

# Duncan

## COUNTY EXECUTIVE

As Next County Executive, Doug Duncan will:

- **Fix and Safely Open the Silver Spring Transit Center**
  - Appoint new County leadership to ensure proper construction oversight
  - Lay out detailed plan from experts on what needs to be done to safely fix it
  - Address any and all safety concerns from residents and commuters
  - Increase transparency and honesty by providing weekly updates on progress
  - Hold accountable all those responsible for the mess
- **Restore Excellence in Education**
  - Close the now widening achievement gap
  - Solve the school construction crisis
  - Get our fair share of state dollars
  - Create Applied Sciences Higher Education Institute
- **Create Jobs and Spur Economic Growth**
  - Lead Maryland in job creation instead of job loss
  - Revitalize Wheaton like we did for Silver Spring
  - Cultivate a diverse and sustainable entrepreneurial culture that attracts millennials and startups
  - Achieve gigabit Internet capabilities to allow for 100x faster Internet speeds
  - Work with existing businesses to as successful as possible
  - Perform strategic, competitive analysis of taxes, fees and regulations
- **Expand and Fix our Infrastructure**
  - Hold WMATA Accountable and improve Red Line service
  - Improve Ride-On services throughout entire county
  - Begin construction of the Purple Line with an effective and conscientious plan
  - Initiate Cycle Montgomery Plan of setting aside yearly goal of dedicated bike lanes
  - Build express lanes up I-270
- **Improve Quality of Life for all residents**
  - Create more affordable housing especially around transit
  - Reduce County's carbon footprint
  - Preserve and enhance our Agricultural Reserve
  - Join the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-friendly Communities to better meet the needs of our older residents
  - Re-commit to eliminating poverty by creating jobs and investing resources to help residents stay on feet.
  - Become national model for helping those with special needs and disabilities

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- Become as an inclusive a community as possible for all residents
- Continue efforts to improve safety

Doug's Record of Accomplishment:

"Former county executive Douglas Duncan's time in office, 1994 through 2006, was a remarkable era, with a host of accomplishments including the Silver Spring revitalization, the construction of Strathmore and the expansion of the life sciences along Interstate 270. He has built his campaign around rekindling the kind of bold action that marked those years.... we admire what Duncan accomplished during his 12 years in office; it was a fantastic example of what government with vision can achieve." – The Gazette, 5/28/14

"Mr. Duncan, who led the county from 1994 to 2006, was an effective executive despite his tendency to bully the county council. He had important and enduring successes, including the impressive redevelopment of Silver Spring — once dilapidated and dangerous, now dynamic — and the building of the music center at Strathmore... No one questions Mr. Duncan's abilities, and there is much to admire about his spirit and strength of character." – Washington Post 5/2/14

"He did earn unrivaled respect as a doer and decision maker in a county that by his oft-repeated diagnosis is afflicted with 'paralysis by analysis.'... Even as Montgomery County was being reshaped by immigration, shifting demographics, swift development and rising prosperity, Mr. Duncan was instrumental in maintaining and improving the assets that have made it one of the nation's choicest (and most expensive) places to live: vibrant neighborhoods, excellent social services, efficient government and first-class amenities. Look around at what has made Montgomery dynamic -- terrific schools, the revival of downtown Silver Spring, the glittery new Strathmore arts center -- and you will see Mr. Duncan's fingerprints. It is an enviable record." – Washington Post, 11/28/2006

### **On Jobs:**

Montgomery County is in the midst of a jobs crisis.

Since July of last year, Montgomery County leads Maryland in job loss, having lost over 11,000 jobs.

In April 2014, while Maryland added 9,300 jobs, Montgomery County lost 450.

Since 2007, Montgomery County has added only 8,600 jobs. In that same time period, Fairfax County has added over 50,000 jobs, DC 36,000 jobs, and Montgomery County has also created fewer jobs than Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Howard County and even Prince George's County.

\*All data according to Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics

### **On Silver Spring Transit Center:**

Under Ike Leggett's tenure, the Silver Spring Transit Center is four years late and \$30 Million over budget,\* and to make matters worse, Ike has no plan to open the Transit Center.

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My top priority will be safely opening the Transit Center. I have the leadership and real plan to do it. Once elected, I will:

- Appoint new county leadership to oversee the project to ensure proper construction oversight
- Lay out a detailed plan from experts on what needs to be done to safely fix it
- Address any and all safety concerns from residents and commuters
- Increase transparency and honesty by providing weekly updates on the Center's progress
- Hold accountable all those responsible for this mess