

Executive order 122-20, which proposes to limit gatherings to 25 people in an attempt to improve the Coronavirus situation is well-intentioned but as it stands is too broad and sweeping. It does not take into situations such as weddings which have already been planned months in advance with great forethought in order to comply with CDC guidelines, incorporating mask use, social distancing, and already limiting attendance to 50 people in venues designed to accommodate hundreds. In our case this would not only necessitate great disruption to the lives of two families who have made many elaborate plans for a long time; It would also lead to the loss of many thousands of dollars in prepaid charges to vendors such as caterer, florist, musicians, photographer, videographer, etc. It would also cause even further harm to the economic viability of such businesses, all but ensuring an end to their already meager income at this time. I strongly urge the Montgomery County Council to specifically allow weddings utilizing the current maximum of 50 people, adhering to CDC guidelines including strict usage of masks and recommended social distancing measures.