

August 12, 2020

The Honorable Sidney Katz, President
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20856

Re: ZTA 20-01, Solar Collection System – AR Zone Standards.

Dear Council President Katz,

I am writing to you today as a Montgomery County resident and a member of the County's Agricultural Community. The Agricultural Community has maintained its opposition of ZTA 20-01 since it was introduced on January 21, 2020. We continue to oppose this ZTA after the public hearing on March 3, 2020 and the joint PHED/ T&E committee hearings on July 9, 16, and 22.

Another major concerning issue with this ZTA is the lack of public participation. We realize a single public hearing has taken place but the Council has pushed forward on the item during a time when the public could not be fully engaged at the Council Building due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am respectfully asking you, as the Council President, to put this ZTA on hold until the public can more actively engage with the Council. I have attached a summary document which outlines the Agricultural Community's thoughts on ZTA 20-01.

Sincerely,

cc: Councilmember Riemer
Councilmember Hucker
Councilmember Jawando
Councilmember Friedson
Councilmember Glass
Councilmember Rice
Councilmember Navarro
Councilmember Alborno