

Honorable County Council Members,

My name is Anita Lampel and I live in Bethesda, MD., in D-1, Andrew Friedson's district.

I live in a very nice house on which I pay property taxes. Those taxes go towards everything good in this county—parks, libraries, support of non-profits, the safety net, and the safety personnel—police and fire--,and so much more.

The county is renown for its school system. Not only is it amongst the finest in Maryland, it is amongst the finest in the country. This is why people want to live here, so their children can have the best of public school educations. Education is a priority for me even though I don't have children or grandchildren in this superb district.

You can't have a great education system without paying for it. I am fully in support of the small property tax hike for our MCPS. I disagree with Councilmember Friedson as do many of my fellow Bethesda residents. A minimal increase will be paid for a thousand times over when people continue to live here because of what we, the citizens, can do for them.

Thank you,

Anita Lampel