



## Montgomery County 2022 Candidate Questionnaire - Jenny Zeng

### Personal Information:

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**What Office Are You Seeking in the 2022 Election?** State Delegate

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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?

The agriculture reserve is important because the global food shortage is coming.

Many elites and politicians including Biden are warning that a global food shortage is coming. But they did not tell us how to prevent it.

Once we understand what and why caused the food shortage, and how to prevent the food shortage, we will agree that the agriculture reserve is so important

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

District 9A is a district of a diverse landscape with rich farming traditions. I hosted a special event for the future of farms in central Maryland on April 3rd:

<https://youtu.be/Jepa4shjCHg> The mission is how to protect our farmland and advance agricultural technologies.

Briefly, to achieve the mission:

I would look into education programs to help train and educate our next-generation entrepreneurs and farmers with the latest technological tools available.

I will also look into programs to facilitate exchange programs with international partners to connect our young people with the world and prepare them for the global market.

We should preserve the agricultural land use and our farming tradition in Maryland. We should add some urban farming with those developments

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

We should have a well-built system to manage the county's natural resources (water, forest, clearing) and parkland. Fully fund farmer subsidies; encourage farmer activities and work closely with nearby communities; facilitate training programs, and local, national, and international exchange programs; host more seminars

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

To ensure that we safeguard our drinking water supply, we need to reduce pollution, including:

1. Put up signs to properly dispose of hazardous products, along the border of the water protection area to notify people that any pollution in that area can affect the drinking water supply
2. Use and dispose of harmful materials properly to avoid contamination of the surface and groundwater.
3. Volunteer in our community, join in a beach, stream, or wetland cleanup
4. Encourage seminars about local watersheds for a school or civic organizations
5. Stencil a message next to the street drain to remind people not to dump waste into a street drain because the water drains to the river.

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

The priorities are to find alternative fuel sources that can reduce carbon footprint in the building, farming, and transportation sectors. I am an advocate for introducing hydrogen as an energy medium to power the future economy and to reduce carbon emissions. Hydrogen can be produced using zero-emission power sources like nuclear and renewables like wind turbines and solar panels and be stored in tanks like natural gas. The hydrogen then feeds into fuel cells that can power vehicles of any size and only produces water as a byproduct. Hydrogen can also be used in heat pumps to reduce household usage of energy.

For the agricultural sector, a hydrogen-powered tractor model is already available in the market and a hydrogen-powered farm can give farmers less dependence on a centralized power grid and protection from high gasoline and diesel prices.

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

I support the protection of our farmland in Maryland. Food supplies become unstable and prices tend to go up when supply is unstable. We need to preserve the farmlands that we have left and utilize them in a sustainable way. I will promote policies to encourage the growth of the Maryland agricultural economy. I will also promote agricultural technology education to provide opportunities for future farmers.

## **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?**

No, I do not support the construction of M83 or constructing additional Potomac bridges through the Reserve and other rural zones.

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

Promote disposables to be made from certain materials so the solid waste can be better disposed of and processed.

Support pilot project to Incinerate solid waste to produce energy

Encourage composting in all areas from rural to urban settings.

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

Freedom of movement and freedom of movement should be guaranteed. High densities will lead to centralized governance policies. The outbreak of the pandemic in some countries has shown the vulnerability of high-density communiti

I am a strong advocate for freedom of choice and I want people to have a choice when it comes to selecting modes of transportation, school system, and healthcare. The high-density development proposed in "Thrive 2050" will lead to a higher level of centralized governing policies that will limit people's choices and impact livelihoods. The outbreak of the pandemic in some countries has shown the vulnerability of high-density communities. A conservative approach is recommended. I will not promote the rapid development of high-density communities without proper planning. We should promote decentralized development and retain freedom of choice for the communities. es. We should promote decentralized development and community freedom

**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?**

Based on the meeting with local farmers, most of our farmers think that local government branches, state entities, and the public should leave them alone, don't bother them too much. People should abide by the laws of nature, respect traditional agriculture, protect the environment, protect our earth, the space where human beings live