

My name is Yenee Kim. I have been a resident of Clarksburg, Maryland for 15 years. I identify as an Asian American student and I am a member of Housing Justice Montgomery.

I am writing to urge Montgomery County to **fund expanded moving assistance and specifically \$2.4 million to provide families who were kicked to the curb by the Sheriff's Office at least 6 months of storage to be able to recover and restart.**

The failure of housing in Montgomery County has impacted my classmates at my previous school in Germantown, Maryland. As I passed through neighborhoods on my way to school, I would notice housing evictions occurring outside several apartment complexes. The residents' personal belongings would be left out for days, or sometimes even weeks. A personal friend of mine at my middle school had experienced a housing eviction and it was devastating to hear. I do not know how she is doing currently.

My friend's experience illustrates the need to allocate funds for expanded moving assistance, providing stable grounds for recovery to those evicted. It would help communities all across Montgomery County, not solely Germantown. Being able to recover and restart their lives would free Montgomery County citizens from excess stress/anxiety. My friend could attend school without simultaneously worrying about her family's housing status.

Respectfully, I ask the Council to vote in favor of allocating \$2.4 million dollars for expanded moving assistance. Thank you.