



Council President Natalie Fani-Gonzalez
Montgomery County Council
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Madame President,

I write to urge you and the other members of the Montgomery County Council to increase funding for affordable housing and invest the necessary resources towards the preservation and production of affordable housing.

I recognize that this is a tough budget year and that everyone has to make sacrifices. Like members of the County Council, every non-profit has to balance our books and adjust spending to reflect revenues.

My concern is that the funding level for affordable housing submitted by the County Executive is a decrease of \$20 Million from the funding levels of the last two years and well below the needed \$169 Million that would need to be allocated to ensure that all the affordable housing projects in the pipeline for the next twelve months can go to construction.

The Montgomery County Council over the last several years has made wonderful progress in increasing HIF funding and working to provide increasing amounts of affordable housing. We urge the council to, at a minimum, provide level funding for the HIF this year and continue to show your leadership in this area to other jurisdictions around the country.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey R. Dee".

Jeffrey R. Dee
President and CEO
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