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## JANE de WINTER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR COUNTY COUNCIL-AT LARGE

Community Leader Jane de Winter, Ph.D. announced her candidacy for Montgomery County Council—At Large in the 2010 Democratic Primary on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 9:00am on the front steps of the County Council Building at 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville.

“I am running for the County Council because I believe the Council has the responsibility to focus on the most important issues facing the county. I have a record of working collaboratively with people across the county and seeking solutions.”

De Winter, a Montgomery County resident since 1988, has 15 years experience as an advocate for children and youth. She is the immediate past president of the Montgomery County Council of PTAs (MCCPTA) where she led the organization to an expanded role and voice in the development of the Montgomery County Public School budget.

As President of MCCPTA, de Winter testified frequently on budget and policy issues including the county’s Annual Growth Policy. She began tracking housing development in the Walter Johnson Cluster to ensure adequate school capacity and advocated for school capacity measures to include programmed space for special education students.

De Winter, the parent of three MCPS students and one MCPS graduate, has served in numerous leadership roles in her local community including PTA President at Garrett Park ES and Tilden MS, and as Cluster Coordinator for the Walter Johnson Cluster. She brought the MCPS program “Conquista tus sueños” to Garrett Park ES to encourage Latino parents to become involved in community leadership.

In 2008, she was appointed by the County Executive to the Commission for Children and Youth. She also serves on the Montgomery County Collaboration Council's Youth Connectedness Steering Committee and is a member of the Leadership Montgomery Class of 2010.

Her campaign will focus on several goals for Montgomery County, including: investment in people through workforce development; economic growth to strengthen the county; a transition to a more transit oriented community; and refocusing county government to address the changing needs of the county.

"We need to address the coming changes in the county's labor force by making sure that all our youth have the life and work skills necessary for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We need to plan our growth to attract highly qualified workers who can work in our growing life science and high tech centers and in the businesses that support these industries."

Jane de Winter is a graduate of Brown University and the University of Washington where she earned a Ph.D. in Economics. She was an instructor of Economics at the University of Washington and at The American University, teaching courses in macroeconomics, monetary theory, and public finance. She is the author of a course guide to accompany a textbook on money and banking. She has worked as a free-lance economic consultant and as an economist at the Center for Naval Analysis in Alexandria, Virginia.

Earlier she worked at the Business and Professional Women's Foundation where she was a member of SEIU, as well as on the factory floor of the Magnetic Corporation of America where she made printed circuit boards and superconducting wire.

"In the 21 years I have lived in Montgomery County, my record has been one of service: service to children and youth; service to parents and schools; service to our diverse community; and service to organizations within the county," said de Winter. "Our County Council should serve the residents of Montgomery County."

Jane de Winter lives with her husband, Frederick L. Joutz, and their four children in Kensington.

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