

April 3, 2026

To the Montgomery County Council:

*My name is Romaine Rose and I am a resident of Sandy Spring. I am writing in support of funding one new Cultural Resources Planner for the Historic Preservation Division in the upcoming county budget.*

*Our county's historic places, its buildings, cultural landscapes, and community landmarks, are essential to our shared identity. They tell the story of how our communities came to be, and they anchor us in place, root us to our community, and make us feel reflected in and proud of our built environment. The Historic Preservation Division plays a vital role in protecting these resources through research, documentation, technical assistance, and stewardship.*

*Without enough funding, the Division cannot meet growing demands for preservation services, respond to development pressures, or proactively protect vulnerable historic resources.*

*I respectfully ask that you prioritize the Historic Preservation Division in this year's budget.*

*Thank you for your service to our community and for considering this request. I appreciate your leadership and your commitment to preserving what makes our county special.*