

1. The solution to workforce housing is not to sell off local resources like libraries and schools.

In my neighborhood alone, the map produced by the County Council shows as “available” government owned property on which is a much loved local library, a middle school and an elementary school. What is your plan for these properties?

Are you planning to sell the properties outright? Are you planning to give the properties to a developer? Are you planning to let a developer build a high rise on the property and have the developer let the library/school operate on the property and pretend that the public got what it had before?

Whatever your plan for workforce housing, I hope that it does not include tearing down properties that were paid for by the public and are much beloved and used by the public. This is not good stewardship.

2. The current state of real estate in the Washington DC area is in a state of flux and no one knows how the value of local real estate will end up.

This is not the time to undertake great changes to local real estate. Local real estate is currently undergoing a huge downturn and no one knows how it will turn out. Thousands of local residents are losing their jobs and may need to leave the area to find work. This may be the time for workers to buy real estate without any machinations from the County Council.

3. Why aren't all localities participating?

I asked in Housing Attainment and I ask again in workforce housing: Why aren't all localities in Montgomery County participating? In particular, why isn't Potomac participating? The lots are large, it is on River Road, a main corridor, and there is no apparent reason to exclude it. I say we all should participate or no one participates.

4. Know the consequences of touching the Little Falls Library, Westland Middle School or Westbrook Elementary.

People have long memories. These are beloved places. If you vote for destroying any of them, everyone who lives in the area will never vote for you for anything ever again. Will contribute to your opponent. Will actively support your opponent.