

A NOTE FROM MICHAEL TABOR
Re: THE UPCOMING LOCAL ELECTIONS



Dear Neighbors,

Several people have asked for my thoughts in the TP Mayor's race.

My first response is for us to go to as many meet and greets and debates/forums as possible to gain *your own* impression of each candidate.

That said, my opinions are as follows:

Talisha Searcy is vibrant and a good person. Plus, anyone who takes the time to serve on the city council has to be given credit. However, during the many Council meetings I've attended, I found her comments underwhelming. She appeared distracted and disinterested during community comments and it often felt like she was not really listening. Maybe in a few years, she will grow into a viable candidate for higher office.

Seth Grimes is an old political friend and we've worked together on Middle East issues. He also deserves credit for serving well on the Council in the past and has provided leadership on environmental issues. However, I feel his role is best serving as an advocate *outside* the Council.

Jarrett Smith was asked to run to represent my ward 10 years ago and has grown admirably into that position. He has a more modest style of leadership but will stand firm on issues such as renters rights, supporting the food co-op and resisting unnecessary or inappropriate development for Takoma Park. He has matured in his representation and has reached out beyond our borders to earn the respect of other representatives within the Montgomery County Municipal League.

Jarrett can bring a new leadership perspective with a focus on fiscal responsibilities we desperately need. Jarrett is, my choice for Mayor.

On Saturday, afternoon, October 15, at 5:00, come meet Jarrett, ask him tough questions and concerns, and get to know him. We're at 706 Erie Ave. We start on time at 5:00pm.

Then, on Sunday, Oct 16, at 1:00, we're co-sponsoring with Reuben Snipper and Cheryl Morden (who live across the street at 705 Erie), an opportunity to meet with each of the candidates running for our Ward 5 Council seat. Each of the 3 candidates will have one hour each and we'll start on time at 1:00pm.

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