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WDC Update – Thursday, January 28, 2021

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Vaccine Priority Groups updated January 26, 2020. For more information on the Montgomery County Vaccine distribution, go to the MoCo [COVID-19 Information Portal](#).



MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT COVID-19 Information Portal



Being the Connective Tissue

Take a trip back ... Think back to the mad dash of the primaries – remember those? Then GOTV for early voting, explaining absentee voting, countering misinformation and voter suppression. Calls, texts, post-cards, letters, zooms. Then Election Day and cliff-hanger races. Then the holidays in the shadow of 400,000 Covid deaths. Then the January 5 Georgia Senate races. Then the surreal, too-real January 6 coup attempt. Another impeachment. A pending Senate trial.

Exhausting, alarming. But with a ground-breaking inaugural across gender and race we see daylight. The lyrical words of Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman were followed by the rollout of talented, stable adults taking on key positions.

There are a lot of lessons here. One lesson is encapsulated in the razor-thin margins of Georgia's Senate races: **it all comes down to local communities and motivated activists**. People took action with the people and tools at hand. And WDC members and friends did too. From the national races to our county policies, WDC continues to be the connective tissue between passion felt and change achieved. We've pivoted from Biden-Harris to Rockville and Annapolis. WDC committees are building coalitions, meeting with legislators, compiling research, all to drive state and county initiatives for change – "progress!"-- in criminal justice, education, employment, health care and the environment. We are testifying in Annapolis and at the County Council, hosting educational panels and timely speakers, and sharing important information on our website and FB page.

We are participating in democracy.

WDC's highest calling is to be a bridge between knowledge and action, and I believe we are making change for the better. For that I **thank you**, on behalf of the entire Board. **YOU** are the key to making a direct impact on our democracy. We have been forced to confront some ugly truths, and we are stepping up, and lifting up. Thank you for supporting us and each other in this important work.

Diana Conway, President





Carroll Bogert
**"Creating and Sustaining the Urgency
 for Criminal Justice Reform"**

Monday, February 8, 1 pm
<http://bit.ly/wdc-feb-8>

Monday, February 8, 2021 - 1:00 - 2:00pm

Free event and open to the public.

[Register here](#)

On Feb. 8, at 1:00 pm, The Marshall Project president Carroll Bogert will join us to discuss creating and sustaining the urgency for criminal justice reform. The Marshall Project is a Pulitzer-winning investigative non-profit that pursues criminal justice reform through fair, transparent, and effective journalism. As President-elect Biden takes office amid great turmoil, his stated priorities include reforms of policing, the death penalty, bail, and elimination of mandatory minimum sentences. Ms. Bogert will share her views on the most pressing of these and other issues.

Before joining The Marshall Project, Ms. Bogert served for 18 years as deputy director of Human Rights Watch, running global media operations, and before that as a foreign correspondent for "Newsweek" magazine, based in Moscow, Hong Kong, and Beijing, covering the fall of the Soviet Union, the Tiananmen Square protests, and the economic rise of Asia.

Register Here to receive Zoom Link on event day.

VIRTUAL Women's Legislative Briefing (WLB)

January 31, 12:30 pm

[Register here](#)



WDC is a sponsor of the 41st Women's Legislative Briefing scheduled for January 31, 2021 from 12:30-4:30 pm. Coordinated by the Montgomery County Commission for Women, the event brings together advocates, policy makers, and emerging leaders to empower, engage, and mobilize Marylanders around issues affecting

WDC Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee

We are working for progress – and for you! WDC has been very active advocating for issues impacting women and their families. Members of the WDC Advocacy Committee are identifying and researching legislation that is aligned with the Club's stated [advocacy priorities](#) for 2021. We are submitting written or oral testimony on numerous bills being considered by the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis. Watch this space for regular updates on what you can do!

Contact [JoAnne Koravos](#), Advocacy Chair, to learn more.

Join us to make change! Volunteer on a WDC Committee

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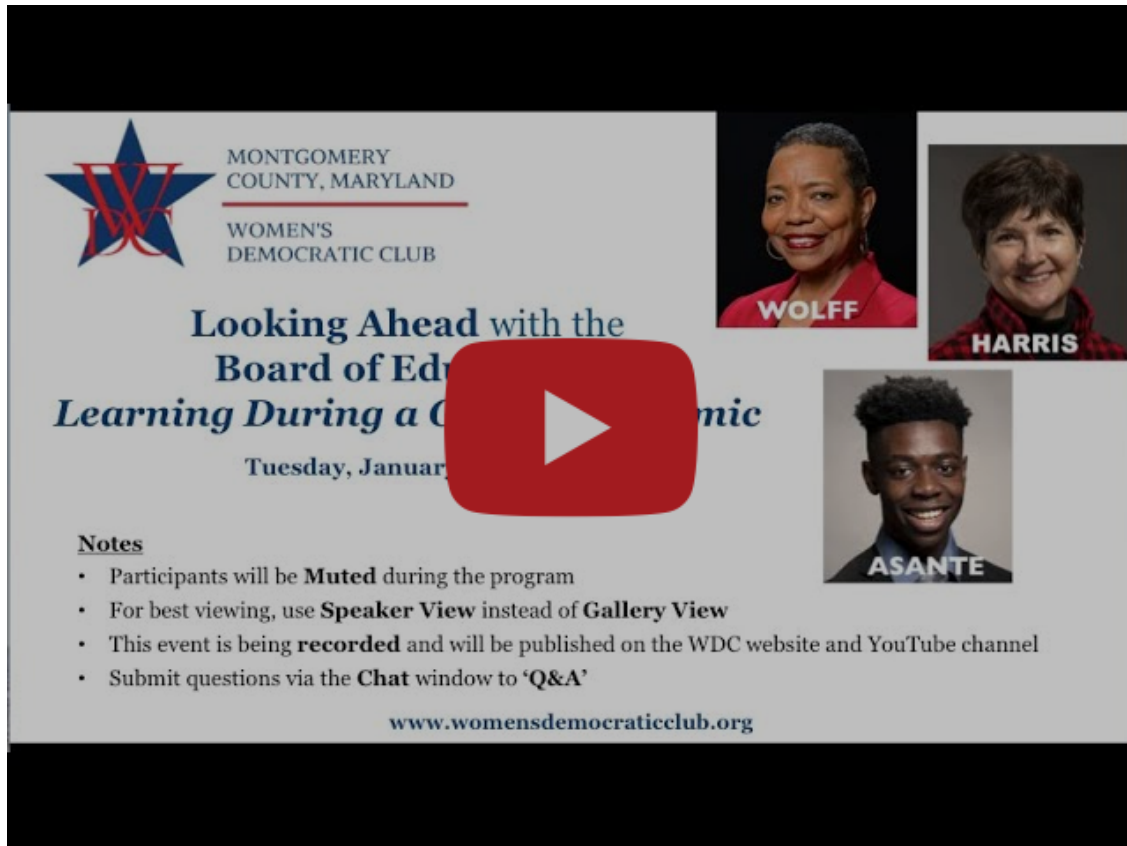
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WDC's conversation with three Board of Education members.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Looking Ahead with the Board of Education
Learning During a Crisis
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

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- Participants will be **Muted** during the program
- For best viewing, use **Speaker View** instead of **Gallery View**
- This event is being **recorded** and will be published on the WDC website and YouTube channel
- Submit questions via the **Chat** window to 'Q&A'

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