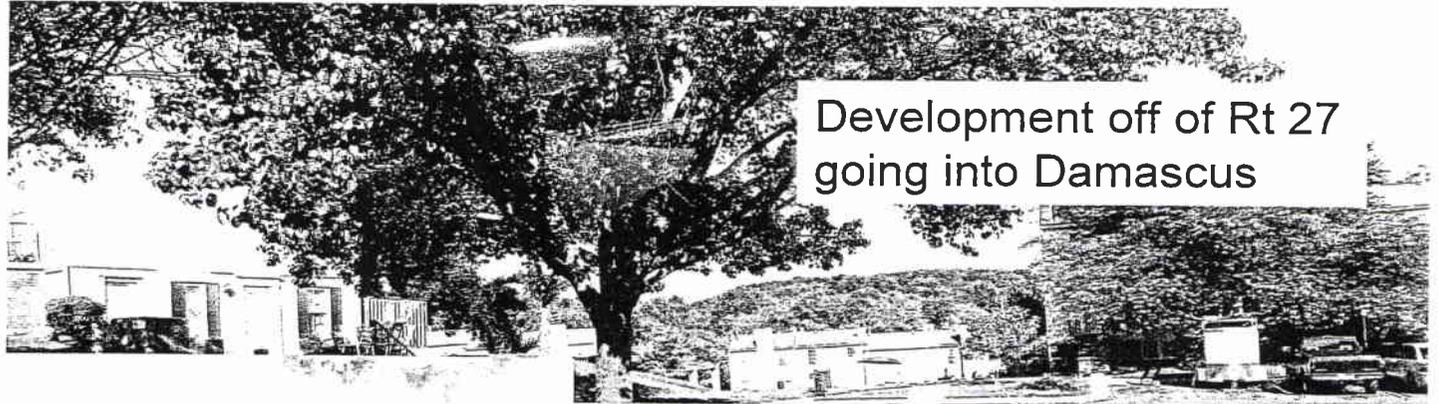


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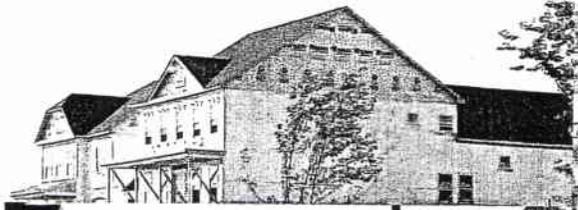
Chart showing the number of miles to Germantown vs. Damascus and other proposed voting sites

Development off of Rt 27
going into Damascus



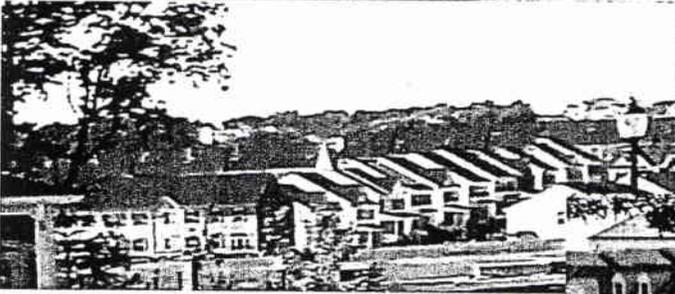
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Some pictures of the many
Townhouse and Apartment
Communities in Damascus

Montgomery County 2014 Potential Early Voting Centers

*Upper NW
1 site*

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Frederick
County
2 alternate*



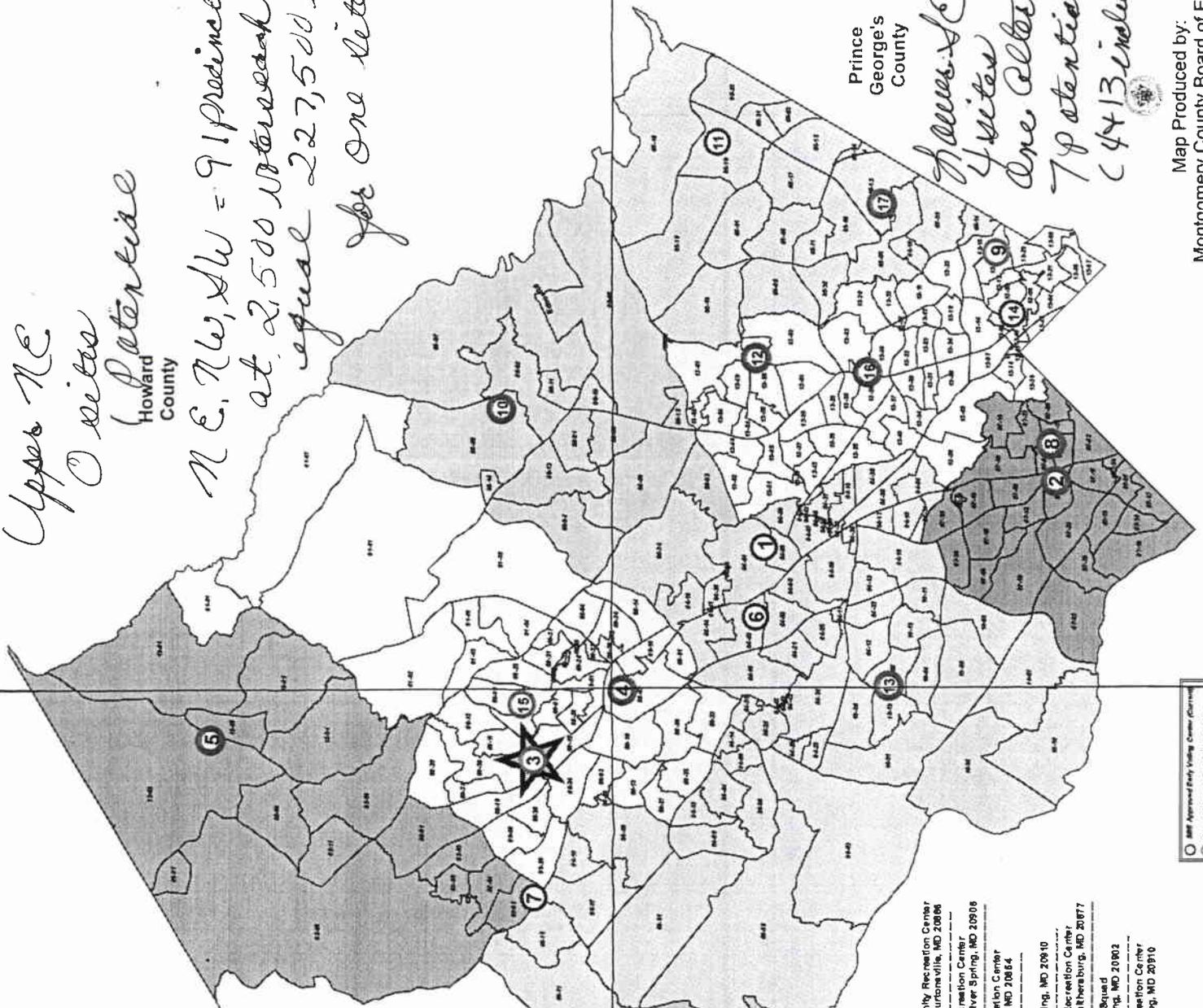
*Upper NE
0 sites
Howard
County
Potential*

*NE, NW, SW = 91 Precincts
at 2,500 voters each
equal 227,500 voters
for one site!*

*Lower SW
0 sites
2 potential (4+13)
Voting Centers*

- 1 Beaver Drive Community Recreation Center
14828 Baser Drive, Rockville, MD 20853
- 2 Bethesda Chevy Chase Regional Services Center
4808 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814
- 3 Board of Elections
18783 N. Frederick Ave., Site 210, Gaithersburg, MD 20879
- 4 Activity Center at Bohrer Park
808 E. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
- 5 Damascus Community Recreation Center
19520 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872
- 6 Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20860
- 7 Germantown Community Recreation Center
19805 Kingview Road, Germantown, MD 20874
- 8 Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center
4301 Willow Lane, Cherry Chase, MD 20815
- 9 Long Branch Community Recreation Center
8700 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, MD 20911
- 10 Longwood Community Recreation Center
19200 Georgia Avenue, Brooksville, MD 20833

- 11 Marilyn J. Prehauer Community Recreation Center
14006 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20886
- 12 Mid-County Community Recreation Center
2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring, MD 20908
- 13 Potomac Community Recreation Center
11318 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854
- 14 Silver Spring Civic Building
1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910
- 15 Upper County Community Recreation Center
8201 Emory Grove Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
- 16 Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad
2400 Arcole Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20902
- 17 White Oak Community Recreation Center
1700 April Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910



Prince
George's
County

*Lower SE
4 sites
one alternate
78 potential
(4+13 included)*



**Testimony of the City of Gaithersburg Before the Montgomery
County Board of Elections on Recommended
Early Voting Centers**

July 27, 2013

Good morning President Keeffe and members of the Board of Elections. My name is Cathy Drzyzgula and I am a Council Member in the City of Gaithersburg. I am here today to provide the City's comments on the Board's proposed early voting sites.

With the recent passage of the Early Voting Act, the County has been given an excellent opportunity to expand early voting sites to up to nine locations and make the process even more convenient for City voters.

The City would like to express its strong support for the inclusion of the Activity Center at Bohrer Park in the final list of approved sites. There is a need for additional polling sites and to have one within the City limits would greatly benefit our residents.

This location is ideal as it provides ample parking, is located on a bus route and is handicapped accessible. We are very pleased that this site is being considered and look forward to working with the Board as we get closer to the 2014 elections.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board for changing the boundary lines and re-opening Gaithersburg Elementary School (09-01) as a polling site.

This will allow for a polling site that is easily accessible and has proven to be an excellent site for City residents.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before you today, and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.



Statement of Mark Uncapher for the Montgomery County Board of Elections

July 27, 2013

On behalf of the Montgomery County Republican Central Committee, I wanted to go on record calling for the Board of Elections to choose early voting sites that minimizes the number of voters who live more than five miles from an early voting site.

Not only does this reflect the standard of the state Election Law, but it also makes common sense and reflects simple fairness.

So in keeping with this legal standard, I would maintain that the Board should not adopt any plan that leaves any precinct completely outside of a five mile radius of a voting site.

I note that residents in some areas, specifically northern and western Montgomery County, will be outside 5 miles unless Damascus and Potomac have sites.

Unless Damascus Community Recreation Center is adopted as a site, then voters in six precincts 01-01, 2-07, 2-09, 12-02, 12-05 and 12-01 will be wholly outside a five mile radius of an early voting site.

Unless Potomac Community Recreation Center is adopted as a site, voters in precinct 10-2 will be wholly outside a 5 mile radius.

The unmistakable conclusion of reviewing the map is of current and proposed Early Voting sites is that in some parts of the county can be served within a 5 mile distance by as many as a third of the sites being proposed. For example precinct 13-25 has as many as 8 potential voting sites within a 5 mile radius.

While certainly those voters deserve consideration, so should the nearly 25,000 people in the six precincts near Damascus who would otherwise be 'out of range.'

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY 2014 POTENTIAL EARLY VOTING CENTERS
TESTIMONY
SYLVIA DARROW, LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 15**

On behalf of Montgomery County Legislative District 15, I am here to urge you and your colleagues on the Montgomery County Board of Elections to approve the location of Potomac Community Recreation Center as one of the early voting sites.

I would like to thank the officers, members and staff of the Board of Elections, for the extensive amount of work that you have undertaken to implement the expansion of the early voting process for the 2014 election cycle.

First, and foremost, enfranchisement of all Montgomery County Voters is the main priority in selecting the early voting centers. This is why I urge you to consider the Potomac Community Recreation Center.

Please refer to the map of Montgomery County. I have divided the County into four parts: Upper NW, Upper NE, Lower SW, and Lower SE.

Upper NW is represented with one site, one potential site, and two alternates. Upper NE has no sites, and one potential site. Lower SW has no sites and two potential sites, 4 and 13, which are on the North/South dividing line. Lower SE has four sites, one alternate site, and seven potential sites, including 4 and 13.

When you combine the NE, NW, and SW sections, there are approximately 91 precincts, with approximately 2,500 voters. This is a total of approximately 227,500 voters for one site! Perhaps this is why the wait to vote was over two hours each day during the last election! Worse yet, the Lower SW section represents approximately 26 precincts with about 65,000 voters and absolutely no sites unless Potomac Community Center is considered.

The convenience of the Potomac Community Center is very important also. It is on the Rockville T2 Metro, going to Friendship Heights, and the 37 Ride-On, with covered wait stations. The location is 1.6 miles from the 270/Montrose Rd exit, which connects with the ICC at the Shady Grove exit. River Road from Bethesda and Poolesville is an easy access to Falls Road, and the Potomac Center which is only two miles from Potomac Village at that intersection. Glen Road and Tuckerman Lane also connect to Falls Road, and these are main arteries connecting Darnstown, North Potomac, and North Bethesda. This location is only four miles from the heart of Rockville, allowing the residents of Rockville an alternative to the more congested area of the Executive Office Building. Thus, this location serves a large area of Montgomery County. Even during rush hour, the traffic on Falls Road moves easily. There is ample free parking and the inside of the Center is large.

By selecting this site, you will have accommodated voters from many diverse communities and given equal consideration for all voters.

Thank you,
Sylvia Darrow
Legislative District 15
Precinct 04-20