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Greater Capital Area Association of REALTORS® announces general election endorsements

Local REALTOR® association endorses candidates in Montgomery County, Md. races

ROCKVILLE, Md. – The Greater Capital Area Association of REALTORS® (GCAAR)’s Political and Campaign Affairs Committee (PCAC) has endorsed 10 candidates who are running to serve on the Montgomery County Council and as County Executive in the November 3 general election.

Additionally, for the first time, the association has made endorsements in the Board of Education races.

During the last two months, the PCAC reviewed candidate questionnaires and interviewed four Board of Education candidates and five Republican candidates for the council and county executive positions, to go along with the 25 candidate interviews conducted before the primary election in June. The questionnaires and interviews helped the PCAC weigh the candidates’ policy platforms to determine their alignment with GCAAR’s positions and advocacy goals in support of the real-estate industry.

“With the county facing a structural deficit with its operating budget, declining public school enrollment and a stagnant local economy, it’s imperative that we make our voice heard and work with elected leaders on proactive solutions,” said GCAAR President Russell Brazil.

The endorsements are as follows.

County Executive: Will Jawando

Montgomery County Council

- District 1: Julie Yang
- District 2: Marilyn Balcombe
- District 3: Jud Ashman
- District 4: Kate Stewart
- District 5: *(No endorsement)*
- District 6: *(No endorsement)*
- District 7: Dawn Luedtke

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- At-Large: Scott Goldberg
- At-Large: Karla Silvestre

Board of Education

- District 3: Sally McCarthy
- At-Large: Omar Lazo

Additional details about each candidate can be found on GCAAR's website at gcaar.com/endorsements.

About GCAAR

The Greater Capital Area Association of REALTORS®, one of the largest local REALTOR® associations in the U.S., is the voice for REALTORS® in Washington, D.C. and Montgomery County, Maryland. Representing more than 11,000 real estate professionals in the greater capital area, GCAAR provides services vital to its members' daily business needs and works with lawmakers to ensure public policy that encourages homeownership and supports the real estate industry. For more information, visit www.GCAAR.com.

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