

Dear Neighbor,

I hope your new year is off to a great start. I'm reaching out to introduce myself, let you know why I'm running to be the next Montgomery County Executive, and start a conversation about how we can work together to strengthen our community.

WHO I AM

I'm proud to be a lifelong Montgomery County resident. It's where my wife and I met and where we're raising our family. It's also where I started my business, growing it from just two employees into a Fortune 500 company. I'm committed to our community and want to make this an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

WHY I'M RUNNING

I entered this race because we live in a great community that's not reaching its full potential. As I travel around, I see a growing divide between the "haves" and the "have-nots," some of the worst traffic congestion in the country, too many students having to learn in trailers, and a high cost of living that doesn't work for many residents.

With President Trump making matters worse, it's now even more important that our county has a leader who will solve the tough challenges facing our community and fight for our shared values of inclusion and equal opportunity. I'm a pro-choice, pragmatic progressive who will work to improve the quality of life for all our residents.

RECORD OF RESULTS

For 14 years, I led a company founded here in Montgomery County. It started in one room and grew to employ thousands of people across the country. We created hundreds of good jobs right here and provided millions of Americans with more affordable prescription drugs. Now, my wife, Mikel, and I are focusing on supporting local organizations that aim to end poverty and homelessness, promote healthy living, empower children with disabilities, and provide quality early childhood education. We also just recently opened Badlands Playspace in Rockville, an innovative new education center where Montgomery County families can bring their children to play and learn.

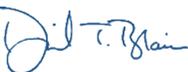
BIG IDEAS FOR OUR FUTURE

My company succeeded by innovating and solving problems with big ideas. As your County Executive, I'll bring that experience to county government. I'll focus on improving our schools and closing the achievement gap, building an innovative economy that works for everyone, creating jobs, establishing a more modern transportation system, increasing access to affordable, quality healthcare, lowering prescription drug costs for seniors, and ensuring that all of our graduating high schoolers are college- or career-ready.

But I can't do it alone. I'm looking for the best ideas and would like to know your thoughts on how we can work together to improve our community. Please visit our website at BlairForMontgomery.com/Contact to join us and share your ideas!

Thank you for taking the time to read about our campaign. Let's work together and build on Ike Leggett's accomplishments. I hope to see you on the campaign trail soon and look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,



David T. Blair