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Vaccine Priority Groups. MoCo website updated February 12, 2021, 1:15 p.m. - revised immediately when MoCo has new information For more information on the Montgomery County Vaccine distribution, go to the MoCo [COVID-19 Information Portal](#).



MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT COVID-19 Information Portal

Sign up for email/text vaccine updates.



Are you transfixed by Impeachment #2? The powerful case made by our own Jamie Raskin was buttressed by this sobering [13-minute video](#) presented to the Senators. As Rep. Raskin has said, "There is no January exception!" for impeachable offenses.

Even as we watched Trump's legal team meander around in search of an argument, WDC continues to focus on our state and county legislators. Our own state and local government are busy voting on key WDC priority issues that impact women and their families. These lawmakers need to hear from you! Our WDC Advocacy Alerts strive to make your engagement not only more informed, but more streamlined by providing key discussion points and how to contact key legislators.

If you are a member not receiving Advocacy Alerts [contact JoAnne Koravos](#), Advocacy Chair, to sign up.

Diana Conway, President



Rebuilding Maryland's Future: How we can recover from COVID-19 in a just, equitable, and sustainable way.

BUILDING A MORE EQUITABLE, JUST, AND PROSPEROUS MARYLAND



Friday, February 26, 1:00 pm
JOIN THE DISCUSSION
 Free Virtual Public Event
Dr. John B. King, Jr
 Founder of Strong Future Maryland

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 MONTGOMERY
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WOMEN'S
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Monday, February 26, 2021 - 1:00 - 2:00pm

Guest Speaker Dr. John B. King, Jr., founder of Strong Future Maryland, CEO of the Education Trust and former US Secretary of Education
 Friday, Feb. 26, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

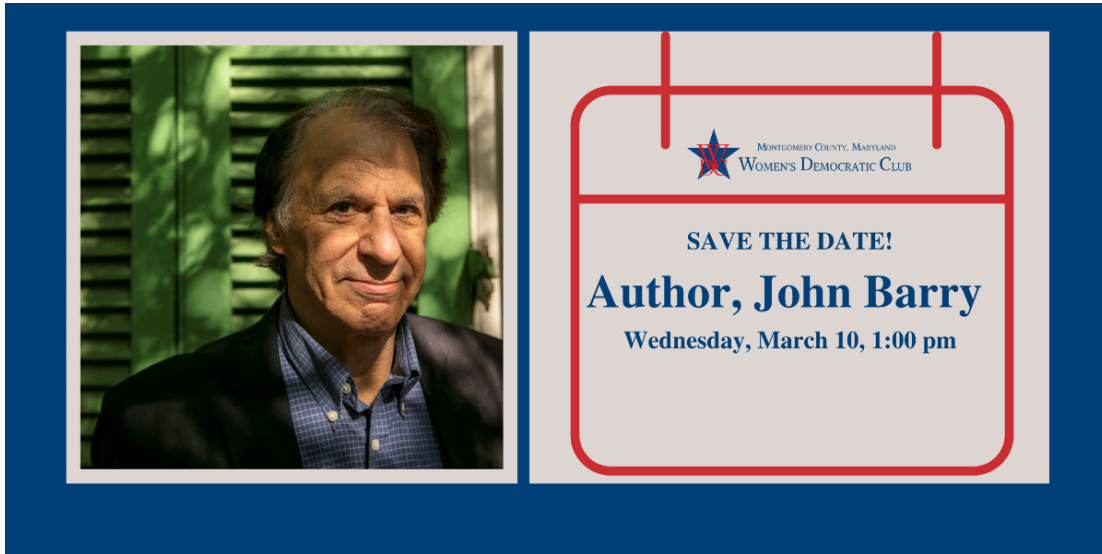
[Eventbrite Registration](#)

With a proud educator as First Lady and a progressive President, public education stands at a crossroads. Scorned by Donald Trump and Betsy DeVos, U.S. schools struggled even before COVID-19. And now—despite the benefit of the new Administration's support, public education faces historic challenges. Join us for a conversation with Dr. John B. King, Jr., CEO of the Education Trust and former U.S. Secretary of Education under President Obama, for his take on how to tackle the road ahead. Dr. King, the son of two New York City teachers who both died when he was 12 years old, credits his public school elementary and junior high teachers for saving (and inspiring the course of) his life. Eventually earning

opportunity gaps for all students, especially boys and young men of color. An accomplished problem solver, Dr. King will explore how to keep alive the American Dream through public education for all our nation's children.

Eventbrite Registration

Save the Date! March 10, 1:00 pm with Guest Speaker John Barry



John M. Barry is an American author and historian who has written books on the influenza pandemic of 1918, the modern ideas of separation of church and state and individual liberty, and the Great Mississippi Flood of 1927.

John M. Barry is an award-winning author whose books have also involved him in policy making. He is the only non-scientist ever to give the National Academies of Sciences Abel Wolman Distinguished Lecture, and he was the only non-scientist on a federal government Infectious Disease Board of Experts. An advisor to the Bush and Obama administrations on pandemic preparedness and response, he served on the original team which recommended public health measures to mitigate a pandemic. After Hurricane Katrina, the Louisiana congressional delegation asked him to chair a bipartisan working group on flood protection, and he served on both the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the levee board protecting metropolitan New Orleans. Barry has worked with the private sector and with state, federal, United Nations, and World Health Organization officials on pandemics, water-related disasters, and risk communication. He serves on numerous advisory boards and is a professor at the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

The National Academies of Science named his 2004 book *The Great Influenza: The story of the deadliest pandemic in history*, a study of the 1918 pandemic, the year's outstanding book on science or medicine, and it has been a #1 New York Times best-seller. The Society of American Historians named his earlier book *Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How It Changed America* the year's best book of American history; it was also a New York Times best-seller, and in 2005 the New York Public Library named *Rising Tide* one of the 50 best books—whether poetry, fiction, or non-fiction—in the preceding 50 years. His articles have appeared in such scientific journals as *Nature* and *Journal of Infectious Disease*, in such lay publications as *The New York Times*, *Esquire*, *Time*, and *The Washington Post*, and he has been a guest on every broadcast network in the United States, appearing on such shows as NBC's *Meet the Press* and NPR's *All Things Considered*.

WDC Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee

We are working 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](#). To date WDC has submitted written or oral testimony on the following bills being considered by the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis. Stay tuned for more updates as the 2021 Session progresses. Members can sign up for timely Advocacy Alerts delivered directly to your inbox with calls-to-action to contact your lawmakers on important legislation. [Become a member](#) and sign up to receive WDC Advocacy Alerts!

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

To read about a specific bill, enter the Bill Number (e.g., HB0123) [here](#).

WDC Bill Testimony as of February 10, 2021

Bill Number	Title	Sponsor
HB0003 SB0202	Correctional Services - Parole - Life Imprisonment	Del. Clippinger Senator Kelley
HB0032	Cannabis - Legalization and Regulation (Inclusion, Restoration, and Rehabilitation Act of 2021)	Del. J. Lewis
SB0076	Climate Crisis and Education Act	Senator Kramer
HB0123 SB0003	Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021	Del. Pena-Melnyk Senator Griffith
SB0626	Law Enforcement Officers - Use of Force	Senator Carter
HB0143 SB0218	Maryland Child Tax Credit	Del. Palakovich-Carr Senator King
HB0147 SB0250	Criminal Law – Sexual Crimes – Repeal of Spousal Defense (Love Is No Defense to Sexual Crimes)	Del. Crutchfield Senator Lee
HB0191 SB0056	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Psychiatrist and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Telemedicine Reimbursement - Sunset Termination	Del. Kelly Senator Eckardt
HB0205 SB0427	Public Schools - Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products - Requirement	Del. Reznik Senator Elfreth
HB0255	Department of Aging - Grants for Aging-in-Place Programs - Funding	Del. Hill
HB0315 SB0136	Juvenile Law - Juvenile Interrogation Protection Act	Del. Bartlett Senator Carter
HB0347	Criminal Law - Exploitation of Vulnerable Adult or Elderly Individual - Undue Influence	Del. Shetty

SB0395		
HB0401	Public Schools - Pregnant and Parenting Students - Policies and Reports	Del. Guyton
HB0409 SB0494	Juveniles Convicted as Adults - Sentencing - Limitations and Reduction (Juvenile Restoration Act)	Del. Lewis, J. Senators West, Sydnor, Carter
HB0429	Pharmacists - Required Notification and Authorized Substitution - Lower-Cost Drug or Device Product	Del. Shetty
HB0496	Primary and Secondary Education - Mental Health Services - Expansion (Counselors Not Cops Act)	Del. Wilkins
HB0581 SB0486	Labor and Employment - Employment Standards During an Emergency (Maryland Essential Workers' Protection Act)	Del. D.E. Davis Senator Augustine
SB0050	Criminal procedure-police officers-duty to intervene	Senator Jill Carter
SB0166	Criminal Procedure - Police Officers - Duty to Report Misconduct (Maryland Police Accountability Act)	Senator Sydnor
SB0211	Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2021)	Senator Hayes
SB0393 HB0551	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage and Reimbursement of Telehealth Services	Senator Augustine Delegate Bagnall
HB0670	Police Reform and Accountability Act of 2021	Speaker Jones
SB0627	Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Repeal and Procedures for Discipline	Senator Carter
HB0058 SB0117	Workgroup on Minority Homeownership, Neighborhood Revitalization, & Household Wealth Equity	Del. Lierman Senator Sydnor
HB0188	No-Knock Warrants – Elimination (Duncan's Act)	Del. Robin Grammer

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Announcement:

Longtime WDC member Julie Davis shared the following useful news on changes in FEC contribution limit, from her law firm. <http://www.capdale.com/fec-updates-contribution-limits-for-2021-2022>

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