

### **Resolution to Endorse Izola Shaw for Montgomery County Council District 3**

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**Whereas**, Montgomery County will hold its County Council primary election on June 23, 2026,

**Whereas**, the district 3 County Council seat, representing Rockville and Gaithersburg, will be open in 2026 due to the retirement of the incumbent, Sidney Katz; and

**Whereas**, the Montgomery County branch has been organizing a base of renters and workers in Rockville and Gaithersburg since 2023 with the goal of extending rent stabilization protections to Rockville and Gaithersburg; and

**Whereas**, Izola Shaw has been a longtime leader in the rent stabilization coalition, playing a key role in advancing rent stabilization at the county level as a renter herself; and

**Whereas**, since 2017, Izola Shaw organized lower income workers to testify before the council to increase the Montgomery County minimum wage, which successfully passed

**Whereas**, Izola Shaw has faithfully served as a Rockville City Councilmember since being elected in 2023, championing the fight for rent stabilization in Rockville despite intense opposition from her city council colleagues; and

**Whereas**, Izola Shaw served as a federal employee at the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health, was terminated as a result of the current administration's reckless DOGE cuts, and deeply understands the catastrophic impacts of these cuts on our region's federal workforce and on national and global public health; and

**Whereas**, Izola Shaw has been organizing her colleagues at NIH for a union, speaking out for trying to improve treatment for her fellow workers and building solidarity, showing her commitment to building power for organized workers; and

**Whereas**, Izola Shaw currently serves on the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission, the county's social housing agency,

**Whereas**, Izola Shaw's [long career in public service and community development](#) shows her experience and competence in governing; and

**Whereas**, Izola Shaw has been a member of DSA since 2024, attending our meetings and consistently engaging with our members and leaders as a coalition partner and co-governing elected official throughout her service both before and after her election; and

**Whereas**, Izola Shaw is deeply aligned on our values and vision for a county and world where resources are distributed fairly, where all people can live in safety, health, and dignity, in an inclusive and responsive democracy where our government and political system are working for human flourishing rather than just profits for a few; and

**Whereas**, the term-limited incumbent in the District 3 seat is a centrist and electing a socialist like Izola Shaw would represent an opportunity to swing the ideological balance of the body to the left; and

**And Whereas**, Metro DC DSA received an endorsement questionnaire from Izola Shaw;

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, with at least two-thirds of participating Metro DC Democratic Socialists of America members voting in the affirmative, that Metro DC DSA hereby endorses Izola Shaw for Montgomery County Council District 3; and

**Therefore Be It Further Resolved**, that Metro DC DSA authorizes all necessary efforts to support Izola Shaw's election, including use of the Metro DC DSA Solidarity Political Action Committee.