

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

The following Resolution will be offered for a vote at the November 12, 2019 meeting of the Greater Olney Civic Association, Inc.:

BE IT RESOLVED: *The Greater Olney Civic Association, Inc. supports placing before the voters of Montgomery County, Maryland on the 2020 General Election ballot, a referendum to increase the number of Election Districts represented on the Montgomery County Council from five to nine, with each represented by one Council member.*

The Montgomery County Council currently has five members representing five geographical districts and four at-large members representing the entire county. Problems with this arrangement are that the current boundaries are too geographically broad, with large and small population areas included in the same district, and, in some cases, the core areas of culturally distinct communities divided between two or more districts. A larger number of small, better defined districts would encourage greater responsiveness between the citizenry and their elected officials. With respect to Olney, increasing the number of districts from five to nine, with each represented by a Council member, would provide this unique, core area, for which the Maryland—National Capital Park and Planning Commission prepared and the County Council approved the detailed, 2005 *Olney Master Plan*, its own specific electoral district while making no change in the total number of members of the County Council.

The Greater Olney Civic Association, Inc. represents 37 civic associations and homeowner associations in the greater Olney area. The objective of this Civic Association, as stated in the Bylaws article III (1), is “to study, plan, coordinate and promote the overall civic, economic, ecologic and cultural welfare of the community within the Olney Master Plan Area...” This resolution follows directly from the GOCA Bylaws and the *Olney Master Plan* upon which these Bylaws are based.

Date: _____

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Greater Olney Civic Association, Inc.