

Neil Parrott

For Congress

April 20, 2020

Mr. Marc Elrich, County Executive,
Mr. Sidney Katz, President,
Mr. Tom Hucker, Vice President,
Mr. Gabe Albornoz, Mr. Andrew Friedson, Mr. Evan Glass, Mr. Will Jawando,
Ms. Nancy Navarro, Mr. Craig Rice, and Mr. Hans Riemer, County Council Members
Office of the County Executive
Montgomery County
101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

Marc, Sidney, Tom, and county Council Members,

Dear Mr. Elrich and members of the Montgomery County Council,

It recently has come to my attention that the Montgomery County Council is considering a 4.5% tax increase to the property tax. I am writing to urge you to not implement a proposed tax increase at this time.

While I do not live in Montgomery County, I was born in the county and have many friends in the county. As a candidate for Congress in Congressional District #6, I am working with several Montgomery County residents and would like to present their views to you.

Under normal circumstances, a tax increase of this kind could be debated without people worrying about going out in public because of the Covid-19Epidemic. In addition, many people throughout Montgomery County and District 6 are hurting financially.

The unemployment rate is at its highest level in recent memory. Numerous small businesses across Montgomery County have shut down; many will likely never be able to open their doors again. Families are struggling to make ends meet, and many people are concerned about losing their homes. During these times of financial struggle, I would encourage the council to work on necessary cuts and to resist a proposal to increase the tax burden for citizens at a time when it can be least afforded.

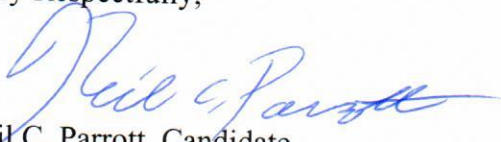
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As I am sure you are aware, the Montgomery County Council increased the property taxes by 8.7% in 2016. That year, the Real Estate Recordation Transfer Tax was also increased by 30%. These tax increases were significant at the time and were supposed to be the last major tax increases for years to come.

I respectfully ask The County's elected leaders to consider the times we are in and not to vote to increase taxes at this time. I appreciate your consideration and wish you the best in your decision.

Very Respectfully,



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Congressional District #6

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