

In Support of Workforce Housing N.O.W.

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I strongly support passage of ZTA 25-02, Workforce Housing N.O.W. It is a small step in the right direction. Housing is increasingly unattainable for working families in Montgomery County. Zoning changes that will make more housing types available is one of the best moves this county can make to retain a vibrant, youthful workforce. Increased density is also a win for the environment. Density will ensure the necessary population to support small businesses and can be the boost needed to increase dependable public transportation.

I am a homeowner living very close to some of the zones envisioned for re-zoning and strongly support the measure. I would not be able to purchase my small house if I were buying today and I earn a good living. I want the same opportunities for others. Our county's diversity is a strength that we need to continue to support through increasing housing opportunities and affordability, increasing dependable public transportation options, and always seeking ways to decrease the impact on the environment.

I urge the Council to support Workforce Housing N.O.W. and consider additional measures that promote more affordable and attainable housing.

Thank you for considering my opinion.