



# Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

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We, the undersigned members of the Board of Directors of the Gaithersburg Germantown Chamber of Commerce (GGCC), support Marilyn Balcombe for Montgomery County Council. Over the past 25 years as a resident of the County, Marilyn has held a number of leadership positions including the past 13 years as President and CEO of the GGCC. Marilyn has again and again proven her commitment and determination to serve the County by leading efforts that matter most to its residents.

Marilyn is a forward thinking leader who will work to strengthen those things Montgomery County does well and will courageously effect change where it is needed. She will seek innovative answers for the challenges facing our entire community and identify ways to effectively measure the use of taxpayer dollars. Marilyn has a deep understanding of state and county education, employment, transportation and economic issues. This vast knowledge helps her effect policy in a way that best serves Montgomery County businesses and citizens. Each and every day, Marilyn draws on her experience as she interacts with local, county and state officials on any number of economic and social issues.

It is not only Marilyn's superior knowledge and experience with Montgomery County policies and issues that make her an ideal candidate for County Council. Rather, it is the passion and energy Marilyn brings to work every day that is most impressive.

Marilyn spends her days addressing the same issues that matter to all of our County's residents, like making sure our kids receive excellent educations, attracting well-paying quality employers to the County, and helping County residents and businesses thrive.

So whether it is supporting a new business by attending a ribbon cutting, or speaking to our county and local officials about transportation issues and economic development, Marilyn's energy and efforts to better the lives of all residents of Montgomery County are boundless.

These are the issues Marilyn fights for every day, and that is why we believe Marilyn would be the County's best advocate to fight for residents and business alike going forward.

With proud enthusiasm, we whole-heartedly support Marilyn Balcombe for Montgomery County Council.

Barbara Crews, Chair

Stuart Barr, Henry Bernstein, Joseph Bucci, John Compton, Katie Doherty, Brett Friedman, Brittany Hilton, PJ Horan, Bruce Kanner, Ellen Lambert, Rob Liebreich, Heather Madison, Raymond McKenzie, James Muir, Andrew Nicklas, AJ Nwoga, John Olenick, Colette Releford, Paula Ross, Will Schlossenberg, Randy Scritchfield, Jerry Therrien, Gary Unterberg, Francine Waters