What's Happening with

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Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County: Poverty Amidst P:lenty

This week the Community for Anne Arundel County produced its report on the county and there were shocking, but not surprising results. Amongst them, the county's median household income is significantly higher than the national average, and households of more than \$200,000 have doubled since 2016, yet more than a third of households fall into ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), which means they are working but still can't reliably cover rent, food, childcare, and healthcare. The gap between those that have and those that have not is increasing at an alarming rate. Read the full report here.

Important Upcoming Dates

-Tuesday, September 16: Primary Election! Find out all you need to know about the upcoming primary here!

Ward One Resident Association Aldermanic Forum

On Wednesday, I participated in the WORA Forum for Ward 1 Aldermanic candidates. This was by far the most lengthy and detailed forum I've participated in to date, with about a dozen total questions! We talked a lot about the questions most on Ward 1 resident's minds, as all questions were submitted by them. See the <u>full video here</u>, or my recap on my <u>IG</u> or <u>Facebook</u> pages!

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc Candidate Forum

On Thursday I attended the likely final forum event of the primary season, joining all 3 mayoral candidates as well as 6 other aldermanic candidates at the Michael E. Busch Library. We discussed transparency and open dialogue with the most disenfranchised voters as well as how we can work together to provide equity to all neighborhoods in all wards. See more on my <u>IC</u> and <u>FB</u> posts!

Eye on Annapolis Op/Ed

Earlier this week I had an Op/Ed published with Eye on Annapolis! I discussed in more detail the dangerous edge we're finding ourselves on when it comes to housing in Annapolis that people can afford. This isn't just about low income housing, this is about housing that working class people that serve our communities such as teachers, police officers, and EMS workers can actually afford. Read it here!



