

Candidate's Name Robert Dyer Office Sought Montgomery
County Council At-Large _____

Candidate Questionnaire from VOCAL MOCO

Background: Voters Opposing County Alcohol Laws in Montgomery County, Maryland (VOCAL MOCO) is a nonprofit advocacy organization established by Montgomery County consumers. Its purpose is to end MOCO's alcohol monopoly and modernize the County's alcohol laws. Our website is located at www.vocalmoco.org

VOCAL MOCO realizes an end to the County's alcohol monopoly and modernization of its alcohol laws will require legislation at the County and State levels that may ultimately require popular referenda.

Accordingly, VOCAL MOCO asks:

1. If elected, would you support legislation to end Montgomery County's wholesale monopoly on the sale of liquor, wine and beer to restaurants and wine and beer to County retailers?
 Yes No

2. If elected, would you support legislation to end the County's retail monopoly on the sale of liquor and permit licensed County retailers to sell liquor?
 Yes No

3. If elected, would you not only support legislation ending the County's monopoly but support ending the County's wholesale and retail alcohol sales altogether?
 Yes No

4. If elected, would you support legislation to permit grocery stores, convenience and other stores, large and small, to sell alcoholic beverages, subject to reasonable licensing requirements, as is allowed in DC and Virginia?
 Yes No

5. If elected, would you support efforts to address any revenue shortfall resulting from an end to the County's monopoly, including requiring the State of Maryland to allot a portion of sales taxes on County alcohol sales to the County?
 Yes No

6. If the monopoly were ended, would you support efforts to help affected County Department of Liquor Control employees transition to good public and private sector jobs?
 Yes No

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7. Finally, if elected, would you support legislation that would remove statutory and regulatory impediments to the growth and success of Maryland's craft beer industry, specifically provisions that cap production, sale, and distribution of Maryland craft beer products?

Yes No

Additional Comments?

Regarding question 5, while any revenue shortfall would have to be addressed, I do not support any tax increases to do it. I believe we will gain revenue by ending the liquor monopoly, as sales we currently lose to Northwest Washington and Virginia will come back to Montgomery County. Our stagnant restaurant and nightlife sectors would also expand. When there was an unexpected FY-2018 budget shortfall, Ike Leggett identified over \$60 million in budget cuts he and the Council claimed would have little impact on residents. That is twice the revenue currently brought in by the DLC. As a result, there is no reason to place any additional tax on residents, alcohol retailers or restaurants when we privatize the DLC.