Montgomery County Council Budget Hearings April 7, 2025

My name is George Zarubin, and I am a long-time resident of Bethesda in Montgomery County. I am writing to respectfully request that the Montgomery County Council fully fund the budget requests from both the Parks Department and the Recreation Department.

Recently, I retired. I love living in Montgomery County. I am grateful for all of the parks and recreation facilities that this county has to offer. As a senior, I use these facilities to maintain my health and enjoy my retirement.

I understand that budgets are tight. However, cutting the budgets for either the parks department or the recreation department are NOT cutting extras. Any budget cuts are denying seniors, like me, access, support, opportunity, and quality of life for our residents. By cutting these budgets, you damage the image of the county and force seniors like me to start looking for other places to live.

Again - I respectfully request that the Montgomery County Council fully fund the budget requests from both the Parks Department and the Recreation Department.

With my admiration for your work,

George Zarubin

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