

County Executive Elrich's proposed budget is an outrageous insult to the county's taxpayers and property owners. Taxes in Montgomery County are already unreasonably high and in large part support useless and wasteful spending. Despite all the disingenuous blather regarding "affordability" to which taxpayer citizens are subjected by County politicians, Elrich proposes doing everything possible to make living in the County UNaffordable, including a 6.3 cent property tax increase, 3.3 percent local income tax rate, increased solid waste charges, and the creation of special taxing districts. This is in addition to property taxes that have tripled in the time I have lived in the County based on the hypothetical value of my home; in other words, taxes based on unrealized putative "income."

Enough is enough. Defeat Elrich's shameful proposed budget, and instead reduce wasteful spending and taxes. If this budget passes, I will consider relocating to a jurisdiction that has more respect for its taxpayers.