

Andrew Friedson District 1 Councilmember





Addressing the Housing Crisis: Matching Rhetoric with Results More Investment, More Innovation, Less Red Tape

Montgomery County is facing a housing affordability crisis. Since taking office in 2018, I have been leading efforts to tackle the housing shortage. With more investment, more innovation, and less red tape, we are making an impact and achieving results that are positively impacting the lives of Montgomery County residents.

More Investment

- Establishing a \$100 revolving million Housing Production Fund (New York Times)
- Creating the \$50 million Nonprofit Preservation Fund (HOC Press Release)
- Righting historical wrongs by rebuilding once thriving Black communities (ZTA 22-07)
- Expanding pathways to home ownership and generational wealth-building opportunities
- Providing unprecedented levels of funding for the County's Housing Initiative Fund
- Protecting at-risk residents from losing homes with the Home Accessibility Rehabilitation Program

More Innovation

- Co-locating housing on county-owned property (Bill 33-22)
- Co-locating affordable housing at places of worship and educational institutions (ZTA 24-01)
- Incentivizing *More Housing at Metro* to grow in the most sustainable way possible (Bill 29-20)
- Improving how county government partners with nonprofit housing providers (Bill 26-21)
- Expanding building types allowed for senior housing (ZTA 21-02 & ZTA 20-08)

Less Red Tape

- Expediting affordable housing projects, reducing process to build by 75% (ZTA 23-02)
- Ending the housing moratorium countywide
- Eliminating additional, unnecessary barriers to affordable housing projects (Bill 18-24)
- Reducing housing costs near transit by eliminating minimum parking requirements (ZTA 23-10)

To learn more about my legislative record on housing and other issues, visit https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/friedson/