



Montgomery County 2022 Candidate Questionnaire - Christa Tichy

Personal Information:

Name Christa Tichy

What Office Are You Seeking in the 2022 Election? Montgomery County Council district 6

Where Can Voters Learn More About Your Positions Or Contact Your Campaign?

My website is ChristaTichyforCouncil.com

Please Answer the Following Questions- responses will posted in their entirety and will not be edited.

Someone new to Montgomery County may ask, "What's the Ag Reserve and why is it important?" What's your answer?

This is the 93,000 acres of forestry, untapped streams, brooks and farmland. It is important to preserve this land to keep our ecosystem balanced and to protect our green space and natural wildlife that reside in these areas. I am looking into a small pilot program for a tiny house project.

What is your vision for the future of the County's Agricultural Reserve? Briefly, how would you achieve that vision?

My vision for the future is continued farming, and funding allocated for preservation.

What are your priorities regarding stewardship of the County's natural resources (water, forests, open spaces) and parkland?

Assessing our trees are healthy, our wildlife is reproducing and farmers are growing vegetables, grain and cattle. I support horse farms and riding stables, rings and safe locations for target shooting.

What role will you play with regard to ensure that we safeguard our drinking water supply both surface and groundwater?

Regular water testing. Prevention of contaminants entering our streams and providing stewardship for WSSC to insure our pipelines for water are safe and meet code standards.

What are your top priorities to help the County address climate change? What role will the Ag Reserve play?

I believe the Vision Zero is an excellent start. I also believe that the 93,000 acres of AG should not be used for housing except a pilot program for tiny houses.

What more can be done to support our local farm businesses and rural communities?

Continue to support local farmers and promote purchasing from local Farmers Markets. Council members should promote and visit these farmers. They should be mentioned on the local television channel.

What are your regional transportation priorities? Do you support M83 and an additional Potomac bridge and outer beltway through the Reserve or adjacent rural zones?

I prefer to use rural roads vs infringing on the AG. An additional Potomac Bridge is upcoming and needed. Md. 83 needs infrastructure to support it and improve worn areas.

How should our County manage its solid waste? What role should incineration, composting and recycling play?

Recycling is one method. I feel turning compost into mulch is another option. We should reduce incineration by utilizing compost to mulch.

What are your views on the general plan update "Thrive 2050," both the process and the draft now before the Council?

Thrive 2050 has much insight into the future of Montgomery County. The increase in affordable housing to accommodate 300,000 new residents needs to include better studies on the surrounding land to prevent flooding in existing areas.

Do you believe that the way that local government branches, state entities, and the public currently interact can be improved? If so, what steps would you take?

Yes. The key to improvement is through better communication and regular scheduled meetings with the community and the council. Goals need to be set and met.