

## **Montgomery County Civic Federation Reaffirms Support for ‘9 Districts’ County Council**

At its October 12, 2020, meeting, the Montgomery County Civic Federation, Inc., reaffirmed its support for a general election County Ballot Question that would establish a “9 District” Montgomery County Council, a proposal that would eliminate the current 4 at-large Council seats while creating 4 additional new councilmatic districts.

The “9 District” proposal is a resident-sponsored ballot initiative, indicated as County Question “D” on the November 3, 2020, general election ballot in Montgomery County. At the same time, members of the Civic Federation urged a “No” vote on County Ballot Question “C,” which supports adding 2 new Council seats, while maintaining the 4 at-large positions.

The Ballot Question reads as follows:

### ***Charter Amendment by Petition/County Council – Alter Council Composition to 9 Districts***

*Amend Sections 102 and 103 of the County Charter to divide the County into 9, rather than the current 5, Council districts; elect all Councilmembers by district, rather than the current 5 by district and 4 at-large; and reduce from 5 to 1 the number of Councilmembers each voter can vote for.*

The Civic Federation has been on record as supporting a 9-district County Council since the early 2000s, when it spearheaded an unsuccessful ballot initiative to reorganize the Montgomery County Council. Since that time, there has been growing support for a new Council framework, which culminated in 2020 with a successful effort to place “9 Districts” on the general election ballot.

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