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**COUNTY EXECUTIVE IKE LEGGETT, FORMER DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMEMBER PHIL ANDREWS, OVER 25 LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS ENDORSE SIDNEY KATZ**

GAITHERSBURG, MD – Sidney Katz, running for re-election to Montgomery County Council District 3, has received the [endorsement](#) of County Executive Ike Leggett, former District 3 Councilmember Phil Andrews, and over 25 other local elected officials.

“I’m proud to endorse Councilmember Sidney Katz’s re-election campaign,” said Leggett. “He has sponsored important legislation like the senior tax deferral and he was an instrumental member of the Mental Health Court Implementation Task Force.”

“During his first term, Sidney brought a much-needed perspective to the County Council. As a former Mayor of Gaithersburg, Sidney understands how local government works. And as a former small business owner, Sidney understands what the Council can do to better help people grow and expand businesses in the County.”

“Sidney is a true public servant, and I know that he is the most qualified candidate to represent District 3 on the County Council for the next four years.”

“Sidney Katz was instrumental in launching Montgomery’s much-needed Mental Health Courts,” said Andrews. “These courts divert people who commit low-level crimes because of a mental illness away from jail and into treatment – improving public safety by reducing recidivism and saving tax dollars by preventing inappropriate incarceration. Critically, Sidney is the only District 3 candidate participating in the public financing system and refusing all funds from interest groups. Sidney is a wise steward of our tax dollars and puts the public interest first.”

Other local elected officials endorsing Katz include: County Councilmember Craig Rice, County Councilmember Hans Riemer, Mayor of Gaithersburg Jud Ashman,

Mayor of Rockville Bridget Donnell Newton, Gaithersburg City Councilmember Neil Harris, Gaithersburg City Councilmember Michael Sesma, State's Attorney John McCarthy, State Senator Cheryl Kagan, State Senator Nancy King, State Senator Susan Lee, State Senator Craig Zucker, Delegate Kumar Barve, Delegate Jim Gilchrist, Delegate Ben Kramer, Delegate Aruna Miller, Board of Education Member Judy Docca, Board of Education Member Michael Durso, Former County Executive Doug Duncan, Former Mayor of Rockville Susan Hoffmann, Former Mayor of Rockville Phyllis Marcuccio, Former Mayor of Rockville Steve VanGrack, Former Mayor of New Carrollton Jordan Harding, Former State Senator Jennie Forehand, Former State Senator Laurence Levitan, Former Delegate Hank Heller, Former Delegate Adrienne Mandel, Former Delegate Carol Petzold, and Former Judge Chung Pak.

Katz was first elected to the Montgomery County Council in 2014; he is serving his first term. Previously, Katz served as Mayor of Gaithersburg for 16 years and on the Gaithersburg City Council for 20 years. His civic career started in 1976 when he was selected to be a member of the Gaithersburg Planning Commission.

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