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Montgomery County Council At-Large Candidate Forum Held

The Gaithersburg-Germantown (GGCC) and the Rockville Chambers of Commerce held a Primary Candidate Forum for the Democratic At-Large County Council race on Monday, July 12, 2010 at BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown.

Forum Candidates included:

- Councilmember George Leventhal
- Councilmember Nancy Floreen
- Councilmember Duchy Trachtenberg
- Councilmember Marc Elrich
- Challenger Fred Evans
- Challenger Becky Wagner
- Challenger Hans Reimer
- Challenger Jane de Winter

“One of the priorities for the Chamber is to create and enhance a robust economy to help businesses thrive” stated Christopher Zindash, Crowne Plaza Rockville and Vice-Chair of the GGCC Legislative Affairs Committee. “We are very active in legislative advocacy and we are constantly reminding our At-Large members that Upcounty business matters.”

This was a great opportunity for our members, local businesses and the public to talk with the candidates about their concerns. Attendees heard from the candidates on various issues impacting the business community in the County, and the State, including transportation, taxes, area Master Plans and Growth Policy. The format was opening remarks from the panel, followed by formal Q&A from our moderator, Christopher Zindash, General Manager of the Crowne Plaza Rockville.

On the At-Large Primary Ballot, there are 4 open slots for both Democrats and Republicans. There are only 3 Republican Challengers and 10 Democratic Challengers. All of the Republican Challengers will be on both the Primary Ballot and the General Ballot in November. The Chambers will host a General Election candidate forum with the final candidates for the At-Large race sometime in October.

The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber will host a District 17 Senate Candidate Forum on Thursday, July 29, 2010 from 8:30-10:30 am at the Crowne Plaza Rockville, 3 Research Court, Rockville, MD 20850. Press and the public are invited to join, however advance registration is required. Register at www.ggchamber.org.

For more information on the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber please visit the GGCC website at www.ggchamber.org

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