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Are you better off now than you were four years ago?

- ✓ Support the police
- ✓ Promote economic growth
- ✓ Say "NO" to CRT in our schools
- ✓ Stop Thrive 2050
- ✓ Control the County budget

By Authority – Victoria Birkett, Treasurer

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WHO AM I

I am a business owner, executive, founder, and CEO of a Rockville based consulting firm for 25 years, I am a long time county resident, a product of Montgomery County Public Schools and a graduate of University of Maryland, School of Engineering.

WHAT I BELIEVE

I am committed to bringing common sense, cooperation and compromise back to our local government so we can tackle the county's most pressing issues.

No matter what your views or your station in life, you need to be treated with respect. You and your kids need to be safe, at school, at work, in going about your lives.

We need to get past identity politics and regain our top status as a County.

WHAT ARE MY PRIORITIES

- Protecting Public Safety
- Improving Education
- Growing the local economy
- Improving Transportation
- Controlling the County Budget



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POLICING: Supporting law enforcement and first responders is key to reducing crime and making Montgomery County safe again.

We need an attitude change by the leadership in Montgomery County. The current County Executive and County Council demonize the police, restrict their ability to fight crime, and do not respect their work. As County Executive I will bring that change by supporting the police, properly funding them, dropping the defund or reimagine policing rhetoric and end soft on crime policies.

We must give our police and first responders the best training available. Limited immunity should be maintained. We need to make sure that our police are properly compensated. The current Executive and Council have failed to pay the police to the level of the surround jurisdictions. The brave men and woman that make up the police and first responders need to be able to live in the county and should be given stipends to allow them to live in the communities that they serve.

We must fund school resource officers in our schools to protect our children. SROs have been heroes, working with our youth to prevent many school crimes and crisis situations. But the current county leadership has removed SROs from county schools.

Finally, we must also look to the court system to prosecute the criminals that the police must constantly interact with and not let them continue to walk our streets. We must institute harsher prosecution for repeat offenders.

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EDUCATION: The dramatic decline in County schools must be reversed. As your next County Executive, I will bring basic education, STEM and safety officers back to public schools.

Montgomery County used to have the best schools in the nation. Our schools are currently failing our children and not equipping them for the future. Currently we don't have any school in the top 100 nationwide. We must tone down social justice ramp up STEAM (science, technology, engineering arts and math).

We need to focus on the basics of education by focusing on challenging each child to ensure he/ she is college or career ready upon graduation. If MCPS focuses on basic academics and is held accountable for its progress, then so that employees will want to relocate here to raise their families.

ECONOMY: As County Executive, I will restore job and business growth in Montgomery County to grow out tax base.

Unfortunately, Montgomery County is known for being unfriendly to businesses. This reputation has been earned over many years and is based on the actions of the current and past County Executives and County Councils. This is a perception that must be reversed starting at the top. We must make Montgomery County a holistically better business region and not just throw money at each opportunity.

As County Executive I will foster new large and small business, remove the red tape, and streamline the bureaucracy in order to make the County more attractive. Part of the streamlining begins with the processes and procedures in the permit office, the department of health, social services, liquor distribution, and park and planning.

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TRANSPORTATION: As County Executive I embrace all of the above approach to reducing transportation gridlock. Our economy cannot grow if residents and businesses owners are wasting time and money stuck in endless traffic.

Montgomery County has several related transportation problems ranging from the bottle neck that is the American Legion bridge to the reduction of lane lanes on 270 above Rt 370. Currently the main north/south travel routes include Rt 355 and I-270.

We need to promote transit oriented development that will take advantage of the areas around metro to provide a live, work and play environment.

I would be in favor of maximizing funding from the state to widen 270 from the American legion bridge to I-370 and budgeting a capital project to widen I-270 up to the Frederick County line.

I also favor the construction of M-83 as a parallel north/south travel path. The county's own study in 2017 showed that building M-83 will reduce travel time more than any other north / south option.

Montgomery County also suffers traffic congestion from workers from Frederick and upper County who must commute down 270 and over the American Legion Bridge. We can address this issue by creating more jobs in Montgomery County, reducing the "pass-thru" effect and reopening White's Ferry to provide another route into Northern Virginia.



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CLIMATE CHANGE: As County Executive, I bring my engineering experience in LEED design to reduce the County's carbon emissions.

Conditioning our homes, business and other structures that comprise the built environment accounts for over 40% of all the energy used. It makes sense to look for solutions to the use of energy within this arena.

In Montgomery County I would work towards implementing aspects of the LEED program (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) into all county building and new projects in the county. This would include retrofitting existing county buildings to LEED EBOM v4.1 standards, requiring new county construction to be LEED Gold certified and offering tax incentives to project that implement LEED innovation points. Better implementation than the industry standard criteria of LEED will serve to reduce our carbon footprint while NOT imposing draconian, costly, and business stifling energy mandates.

I would also work to reduce the time that commuters spend sitting in traffic by building M-83, better synchronizing traffic signals, and improving 270.

ENDORSEMENTS



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