

Honorable Members of the Montgomery County Council:

After 45 years of reporting news and Anchoring Newscasts on Washington's network owned and affiliated stations I retired.

Last year, MCM reached out asking me to host a series of special reports leading up to the July 2022 mid-term primary election.

I found myself preparing for a debate between the candidates running for County Executive in both the Democratic and Republican primaries.

We covered every at-large race for County council showcasing video of the candidates, running down races in each District and explaining the impact of expanding council from 9 to 11 members.

At a time when election deniers in other States were attempting to cast doubt on the reliability of election results MCM asked me to host, along with former Council Member Valerie Ervin, a one hour program examining the processes used by the Montgomery County Elections Board including mail-in ballots, drop boxes, early and same day voting. We provided a realistic timeline of when the results could be accurately reported

Then in October, I worked with MCM on "3 weeks of Hell: the DC Sniper Attacks 20 Years Later." Under the guidance of MCM's Joe Yasharoff and Executive Producer Fran Murphy we put together a program that I believe is the most thorough account ever compiled of the ordeal our entire community endured. We interviewed key players like Prosecutors John McCarthy and Doug Gansler as well as Bob Meyers, the brother of sniper victim Dean Meyers. We provided a behind-the-scenes view of the police work that led to the arrest, the convictions, and the execution of John Allen Muhammad. We looked ahead to the future of Lee Boyd Malvo, the teenaged accomplice who is now 37; having recently married while serving Life in Prison in Virginia awaiting multiple life prison terms for his conviction in Montgomery County.

In late fall, I served as Emcee of the MCM Party with a Purpose and got to visit with many of the Council Members in attendance as well as community activists, the County Executive and Police Chief.

In short, I have come to realize that MCM is what Community Media is supposed be with a mission to deliver in-depth hyper-local content.

I hope my continued support is reflected in this letter and that it remains a valuable resource unique to Montgomery County.

Sincerely,

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