

2016 Montgomery Township Committee Reorganization Remarks – 1/07/16

Committeewoman Christine Madrid

Good evening. I am honored to serve this community for another three years. Thank you to the voters for placing your trust in me, to my colleagues on the Committee for your continued support and to my family for all that you do to allow me to serve. I would also like to thank the County and State officials that are here this evening and thank you for your support of this community. We see you at so many Montgomery events, you are always willing to help when we need it and we know that you will always have our backs at the County and State level, which we appreciate.

Congratulations to Mayor Graham and Deputy Mayor Trzaska. I am looking forward to working with both of you in these roles. I am also looking forward to serving with Committeeman Conforti. The community is lucky to have you on this Governing Body and this Committee is lucky to have you as our colleague.

Serving as Mayor for the last year was a wonderful experience. We cut spending under the 2% cap, we moved a lot of great development projects forward, we preserved even more open space, we worked hard on our COAH plan, paved many roads and created a great succession plan for our Police Department. I know that we will keep all of that going in the new year. But, I think the most rewarding part of the past year was time I spent out in the community. I judged the High School talent show, I refereed the "Minute to Win It" contest at the Senior Center, I attended the Veterans Day Ceremony, I cut the ribbon on Skillman Park and I saw the S.A.V.E. Animal Shelter open its doors in the beautifully restored Van Zandt mansion. It was a busy but very fulfilling year. It made me truly appreciate how rich and diverse our community is and how hard our people work to make all these things happen. A large part of that effort also comes from our professional staff. They are a truly dedicated and professional group of people. I am very glad that I got to work more closely with Township Administrator Donato Nieman, Township Clerk Donna Kukla and Planning Director Lori Savron and the rest of the team this year. I am looking forward to another three years of working with all of you, with this Township Committee, and with this community.

Thank you.