

June 24, 2020

To: Members of the Montgomery County Council

In re: Inappropriateness of current scheduling of discussions of ZTA 20-01

Dear Chairman Katz and other County Council Members:

The League of Women Voters of Montgomery County finds the scheduling of two PHED committee discussions of ZTA 20-01 in early July to be quite inconsistent with your call to hold controversial items, such as this, from moving forward until this historic health crisis eases enough to support full public participation and needed Council focus. **This proposed zoning change must have that full participation.**

Furthermore, the Climate Action Workgroups that were established in summer 2019 and are due to finalize reporting in early 2021 are considering numerous alternatives to installing fields of solar panels in the Agricultural Reserve. **The County Council should give full consideration to this work and not rush into controversial action which may not be consistent with the workgroups' reports.**

Yours truly,  
Diane Hibino and Kathy McGuire  
Co-presidents

and

Margaret Chasson  
Chair, Agriculture Committee