



MID-COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

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April 17, 2018

The Honorable Isiah Leggett
Montgomery County Executive
101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

The Honorable Hans Reimer
President, Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: FY19 Operating Budget

Dear County Executive Leggett and Council President Reimer:

The Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) appreciates this opportunity to provide our input on the Operating Budget for FY19. We recognize and appreciate that the County Executive's Proposed Budget maintains most services in the face of current pressures and obligations and future uncertainties in revenue.

That said, we do want to express our support for additional funding, where possible, of the following concerns of particular interest in the Mid-County.

- **Affordable Housing** - We recognize this issue as a particular concern throughout the County, and are glad to see it supported in the budget proposal. We welcome efforts to create and maintain a stock of affordable housing within the Mid-County. We support the recommendation by the Commission on Aging that the County explore ways to make the MPDU (Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit) program more senior friendly, including through the inclusion of universal design features.
- **Mid-County Regional Service Center and Four Other RSC's** - These offices serve as a vital access point for residents to access County services, but past cuts to Center staffing have yet to be restored. We urge that this oversight be addressed.

- **Commission on Common Ownership Communities, CCOC** - We recognize the existence of many such communities, and observe the need to support dispute resolution for such groups through the CCOC with increased staff support.
- **Wheaton Arts & Entertainment District** - We support resources to help implement viable programming and development of this district, as a necessary part of Wheaton Revitalization.

We understand the difficulty of dealing with competing needs amid fiscal realities and thank you for considering our input as you proceed with your work on the Operating Budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Francisco Romero", written over a horizontal line.

Francisco Romero, Chair
Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board

Cc: County Council Members
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