



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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*County Executive*

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TO: The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser  
Chair, Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Marc Elrich  
County Executive

RE: House Bill 433 – *Montgomery County – Public Campaign Financing – Expansion*  
*MC 14-21* – Support

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Current State law authorizes counties throughout the State to create a system of public campaign financing for elected officials in the executive or legislative branches of county government. Montgomery County established a Public Election Fund in 2014 to provide public campaign financing for County Executive and County Council candidates. This bill authorizes Montgomery County to include the following offices in its system: (1) Clerk of the Circuit Court; (2) Register of Wills; (3) Sheriff; and (4) State's Attorney. The bill is enabling only and does not mandate that the County change its public campaign financing law in any way.

I believe that the County's elected officials should have the authority to decide whether to expand the County's Public Election Fund to make public financing available to candidates for the offices listed in this bill and respectfully request that the Ways and Means Committee give the bill a favorable report.

cc: Members of the Ways and Means Committee