



MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER

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Subject Establishment of the Montgomery County Commerce Cabinet	Executive Order No. 071-20	Subject Suffix
Originating Department Office of the County Executive	Department No.	Effective Date June 9, 2020

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMERCE CABINET

Background

WHEREAS, Montgomery County is committed to a growing, sustainable, and inclusive local economy to support business growth which will in turn generate increased revenues for the County to provide important services to its residents; and

WHEREAS, to achieve its full economic development potential, Montgomery County has identified several key areas such as business development and expansion, housing, transportation, and workforce formation, as holistic priorities; and

WHEREAS, there is a recognition that Montgomery County's recovery from the current economic devastation of the COVID-19 coronavirus crisis will require the partnership of government working in effective cooperation with the business community; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive recognizes that several executive and quasi-governmental departments impact either directly or indirectly economic development as part of its mission and that virtually every County department and office does or can support the County's economic development mission; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive understands the significant value of interagency coordination and collaboration to encourage a proactive, creative, and unified approach to effective economic development and job creation; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and Council President are completing a multi-pronged initiative to improve the private sector's interactions with the County government, which includes addressing business support and economic development programs, external communications, streamlined permitting, diversified procurement practices, and reasonable regulations and fees; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland has established a similar governmental interagency structure led by departmental directors that has been very successful in promoting interagency collaboration to further the goals of the State, enhance Maryland's business climate, and support business growth; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive understands that the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation has the mission and expertise to function as the coordinator and facilitator of economic development interagency coordination in the County; and



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WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation can represent the voice of the business community and serve a valuable role to work across agency lines with the County Executive and the County Council to resolve and highlight issues that can impact economic development priorities.

Action

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, there is established a Montgomery County Commerce Cabinet, an interagency coordination body to collectively sustain economic development, address issues that impact business growth in the County, share information between departments, and identify joint solutions to support important economic development projects.

The Commerce Cabinet is composed of the following members, or their designees:

1. Chief Administrative Officer;
2. Director of Department of Housing and Community Development;
3. Director of Department of Permitting Services;
4. Director of Montgomery County Department of Transportation;
5. Director of Office of Procurement;
6. Director of Department of General Services;
7. Manager of the Office of Agriculture;
8. Director of Department of Environmental Protection;
9. President and CEO of the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation;
10. President and CEO of WorkSource Montgomery;
11. Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board; and
12. Staff Director for the Montgomery County Council.

The Commerce Cabinet will:

- Collaborate to facilitate and expedite strategic economic development projects in the County;
- Work together to streamline government interactions with the business community;
- Propose actions to the County Executive and provide assistance to enhance the County's business climate and economic development priorities; and
- Be staffed and supported by the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation.



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The President and CEO of the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation will:

- Chair the Commerce Cabinet;
- Convene the meetings of the Commerce Cabinet every other month; and
- Be responsible for the oversight, direction, and accountability of the work of the Commerce Cabinet.

Approved:

Handwritten signature of Marc Elrich in black ink.

Marc Elrich, County Executive

6/9/20
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

BY: Handwritten signature of Edward B. Kottman in black ink.

DATE: May 7, 2020