

Dear Friend —

You are invited to join the MCDP Strategic Planning Committee. The Committee will start as an online discussion group. Later, we will meet periodically for group meetings, and I'm hoping a picnic or potluck get-together or two.

To win elections, the Democratic Party focuses on goals like raising money, organizing at the precinct level and Getting Out the Vote. However, time and again, we fail to motivate sufficient Democrats to get the job done.

Motivation is key and I'm convinced that the way to generate grassroots fire is found in the four goals articulated in the MCDP Constitution's Preamble and Statement of Purpose. (See reverse side.) If the party could begin to fulfill the vision of these statements, Democratic candidates would win in droves and would be elected to offices and elected in districts that now are unreachable.

The Four Goals

1. Empower representative democracy within our party and throughout the county.
2. Expand membership in the MCDP to include all interested Montgomery County Democrats.
3. Connect Montgomery County Democrats within an extended MCDP community where every member has a voice.
4. Advance candidates of the people who are dedicated to public service and whose principles align with those of the Democratic Party.

In my teaching career, I found that teacher committees that were most successful were those that started with an initial proposal for members to analyze, discuss, revise — or reject. This structure generated good discussion, debate and, often, consensus. For this reason, I am writing a proposal for a five year strategic plan for the MCDP. I hope to finish the first draft in two or three weeks and I'll make a PDF to share.

If you'd like to read the first draft of the initial Strategic Planning Committee proposal, **PLEASE SEND ME AN EMAIL**. If you respond, I'll send you the proposal as well as instructions and password to participate, if you so choose, in a private discussion forum led by me and including all Strategic Planning members who choose to participate.

Thanks.

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The Montgomery County Democratic Party **Constitution And By-Laws**

PREAMBLE

We the Representatives of the Democrats living in Montgomery County -- in order to form a strong party organization that empowers representative democracy within our party and throughout the county -- do establish the Montgomery County Democratic Party Constitution.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

...The purpose of the Montgomery County Democratic Party is to represent and to serve Montgomery County Democrats. The MCDP advances this purpose by connecting Montgomery County Democrats with an extended MCDP community where every member has a voice and by advancing candidates of the people who are dedicated to public service, and whose principles align with the principles of the Democratic Party.