

Good morning Council Members,

I just wanted to add my voice as a citizen of Silver Spring in Montgomery County.

If the leading cause of the spike in Covid cases is through family/friend gatherings, why are we closing down indoor dining? The #2 spread is working, and the #3 spread is traveling to and from work, etc.

Closing indoor dining will bring hardship 2 weeks before Xmas to already embattled workers who are already struggling. As most of us will not have access to a vaccine until Summer 2021 are we just going to continually close and reopen until then?

Dining outside when its 30 something degrees is not a reasonable option at all.

I do not believe that is the answer and if we close dining then I will just travel to local jurisdictions for food and beverage.

I hope you will consider the will of the people!

Sincerely,

Sherri Thomas