



## WHEATON URBAN DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Council President Craig Rice  
Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Ave  
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Dear Council President Rice:

As chair of the Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee (WUDAC), I would like to congratulate you on your recent election as President of the Montgomery County Council. I am also writing to cordially invite you and your staff to our monthly WUDAC meetings on every second Tuesday of the month at the Regional Services Center in Wheaton from 6 to 7:30 pm. WUDAC is a strong advocate for the advancement of the community, and with Wheaton and its redevelopment at the top of many minds right now, I feel a strong partnership with your office will help address issues in a mutually beneficial way.

WUDAC consists of a representative cross-section of the Wheaton community, including residents and homeowners, small businesses, the Wheaton-Kensington Chamber of Commerce, and large businesses. We work as advocates for issues that impact Wheaton and we take action through letters of recommendations to both the County Executive and the County Council. Some of our successes over the past year include a walking tour attended by many of your colleagues and state-elected officials that brought to light ways to improve the local economy, the design and landscape of the area, and the walkability of the community. We also successfully secured County funds last year for seasonal light pole banners, marketing materials to help brand Wheaton, and additional safe team and cleaning staff. These are just a small sample of the significant impact we have had on the community.

WUDAC had the pleasure of building a strong partnership with your predecessor, Councilmember Nancy Navarro, and we hope to build a similar relationship with your office. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11 at 6 pm at 2424 Reedy Drive in Wheaton. WUDAC members are a very active, passionate, and fair group and we look forward to your attendance.

If you have any questions, please contact me or the Mid-county Regional Director Ana Lopez van Balen and we will be happy to make arrangements for you to attend our meeting. Thank you and we look forward to your response.

Regards,

Henriot St. Gerard, Chair  
Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee