



Montgomery County Question B: Referendum on Law Enacted by County Council Effects Bargaining for Police Employees

The Examiner recommends a vote in favor of Question B. For 30 years, the Fraternal Order of Police has been the only public employee union in Montgomery County whose contract allows it to meddle in the day-to-day operations of a county department. Police Chief Tom Manger cannot even make minor decisions regarding uniforms and equipment without getting union approval.

Led by Public Safety Committee chairman Phil Andrews, the all-Democrat County Council unanimously voted last year to end this practice. If the referendum passes, FOP will still be able to collectively bargain on issues affecting wages, benefits and working conditions, but the chief will have the final say on what should be management prerogatives, such as whether to require cops under his command to wear identifying patches on their uniforms.

Vote FOR Question B
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