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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**FROM: CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

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### **CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION REQUESTS COMMENTS**

The Montgomery County Charter Review Commission is seeking comments from County residents about whether the current system of County Council representation adequately addresses the increased demographic and economic diversity of the County. Currently, five Councilmembers are elected from geographic districts, and four Councilmembers are elected at-large.

The Commission encourages the public to attend its October 16 meeting from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Council Office Building to discuss this issue. The meeting will take place in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room. Comments may also be e-mailed to [www.CharterReviewCommission@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:www.CharterReviewCommission@montgomerycountymd.gov) or submitted via mail to the Council Office. The Commission hopes that County residents will take advantage of this opportunity to present their opinions on this issue.

The Charter is the constitutional framework for County Government. Charter Section 509 provides for an eleven-member Charter Review Commission to study the Montgomery County Charter. The Charter requires that the Commission report to the County Council in May of 2004, with its recommendations for possible Charter revisions considered by County voters in November 2004. All Charter Review Commission meetings are open to the public.

For directions to the Council Office building or to obtain a copy of the Charter, please call the Council Office at 240-777-7900.

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