



## CAPITAL CITY EVENTS

January 22, 2022

Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850

RE: January 25, 2022 Council Meeting  
AGAINST the Proposed Vaccine Requirement

Dear County Council,

Please accept this written testimony as my **objection** to the Montgomery County Council's proposed regulation - Vaccination Requirements to Enter Bars, Restaurants, Recreation Centers, and Other Covered Establishments.

I am a lifelong Montgomery County resident and business owner. I am proud to live in a county that has achieved 95% first dose / 84% two dose vaccination rate among our residents. Our citizen clearly understand the value of science and the Covid-19 vaccines. Unfortunately, there are a few residents who make up the final 5% who remain unvaccinated and yet, we do not know if they have already been infected by the virus and therefore have a level of natural immunity or if they are holding out for religious or medical reasons. The proposed vaccine requirement will not compel this final 5% of our population to become vaccinated.

Restaurants, bars, gyms and catered events have been disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and the necessary government requirements enacted to keep our population safe while vaccines were unavailable. Vaccine distribution in Montgomery County has been widely accepted. Mask mandates during times of spread such as the recent omicron variant surge are an acceptable response from our local governments. Mandating vaccinations to compel the final 5% who remain unvaccinated will not work. It will add another layer of expense and stress to the hospitality industry that is already at a breaking point.

Please register my strong objection to the Council's proposed vaccination requirement.

Sincerely,

Timothy Covell  
President