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Council Committee Discusses Needs of Information Technology Industry

The Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee today held a roundtable discussion with several Information Technology business leaders to share insight on what the Council can do to enhance and expand the Information Technology sector in the County.

"Information Technology companies help economic development, provide jobs, and encourage needed infrastructure," explained Councilmember Nancy Floreen.

Joining the Committee for the discussion were Michael A. Dignam of Lockheed Martin Information Technology, Kathy Franklin of Trichord, Inc., Janet Hall of FlashTalk Communications, John R. Nyland of IBM Global Services, Charles Sharrocks of Client Network Services, Inc., and Carol Trawick of Trawick and Associates.

The meeting focused on what can be done to further support the businesses, and how to make the County more desirable for employees recruited to Montgomery County from other parts of the country. Major issues raised by businesses included transportation, education, IT awareness, affordable housing, infrastructure, and internet access. The companies present shared many of the same concerns, such as how their employees will afford to live in the area and commute to work, and how telecommuters will have reliable internet access.

"We want to sustain the partnership between the County and the industry," said Council President Steve Silverman. "Our County is already known for our growing Biotech industry. We want more and more Information Technology companies to call Montgomery County 'home'."

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