

Gottfried brings strong financial experience to Rockville City Council Race

Richard Gottfried, longtime Rockville resident and community activist, seeks Rockville city council seat.

“My decision to run is based on my assessment that for Rockville’s future viability we need a candidate with a strong financial background,” said Mr. Gottfried, a CPA with experience in both non-profit and business accounting. “In my professional capacity I’ve helped directors of not-for-profits govern and formulate policies for their organizations. If elected I would bring that experience to the City Council to craft policies that will be financially innovative, use tax dollars fairly to fund needed city services, and keep Rockville using its assets wisely for all citizens.”

Gottfried said, “For the next sixty days, I will be visiting as many residents as possible in this great City of Rockville to introduce myself and to ask for your vote as your next Councilman. For the residents of Rockville, this will be your sixty day job interview to ‘hire’ me as your next Councilman.”

Mr. Gottfried’s professional resume includes service as director of finance for not-for-profit organizations for six years, and as controller at for-profit organizations for 10 years. Mr. Gottfried worked with the Big Eight accounting firms for four years. He is currently a sole practitioner specializing in individual and business tax services. Mr. Gottfried is also an adjunct faculty teacher at the Montgomery College-Rockville campus.

Mr. Gottfried, 46, lives in the Twinbrook section of Rockville and serves as the Twinbrook Citizens Association’s Outreach Chair. Mr. Gottfried is active in the local sports community with the Montgomery County Tennis Association, World TeamTennis League Director, The Volleyball Club Tournament Director and the Jewish Community Center Softball League.

Top Issues:

- * Ensure that residents’ tax dollars fund the full range of services mandated by principles of good government rather than subsidize development
- * Address infrastructure deficiencies caused by the recent years of unchecked growth, especially in traffic and transportation
- * Provide a strong financial voice for Rockville residents in the analysis and future direction of Rockville’s budget and financial management obligations, including bond and fund management
- * Create financial management oversight commissions
- * Create a financial exit strategy from Rockville’s current debt obligation
- * Enhance and protect Rockville’s most important assets, its livable, affordable and historic neighborhoods

Professional Credentials

Master of Science in Taxation, Georgetown University, 1993

Bachelors of Science in Accounting, Syracuse University, 1982

Certified Public Accountant from the State of New York

Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Member, Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants

Member, Maryland Society of Accountants, Inc.

Past President, Beta Alpha Psi (The National Accounting Fraternity), 1982