

Good Afternoon,

My name is Ahmad (Michael) Shehadeh, I have been a resident of MoCo for thirty-two years. I am a veteran of the healthcare industry and the Insurance field. I have also worked for five years for the federal government enforcing tax laws.

I am here today to ask you to reconsider the way services for seniors are offered such as having a one stop office to help seniors and match their needs with the services available. Our community is so diverse and special needs folks like me need assistance.

I have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and I don't see in my right eye and partially see in my left due to Glaucoma which puts me in the disabled category. There are many others in the same situation as me. The current system requires us to find out about services for senior citizens and apply to them on our own. Which is very difficult for us to do.

Thanks To Montgomery County, I am receiving medical assistance. However, I, along with the many senior citizens in the same situation are not receiving other services that we need such as: reasonable housing, transportation to medical appointments, and in house assistance. In addition to other services. We also have to prove our conditions and financial eligibility for health insurance every 3 months. This is a struggle for us senior citizens with disabilities.

I ask you to please investigate this issue so that senior citizens can receive the services they deserve without having to struggle to get those services the way the current system is.

Thank you for your time.