

The Greater Olney Civic Association, Inc. (GOCA) is the organization representing the many homeowner associations/community associations within the greater Olney area comprised of over 40,000 people. The objective of GOCA is “to study, plan, coordinate and promote the overall civic, economic, ecologic and cultural welfare of the community within the Olney Master Plan Area...” (By-Laws, Article III (1)).

At its July 2021 meeting, GOCA’s representatives passed the following resolution.

Whereas the Montgomery County Planning Board on July 8th 2021 revealed a plan to move forward to “unravel” (eliminate) single family residential zones throughout Montgomery County on the basis of “exclusionary aspects” and to diversify the County’s housing stock; and Whereas this plan would require all areas with single family zoning to allow duplexes by right and in some cases triplexes, and quadraplexes; Be it hereby resolved that the Greater Olney Civic Association opposes any and all efforts to redefine single-family development zoning to allow multifamily dwellings or apartment structures. Furthermore, the Greater Olney Civic Association supports maintaining single family housing developments in Montgomery County as a housing option for the thousands of families that have already chosen to invest their savings to live in a single family housing development and for families who desire to live in single family housing in the future.

We request action to be taken in this regard.

Because this is a significant issue for our community, we look forward to your response.

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