

To: Montgomery County Councilmembers:

We are urging a vote against ZTA 23-09, zoning change to the Ag Reserve.

Agricultural land, once diverted to unrelated business such as temporary lodging of visitors for their education or entertainment, then it ceases to exist for the primary purpose that the Ag Reserve protects. Raising awareness about local agriculture practices, and entertaining visitors is not an overnight agricultural activity. The Ag Reserve is not in a remote location, and the business of housing overnight visitors is easily accessed nearby in our county. After attending the Dec. 6 Public Discussion held at Linden Farm, and upon further research, we strongly urge a “no” vote.

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