



GCAAR 2010 Montgomery County Endorsements

COUNTY EXECUTIVE RACE

As of the filing date on July 6th, 3 candidates filed to run for the County Executive seat. 1 is a Democrat and 2 are Republicans. The Democrat is the incumbent seeking reelection. GCAAR has only made an endorsement in the Democratic Primary.

- **Ike Leggett (Democrat – incumbent):** Mr. Leggett received the general election endorsement from GCAAR back in the 2006 elections. He has been a great friend to GCAAR and the REALTOR[®] community over the years. His relationship with GCAAR dates all the way back to when he was a county councilmember. Mr. Leggett has been a huge proponent of affordable housing and his leadership roles in the past as County Councilmember have shown that he is a bridge-builder with a positive record of accomplishments. Mr. Leggett has worked with the REALTOR[®] community in many different aspects and GCAAR believes that he will continue to help encourage homeownership for everyone and provide livable communities. He has a strong commitment to protecting our quality of life and will help assure that there are ample housing choices for citizens of all income levels. GCAAR should support Mr. Leggett's campaign for County Executive in the Democratic Primary Race.

COUNCIL AT-LARGE RACE:

As of the filing date on July 6th, 15 candidates filed to run for an At-large seat on the County Council. 4 are Republicans, 10 are Democrats, and 1 is Green. And out of the 15 candidates 4 are incumbents seeking reelection. The Republicans and Democrats will each be competing for the highest vote count in their respective primaries on September 14th while the Green party member will only be allowed to run in the General election on November 2nd. Therefore, at this time GCAAR has announced its endorsements for the Primary elections.

- **George Leventhal (Democrat – incumbent):** Mr. Leventhal has been endorsed by GCAAR twice before for both the 2002 and 2006 primary and general elections. He has been a good friend to REALTORS[®] and has done a lot of work with GCAAR over the past 8 years. He has worked extensively with GCAAR on various land use issues as well as several real estate disclosure bills. GCAAR should support Mr. Leventhal's campaign for the At-large race in the Democratic Primary Race.

- **Nancy Floreen (Democrat – incumbent)**: Ms. Floreen has been endorsed by GCAAR twice before for both the 2002 and 2006 primary and general elections. She has a very extensive background in land use since she used to be a zoning lawyer and also sat on the planning board. She has taken great leadership roles on real estate issues and has been a great friend to REALTORS®. She has been very committed to GCAAR's issues and taken leadership roles on affordable housing issues. GCAAR should support Ms. Floreen's campaign for the At-large race in the Democratic Primary Race.
- **Marc Elrich (Democrat – incumbent)**: This is the first time that Mr. Elrich has received GCAAR's endorsement. Over the past 4 years Mr. Elrich has really reached out to the REALTOR® community and GCAAR. He has become an outside the box thinker on several real estate issues and has worked on several pieces of legislation with GCAAR related to land use and transportation. He has also taken leadership roles on several affordable housing issues and transportation issues that are very important to REALTORS®. GCAAR should support Mr. Elrich's campaign for the At-large race in the Democratic Primary Race.
- **Becky Wagner (Democrat – challenger)**: This is the first time that Becky Wagner is running for the County Council. GCAAR believes that Ms. Wagner's work and record in the private sector demonstrates a strong commitment to fostering livable communities, excellent public schools, a strong social services safety net and to promoting economic revitalization and empowering people through economic opportunity. Ms. Wagner expressed in her questionnaire that she would like to encourage homeownership for everyone and provide livable communities with a good transportation network. GCAAR should support Ms. Wagner's campaign for the At-large race in the Democratic Primary Race.
- **Brandon Rippeon (Republican – challenger)**: This is the first time that Brandon Rippeon is running for the County Council. GCAAR believes that Mr. Rippeon's views are in line with GCAAR's positions on housing, land use and transportation. In his interview, he expressed a strong commitment to protecting our quality of life and help assure that there are ample housing choices for citizens of all income levels. GCAAR should support Mr. Rippeon's campaign for the At-large race in the Republican Primary Race.

COUNCIL – DISTRICT 1 RACE:

As of the filing date on July 6th, 3 candidates filed to run for the District 1 seat on the County Council. 1 is a Republican and 2 are Democrats. And out of the 2 Democrat candidates 1 is the incumbent seeking reelection. GCAAR has only made an endorsement in the Democratic Primary.

- **Roger Berliner (Democrat – incumbent)**: This is the first time Mr. Berliner has received the GCAAR endorsement. He is running for a second term on the County Council. Mr. Berliner has showed tremendous progress with the REALTORS® over the past 4 years and has reached out to GCAAR on many issues. Specifically, Mr. Berliner has been a leader on energy efficiency issues and worked tirelessly over the past 2 years with GCAAR on the Home Energy Loan Program as a volunteer program

for homeowners to make energy efficient improvements to their homes. GCAAR should support Mr. Berliner's campaign for the District 1 seat.

COUNCIL – DISTRICT 2 RACE:

As of the filing date on July 6th, 6 candidates filed to run for the District 2 seat on the County Council. 1 is a Republican and 5 are Democrats. None of the candidates are an incumbent. GCAAR has also only made an endorsement in the Democratic Primary.

- **Craig Rice (Democrat – challenger)**: For the past 4 years, Mr. Rice was a Maryland State Delegate for Montgomery County in District 15. Throughout his tenure there, he has been a great friend to GCAAR and the REALTOR[®] community. He worked on several pieces of legislation, specifically legislation that now allows small business and commercial real estate to pay semi-annually for property taxes. During Mr. Rice's interview, he expressed great interest in continuing his work with GCAAR as the local level, specifically focusing on affordable housing and job growth right here in Montgomery County. GCAAR should support Mr. Rice's campaign for the District 2 seat in the Democratic Primary Race.

COUNCIL – DISTRICT 3 RACE:

As of the filing date on July 6th, 2 candidates filed to run for the District 3 seat on the County Council. 1 is a Democrat and the other is Unaffiliated. And out of the 2 candidates 1 is the incumbent seeking reelection. Since there are only 2 candidates from different parties they will compete in the General Election. However, GCAAR has made a decision to make an endorsement in the Democratic Primary.

- **Phil Andrews (Democrat – challenger)**: This is the first time Mr. Andrews has received the GCAAR endorsement. He is running for his 4th term on the County Council. Over the years, GCAAR has not had the best relationship with Mr. Andrews. However, there has been some significant progress over the past 4 years on several housing related issues with him. GCAAR has agreed to disagree on several issues with Mr. Andrews but has also been able to find some common ground on issues as they relate to disclosures in real estate contracts and several tax initiatives. GCAAR should support Mr. Andrews's campaign for the District 3 seat in the Democratic Primary Race.

COUNCIL – DISTRICT 4 RACE:

As of the filing date on July 6th, 2 candidates filed to run for the District 4 seat on the County Council. 1 is a Republican and 1 is a Democrat. The Democrat is the incumbent seeking reelection. GCAAR has only made an endorsement in the Democratic Primary.

- **Nancy Navarro (Democrat – incumbent)**: Ms. Navarro was first elected to the Council in a special election race in 2009. Since then she has worked on a variety of issues related to homeowner and constituents. She has held seminars on foreclosures and also worked with GCAAR some other land use and housing related issues. GCAAR did endorse Ms. Navarro in the 2009 special election and but she has kept her commitment to GCAAR to always have an open door to us and listen. GCAAR should support Ms. Navarro’s campaign for the District 4 seat in the Democratic Primary Race.

COUNCIL – DISTRICT 5 RACE:

As of the filing date on July 6th, 2 candidates filed to run for the District 5 seat on the County Council. 1 is a Republican and 1 is a Democrat. The Democrat is the incumbent seeking reelection. GCAAR has only made an endorsement in the Democratic Primary.

- **Valerie Ervin (Democrat - incumbent)**: GCAAR was one of the first organizations to endorse Ms. Ervin back in the 2006 election when she was running for the first time. GCAAR had known Ms. Ervin for several years because prior to being a councilmember she was Chief of Staff to another incumbent councilmember. Therefore, GCAAR had experience working with Ms. Ervin from a policy standpoint on many issues that had been before the County Council. As a councilmember Ms. Ervin has continued to work very well with GCAAR on many real estate related issues. She has been a strong supporter of affordable housing and has worked to modify legislation on several real estate disclosure bills that were before the County Council. GCAAR should support Ms. Ervin’s campaign for the District 5 seat in the Democratic Primary Race.