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## **Statement of County Council President Steve Silverman on the Resignation of WSSC Commissioner Gerald Roper**

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"The County Executive has received the resignation of Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission commissioner Gerald Roper.

"The County Council thanks him for his service to the Commission and for his willingness to join his fellow Montgomery County commissioners Jinhee Wilde and Luis Valencia in stepping down so that others can have the opportunity to exercise leadership.

"Public service is never easy and we appreciate Mr. Roper's willingness to give of himself and devote countless hours to his responsibilities as WSSC commissioner. We wish him well in his future endeavors and have no doubt he will find ways to use his considerable talents to further serve the residents of Montgomery County.

"With the help of the thousands of dedicated WSSC employees, a top-flight professional leadership, and a new governing commission, WSSC will continue to fulfill its mission to supply safe water to the residents of Montgomery and Prince George's counties. It is important to sustain the gains of the past half-dozen years, which have seen WSSC rates stabilize, agency productivity increase, and workforce diversity and opportunity thrive.

"Our next steps will include the hiring of a new general manager and the appointment of three new commissioners from Montgomery County. Both processes will be conducted in a wide-ranging and thorough way. The County Executive and the County Council will work together closely to achieve the best of results."

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