



Why is it important to have a say?

The decisions the Council makes impact your life in big and small ways. From parks and recreation to school resources and community safety, the choices made by your Councilmembers are important. You have ideas, energy, and a unique perspective— why not use them? Getting involved helps shape a better future for YOU and your peers.

Share Your Thoughts and Make a Difference!

Contact the Council to share an idea for a bill or request help accessing information about a government service.

SCAN ME !



Stay Council-Connected

- A lot of decisions are made at the County Council.
- Even if you can't vote yet, there is no age requirement to making your voice heard.
- Engaging with the Council is one way you can directly influence the legislative process.

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
COUNCIL**

**YOUR COUNTY,
YOUR COMMUNITY
HAVE A SAY!**



What is the Montgomery County Council?

The County Council is the legislative branch of County government. They make legislation, approve budgets, and decide what type of buildings can be built in and around your neighborhood.

Meet your Councilmembers:

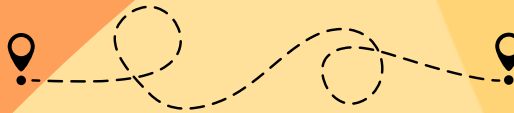


Back Row, L to R: Will Jawando (At-Large), Sidney Katz (D3), Laurie-Anne Sayles (At-Large), Andrew Friedson (D1), Natali Fani-González (D6), Gabe Albornoz (At-Large), Kate Stewart (D4)

Front Row, L to R: Kristin Mink (D5), Marilyn Balcombe (D2), Evan Glass (At-large), Dawn Luedtke (D7)

How Does a Bill Become a Law?

A bill begins with an idea and goes through a series of stages to evaluate, amend, and take a vote by legislators, or, in this case, your Councilmembers. Here is how a bill moves through the legislative process at the Council:



1. Development Stage

One or more Councilmembers takes an idea and develops it into a bill.

2. Introduction Stage

The bill is introduced during session and assigned to a Committee for review.

3. Public Hearing Stage

Community members have the opportunity to weigh-in on a bill.

4. Worksession Stage

Councilmembers work together to finalize the bill.

5. Vote Stage

Councilmembers vote on the bill. If passed by a majority of votes, the County Executive signs or vetoes it.

6. Implementation Stage

If a bill is approved, departments will then work to implement what the law says.

Take Action By:

Connecting with Your Councilmembers

Voice your opinion or concern about a bill or a neighborhood issue.

Showing up at the Council

Testify before the Council and attend community town halls.

Organizing for Change

Build support around an issue that needs to change. There is strength in numbers!

Inviting Your Councilmembers to your Community

Introduce them to your neighborhood to highlight areas that need attention.

Staying Informed!

Sign up to receive newsletter updates and follow your Councilmembers on social media.

