

Petition for "Citizen Nominees" for a Charter Writing Committee for Frederick County

Background

As you may know, the Board of County Commissioners recently announced its nominees for a Charter Writing Committee to propose a new form of government in Frederick County. These nominees were hand-picked by the BOCC, are in lock-step with its policies, and will serve as little more than rubberstamps for the Commissioners during the charter process.

The Board and its nominees will try to impose an all-powerful executive on Frederick County who can side-step citizen concerns and cater to the priorities of special interests. In Montgomery County, for example, massive and accelerated development was engineered by a long line of heavy-handed county executives dependent on the campaign contributions of real estate and development interests.

Fortunately, under Maryland law, the citizens of Frederick County may also nominate members of the Charter Writing Committee. We are seeking your support for eight such nominees who would bring a more representative, balanced, and open-minded perspective to the charter process.

These eight nominees, which are listed on the attached petition, have for many years devoted themselves to preserving the quality of life in our community. They favor sensible growth but with strong protections for the county's heritage, culture and environment. They are determined to avoid further traffic congestion, school overcrowding and tax hikes resulting from poor planning in the county. If we succeed in collecting 2000 valid signatures of (Frederick County) registered voters on the petition (by May 4th, 2011), these nominees would appear on the ballot of a special election for the Charter Writing Committee.

Request for Your Support: there are 2 ways you can help with this effort

SIGN THE PETITION

Sign the petition. Please note that you will need someone to witness your signature as a "circulator" of the petition and to verify on the petition that he or she has done so. (See lower right-hand corner of the petition.) Any voter in Frederick County, including your spouse, may witness your signature.

Deadline: May 4th, 2011

SHARE PETITION WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Share the petition and the effort with your *family and friends*. With our collective help we can ensure that the views of ordinary citizens will be heard during the charter process.

Please send an email to:
FredCoCharterPetition@gmail.com of your decision to collect signatures, and how many signatures you can commit to gathering. Each sheet allows ten signatures.

Deadline: May 4th, 2011

Rules:

1. Please pay careful attention to the instructions at the top of the petition.
2. All those signing this petition must be registered to vote in Frederick County.
3. The person signing must enter all his/her information, including birthdate; month and day without year is allowable, but not preferable.
4. No "" (ditto marks) can be used on petition.

Drop off or mail petitions to:

Charter Writing Committee Petition, 310 Souder Road, Brunswick, MD 21716

Volunteers available to pick up signed petitions. **Deadline: May 4th, 2011**

Contact: FredCoCharterPetition@gmail.com