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**BCC Chamber PAC Endorses Bi-Partisan Slate of Business-Friendly  
Candidates for Primary Election**

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber Political Action Committee has selected a slate of business-friendly candidates for endorsement for the September 12<sup>th</sup> Primary Elections. The BCC PAC represents the interests of the business community in Bethesda, Friendship Heights, Chevy Chase, North Bethesda, Montgomery Mall/Wildwood and Rock Spring. The PAC believes it is of vital importance that our elected officials work to ensure that Montgomery County continues to improve as a business-friendly locale. In the local elections, the BCC PAC concerns itself with the County Executive and all County Council races. At the state level, the PAC focuses on those districts within our boundaries (Districts 15, 16, 17 & 18).

The BCC PAC, which receives donations primarily from the business members of The Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce, endorses the following candidates:

<b>County Executive:</b>	Steve Silverman (D)
<b>County Council At-Large:</b>	Nancy Floreen (D); George Leventhal (D); Robert Newsome (D); Mike Subin (D)
<b>County Council Dist. 1:</b>	Howie Denis (R)
<b>County Council Dist. 2:</b>	Mike Knapp (D)
<b>County Council Dist. 3:</b>	Bob Dorsey (D)
<b>County Council Dist. 4:</b>	Marilyn Praisner (D)
<b>County Council Dist. 5:</b>	Hans Riemer (D)
<b>MD House of Delegates, Dist. 15:</b>	Jean Cryor (R); Brian Feldman (D)
<b>MD House of Delegates, Dist. 16:</b>	Bill Bronrott (D)
<b>MD House of Delegates, Dist. 17:</b>	Kumar Barve (D); Jim Gilchrist (D); Luiz Simmons (D)
<b>MD State Senate, Dist. 15:</b>	Rob Garagiola (D)
<b>MD State Senate, Dist. 17:</b>	Jennie Forehand (D)

“It’s an important election for the business community as transportation and economic development are the issues of primary importance to the continued success of this area. The PAC reviewed each of the candidates’ priorities in relation to the Chamber’s [Annual Legislative Agenda](#),” says BCC PAC Chairman Kevin Maloney. “Unfortunately, some of the candidates perceive business as the enemy of the community or the source of all funding. In reality, successful businesses provide the employment and tax base that make Montgomery County such a great place to live and work.” He adds, “This is especially true in Bethesda-Chevy Chase, the county’s economic engine. We’ve selected a group of candidates who have demonstrated the ability and willingness to see business as part of and partner with the community.”

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