

NEDA BOLOURIAN

Montgomery County Council – District 2

- 1) Do you support funding and advancing the Purple Line to groundbreaking as described in the Locally Preferred Alternative and the Environmental Impact Statement without qualification?

Yes.

- 2) Would you support more transit, pedestrian, and bicycle-friendly road design in our school zones and urban centers even if it slows drivers down?

Yes.

- 3) Do you support changing existing traffic lanes to dedicated bus lanes for BRT?

Yes.

- 4) Will you support stopping all spending on the M83 highway?

No. The people of Goshen and Montgomery Village have made it very clear that they would like the M83 with no amendments.

- 5) How would you increase the housing supply in our urban centers?

We are in the midst of an affordable housing shortage and some of that is due to our inability to provide a living wage to workers in our county. We should provide incentives to developers to build in urban areas through tax relief.

CRAIG RICE

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Yes. And since it wasn't asked, I also support the CCT as it is the number one transit priority for voters in my District.

2) Would you support more transit, pedestrian, and bicycle-friendly road design in our school zones and urban centers even if it slows drivers down?

There has to be a balance of all modes of transportation so as a responsible legislator, I cannot blindly commit to a project without seeing what it entails and weighing the costs and benefits. I am for increasing pedestrian safety in school areas and my record reflects that.

3) Do you support changing existing traffic lanes to dedicated bus lanes for BRT?

I am supportive of BRT and in some instances on some routes, that may involve re-dedicating lanes.

4) Will you support stopping all spending on the M83 highway?

M-83 is a master planned highway designed to help residents of the Mid-County and Upcounty access surrounding areas easier and relieve congestion, thereby reducing car emissions and greenhouse gases, which is why the US EPA concurred with evaluating the project. Until a report comes out from the Army Corps of Engineers that will go to the County Executive and Council, no decisions should be made.

5) How would you increase the housing supply in our urban centers?

Not knowing what you consider to be an "urban center" by definition, I would like to see housing varieties grow throughout the County to address the issues of affordable housing that seems to only be prevalent in certain areas of the County. I grew up in Silver Spring but when it was time for my wife and I to buy a home, the only place we could afford to live and raise a family was in Germantown. We need to ensure there are affordable housing options in all areas which involves new development, re-development and transit-oriented development and can do so by strategic zoning not on a piecemeal basis but guided by a County-wide vision.

RICHARD JURGENA

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1) Do you support funding and advancing the Purple Line to groundbreaking as described in the Locally Preferred Alternative and the Environmental Impact Statement without qualification?

I support it with qualifications, the County's needs are changing and the priorities should be reexamined to make sure this is the best way to spend limited transportation dollars even if most comes from the State.

2) Would you support more transit, pedestrian, and bicycle-friendly road design in our school zones and urban centers even if it slows drivers down?

School zones already require a slower speed and greater driver diligence, if the road design truly creates a safer environment, then I would support it. Traffic patterns can be altered by even the simplest alterations such as pavement stripping.

3) Do you support changing existing traffic lanes to dedicated bus lanes for BRT?

The BRT programs do little for my district and the current scope is much too broad without proof of concept. Before the County commits to BRT, especially where the bus will share traffic lanes with other vehicles, planners need to prove it will not lead to massive congestion.

4) Will you support stopping all spending on the M83 highway?

Stopping all spending is a short term solution to a long term issue. How will those in the up county area be properly served if transportation improvements are further delayed?

5) How would you increase the housing supply in our urban centers?

Increasing housing supply is a market driven problem that so heavily impacts County infrastructure that focusing on supply is not the correct perspective. Increasing supply that challenges roads capacity and school enrollment is a sign that the planning process is badly broken. Somewhere there is a limit to our ability to provide a good quality of life and still accommodate the desire for more growth.