



PRESS RELEASE

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At a meeting last night, the Montgomery County Republican Party decided to discontinue its support of Harold Maldonado as a candidate for Montgomery County Council, and will not include him on its 2026 general-election voter guide.

Statements recently unearthed cannot be tolerated. We reject as baseless and unacceptable his allegations that Mossad controls Montgomery County elected officials. We oppose antisemitism, bigotry, and all forms of baseless conspiracy theories—regardless of who they target, or the political cause used to advance them.

Political debate must be grounded in facts, verifiable evidence, and respect for every Montgomery County resident. Criticism of any government, public official, or public policy is legitimate; but unsupported claims that a foreign intelligence agency secretly controls local elected officials are not.

As a Party, we've asked that Democrats denounce outrageous statements from many of their candidates and spokesmen, Hasan Piker, Graham Platner, Abdul El-Sayed to name just a few.

Our focus remains on electing serious, responsible leaders prepared to address Montgomery County's real challenges: affordability, taxes, public safety, schools, transportation, and accountable government.

We have great candidates and excellent choices for Montgomery County voters; we take elections seriously - and wish other parties would also police their own.



Dennis Melby

Chairman

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