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MEMORANDUM

November 26, 2024

TO: Chris Cihlar, Director
Office of Legislative Oversight

FROM: Richard S. Madaleno, Chief Administrative Officer

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SUBJECT: Draft OLO Report 2024-16: *A Geographic Analysis of Select County Programs*

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Office of Legislative Oversight's (OLO) Draft Report 2024-16: *A Geographic Analysis of Select County Programs*.

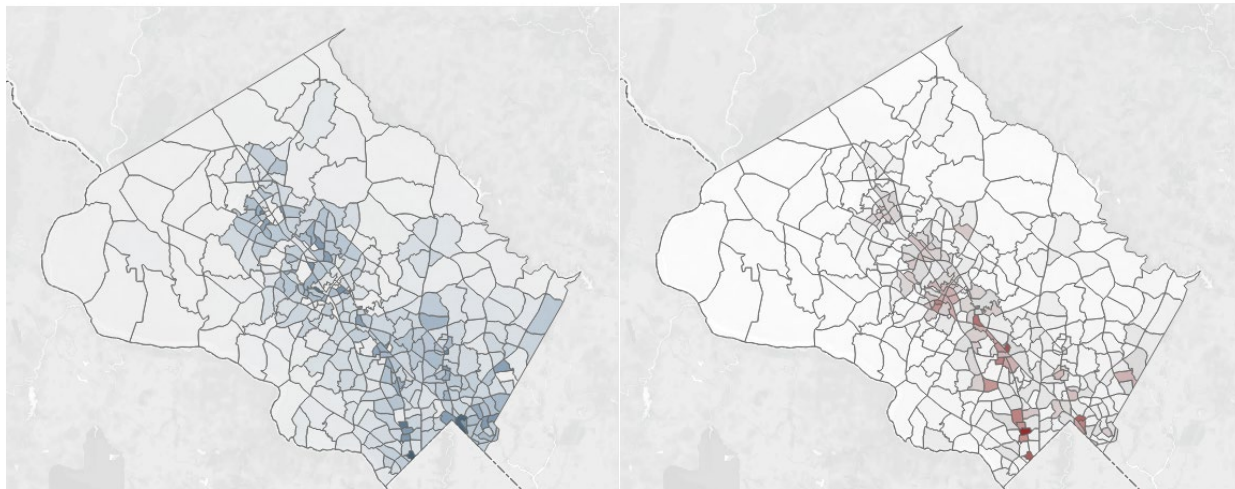
We appreciate OLO's mapping of recipients of the Economic Development Fund Grant and Loan Program; MOVE Program; and Microloan Program are consistent with our records. The geographic distribution of recipients of grants under these programs correlates with the distribution of Montgomery County's population and employment.

Population Per Square Mile

0 34,903

Employment Per Square Mile

0 77,957



The Executive Branch does not anticipate the need to make significant changes in these Economic Development programs.

Furthermore, we appreciate OLO's analysis of the geographic distribution of events and participants of the African American Health Program, and the Asian American and Latino Health Initiatives- Minority Health Initiatives Programs (MHIPs). The report offers a description of how each of these programs is structured and outlines the methodologies they utilize to identify and connect with their respective constituents. Given their focus on addressing health inequities and disparities, it makes sense that the programs prioritize engaging communities and offering programming in geographic locations where their respective focus communities live, work, play, and worship. Based on the findings of the OLO study, it appears that for the most part, this is how they are operating.

We are very interested in engaging in conversations with councilmembers about the applicability of the study in supporting strategies that will continue to support the mission and enhance the work of the MHIPs. We look forward to discussing these items at the Council work session.

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