

The Council's Responsibilities

The County Council's responsibilities are specified by the County Charter and Maryland law.

Budget: The Council has responsibility for government spending in Montgomery County. By March 15 of each year, the County Executive submits the recommended operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Independent agencies, such as Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, submit their requested budgets prior to that date.

On January 15 of even-numbered years, the County Executive submits a recommended capital budget and six-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The Council takes final action on the budgets on or before June 1. In odd-numbered years, the Executive submits a capital budget and may submit amendments to the CIP approved the previous year.

Each fiscal year begins on July 1.

The Council also:

- Approves all land use plans including the General Plan, area master plans and sector plans prepared by the County Planning Board.
- Acts on zoning changes.
- Exercises oversight of County programs to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.
- Approves the County 10-Year Solid Waste and Water Supply and Sewerage System plans.
- Serves as the Board of Health for the County.
- Enacts all County laws and amendments to the County Code.
- Confirms major appointments made by the County Executive and appoints the members of the Montgomery County Planning Board and the County Board of Appeals.
- Acts on and initiates reorganization plans for County government departments.
- Directs and reviews the annual independent audit of County government operations.

When the Council Meets

The Council generally meets on Tuesdays, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Council meets other days in committees and frequently holds public hearings and forums in the evenings. Nearly all Council meetings are open to the public.

Testifying at Council Public Hearings

Advertisements of public hearings are carried in County newspapers and are publicized through news releases and on the Council web site. To testify, speakers must sign

up in advance online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council or by calling 240-777-7803. The deadline to sign up to speak for afternoon Council public hearings is 5 p.m. on the day before the hearing. For evening public hearings it's 10 a.m. on the day of the hearing.

Written testimony—whether presented, mailed or sent via e-mail to the Council—becomes part of the official record and is given the same consideration as oral testimony.

Keeping Informed About the Council

The Council's Legislative Information Services (LIS) office is on the fourth floor of the Council Office Building at 100 Maryland Ave. in Rockville. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number is 240-777-7910. LIS maintains copies of Council records, bills and minutes of Council meetings and worksessions.

Agendas and informational reports for Council and committee meetings are available online at least 24 hours prior to meetings. Summaries of Council actions also are available at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council. Click "Council Meeting Portal" and go to "Agenda/Packets" for that meeting.

Council sessions, worksessions and public hearings are carried live on County Cable Montgomery (CCM), which can be viewed on Cable Channels 996 (high definition) and 6 (standard definition) on Comcast, Channels 1056 (HD) and 6 (SD) on RCN, and Channel 30 on Verizon. The meetings are also broadcast live via streaming from the Council web site. When two committees meet simultaneously, one is broadcast live on CCM and the other is available live on demand (and is taped for later rebroadcast on CCM).

Video of Council activities broadcast on CCM (and meetings that were recorded for future broadcast) is available via the Council web site approximately 24 hours following the conclusion of the meeting. From the Council home page, select "Council Meeting Portal." Then select "View Event" for the current meeting; for past meetings, scroll down and select "video." Find broadcasts under "Current and Upcoming Events," County Council Sessions, Committee Worksessions, Evening Public Hearings or Other Council Videos.

Many Council activities held in the following rooms can be monitored by phone: Third Floor Hearing Room (240-773-3333); Seventh Floor Hearing Room (240-773-3377); Third Floor Conference Room (240-773-3300).

To Learn More About the Council

- Follow the Council on Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat, Twitter and YouTube
- View Council news releases at <http://tinyurl.com/hwvwmf8>
- View video of Councilmembers and County Cable Montgomery programming at <https://www.youtube.com/user/100marylandave>



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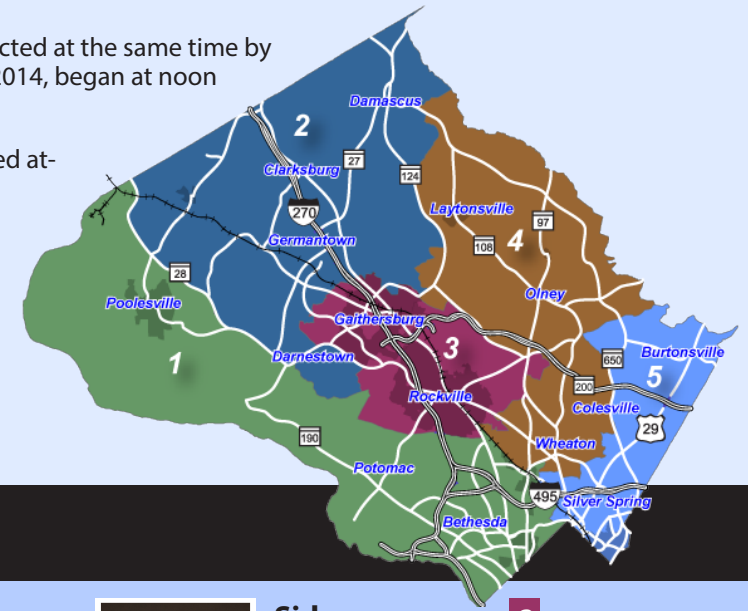
The Montgomery County Council is the legislative branch of County government. It has nine members, all elected at the same time by the voters of Montgomery County to serve four-year terms. The term of the present Council, elected in November 2014, began at noon on December 1, 2014 and will continue until noon on December 3, 2018.

Five members of the Council are elected by the voters of their respective Council districts. Four members are elected at-large by all voters of the County.

The Council officers are elected by the Council from among its members in December for a one-year term. Officers for 2017-18 are:

Council President Hans Riemer
Council Vice President Nancy Navarro

As of December 4, 2017, Councilmembers receive an annual salary of \$136,258. The Council President receives an annual salary of \$149,883.



Montgomery County Councilmembers



Hans Riemer

President

D—At Large

Committees: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (lead member for digital government); Planning, Housing and Economic Development
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Marc Elrich

D—At Large

Committees: Public Safety (chair); Education

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Sidney Katz

D—District 3 (Derwood, Leisure World, parts of Aspen Hill, North Potomac and Potomac, as well as the municipalities of Gaithersburg, Rockville and Washington Grove.)

240-777-7906

Committees: Public Safety (lead member for behavioral health in the justice system); Government Operations and Fiscal Policy
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Nancy Navarro 4

Vice President

D—District 4 (Georgia Avenue from Wheaton to the Howard County border. Randolph Hills, Kensington Heights, Aspen Hill, Glenmont, Layhill Village and Colesville—west of Route 650. Includes Oakdale, Ashton, Sandy Spring and Olney. Also includes rural communities such as Sunshine, Etchison, Brookeville and Laytonsville.)

Committees: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (chair); Education
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Nancy Floreen

At Large

Committees: Planning, Housing and Economic Development (chair); Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment

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George Leventhal

D—At Large

Committees: Health and Human Services (chair); Planning, Housing and Economic Development
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Roger Berliner 1

D—District 1 (Western side of the County from the District of Columbia line to Frederick County, including Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Garrett Park, Kensington, Potomac, Somerset, Travilah, Darnestown, Poolesville and western Dickerson.)

Committees: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment (chair); Health and Human Services

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Tom Hucker 5

D—District 5 (Southeast and eastern portion of the County generally surrounding U.S. Route 29, including Silver Spring, Takoma Park, Briggs Chaney, Burnt Mills, Burtonsville, Calverton, Cloverly, Colesville, Fairland, Four Corners, Hillandale, Lyttonsville and White Oak.)

Committees: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment (lead member for environment); Public Safety

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Craig Rice 2

D—District 2 (Covers much of the County's Agricultural Reserve, including Barnesville, Boyds, Comus, Damascus, a portion of Dickerson, Hyattstown and Mount Ephraim. Also includes Clarksburg, Darnestown, Germantown, Goshen, Montgomery Village and North Potomac.)

Committees: Education (chair); Health and Human Services

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