

Hello. My name is Susan Labin, Ph.D., a long-time resident of MoCo.

President Alborno and VP Glass have expressed their hope that the new temporary Planning Board will inspire “trust” and “confidence.” To accomplish these goals, the Council and the Board should act with independence from special interests.

It is never an easy job to be the internal independent voice of oversight, but it is the critical role of the IG in support of democracy. I urge the Council to strengthen the IG and oversight in the County with the following suggestions:

1. Removal:
 - 1.1. Maintain two thirds requirement, which means **the number of votes is 8 out of 11.**
 - 1.2. 7 votes as proposed by Council is not two-thirds.
 - 1.3. A public hearing should be required for a proposed removal.
2. Reporting
 - 2.1. Malfeasance and breaking of state and county laws and codes, should be added to what actions should be reported to the IG.
 - 2.2. “individuals” should be changed to “persons” and added to the list of who is encouraged to report of wrongdoings and also be included in the list of those whose identify is protected from disclosure.
3. Retain IG oversight authority over MNCPPC. The Council, indeed, the residents of MoCo, deserve the protection of more oversight rather than less.