

Casting wide net for planning chief

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This year, the County Council will make a very important decision with enormous implications for our county's future, pattern of development and quality of life. The Planning Board chairman's term ends on June 14. The five-member board serves as the council's principal advisor on land use and community planning.

The current chairman, Derick Berlage, is eligible to serve another term and has indicated that he wishes to be considered for reappointment. He will receive serious consideration.

However, the council also encourages all those with relevant experience and interest to submit applications. We want to have as wide a range of applicants to choose from as possible. For further information, call Justina Ferber of the council staff at 240-777-7938, or check out the council Web site www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council. The deadline for application is April 12.

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