

Greetings King Farm Residents!

I would personally like to thank the King Farm residents for supporting my previous candidacy for Rockville City Council in 2015. After reading my candidate statement below, I hope to earn your vote again in the 2019 election.

My name is Richard Gottfried, and I am a longtime Rockville resident, who would like to give every neighborhood in this great city a voice.

I moved to Rockville in 1990 to attend Georgetown University to obtain my Masters of Science in Taxation.

Due to the sense of community and belonging that this City impressed upon me, I was inspired to reciprocate by becoming involved in the well-being of the City and its residents, which is why I am running for Rockville City Council.

I have been involved in community development since 2007 when I was initially appointed as the treasurer and then eventually the president of my neighborhood association.

When comparing the 13 candidates seeking election or re-election to the Rockville City Council, King Farm residents should ask an important question:

What has each candidate done to add value to the King Farm neighborhood?

My answer to this question is, that in 2012, I was asked by a King Farm resident to volunteer as the treasurer of the Mattie J.T. Stepanek Foundation. Currently, I was a treasurer of my neighborhood association at that time, however, I did not refuse

this request and enthusiastically assumed the additional responsibility because I knew that this was a great opportunity to build a civic partnership with another neighborhood.

As a certified public accountant who began my career in the audit department of one of the Big 4 public accounting firms, I was well trained in the area of internal controls. As a result of my professional experience, I was able to identify the need to strengthen internal controls for the Mattie J.T. Stepanek Foundation, which were approved and implemented by the Board of Directors.

If elected, as a certified public accountant, you can be assured that I will be fiscally responsible with the City of Rockville's budget and, moreover, I will diligently review the City's financial controls and recommend policy changes where necessary in an effort to safeguard the City of Rockville from the current multimillion-dollar economic development scandal involving Warren County's top-tier government *leaders*. For more details about this, please reference Julie Carey and the Washington News4 Team's reporting, "*Virginia Town's Leaders Charged in the Wake of Embezzlement Scandal.*"

The success of this city belongs to not just a few, but to all of us. As a 29-year Rockville resident who owes so much of my success to this city, I would like to ensure that all citizens and businesses are empowered to achieve the goals that they desire.

I am asking you to Leverage your vote for Richard Gottfried.

Gottfried has the leadership, experience and vision to represent you.

If elected, my top legislative goals would be:

- ✓ If the State decides to widen I-270, I will be advocating against eminent domain for Rockville property owners.
- ✓ With over five new developments in process, we will create a sustainable plan for the increased traffic and increase in infrastructure costs to support our growth over the next 5, 10, and 15-year periods.
- ✓ Preserve our Parks: Redgate Park must continue to be a recreational space to enhance the quality of life for all Rockville residents.
- ✓ Review the City of Rockville's financial internal controls

My Legislative Accomplishments:

- ✓ Protected home-based businesses from unlawful search and seizure without a warrant.
- ✓ Formed and lead the Twinbrook Parkway Coalition saving taxpayers over \$14 million.
- ✓ Gottfried has cultivated strategic partnerships with over ten civic associations including King Farm Assembly.
- ✓ Provided pro bono tax services for seniors.

- ✓ Gottfried has saved the Rockville taxpayers over \$8 million in refuse and recycling fees.

My King Farm initiatives:

- ✓ Preserving the historic King Farm Farmstead
- ✓ Continue to support the Mattie J. T. Stepanek Foundation's "Peace Day"

Again, why vote for Richard Gottfried?

Richard Gottfried is:

The Fiscally Responsible Choice and Your Financial Voice

- ✓ Certified Public Accountant
- ✓ A Proven Community Leader
- ✓ Common Sense Leadership

I am asking for your vote by mail for Richard Gottfried!

VOTE GOTTFRIED!

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