



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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The Honorable Sidney Katz  
President, Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850

**Subject: Historic Preservation Commission Comments on the Mihran Mesrobian: An Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation**

Dear Council President Katz and Councilmembers:

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) fully supports the Planning Board's recommendation for designation of the Mihran Mesrobian House in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation and protection under Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

In February 2020, the HPC voted unanimously to recommend to the Planning Board that the Mesrobian property be listed in the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites, and subsequently be designated as a Master Plan site. At that time, the HPC agreed that the subject property, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2017, met two criteria for designation in the Master Plan:

- 2A It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, namely the Art Moderne style, with restrained building elements that respond to the predominance of the surrounding architecture; and
- 2B It represents the work of a master, Mihran Mesrobian, many of whose buildings are designated as national and local landmarks.

Very Sincerely,

Sandra I. Heiler  
Chair, Historic Preservation Commission

