



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Statement from the Director

My recent comments reported in Bethesda Magazine in which I refer to members of the community as “rich white women” were thoughtless and cast dispersions on the contribution made to the planning process by these individuals. Not only was it inaccurate to characterize these civic leaders as "spreading fear," "sowing discord" and "stalking my appearances", it grossly mischaracterized their important and valuable role in the land use process. I retract this statement and apologize for it. These individuals have participated in the land use discussions in this County for several decades and their contribution has and always will be welcome. I sincerely regret and apologize for the careless and dismissive tone conveyed in the article. I intend to enroll in mediation / conflict resolution instruction to assist me in moving the public discussion on the future of the County forward.

-Planning Director Rollin Stanley