



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 14, 2017 Agenda Item 1

Voting Session

Resolution Recognizing Susan Silber for Her Service as City Attorney

Recommended Council Action

Adopt the resolution.

Context with Key Issues

Susan Silber is retiring as City Attorney for Takoma Park after serving for 35 years. The City Council will vote on and present the resolution to Ms. Silber at the meeting on June 14.

The City is still represented by Silber, Perlman, Sigman & Tilev, PA, with Ken Sigman as City Attorney. Ms. Silber will continue her private practice of law with the firm.

Council Priority

Livable Community for All; Engaged, Responsive & Service-Oriented Government

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

Fiscal Impact of Action

N/A

Racial Equity Impact Statement

We do not believe this Council action will disproportionately impact any particular group.

Attachments and Links

Draft Resolution

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 2017-
RECOGNIZING SUSAN SILBER FOR HER SERVICE AS CITY ATTORNEY**

- WHEREAS,** Susan Silber was first appointed as Takoma Park’s City Attorney in 1981; and
- WHEREAS,** her years of service to the City spanned six city managers, from Jim Wilson to Suzanne Ludlow, and six mayors, from Sam Abbott to Kate Stewart; and
- WHEREAS,** some of the work accomplished and the legal framework Sue helped design during her tenure include changes to voting laws to expand the franchise and stimulate civic engagement and representation, sanctuary city legislation to protect and welcome immigrants regardless of their legal status, landlord-tenant laws, COLTA, and rent stabilization to maintain affordable housing and ensure tenant rights, and defense of equality for LGBTQ residents and families; and
- WHEREAS,** over the 35 years, the City has changed and developed. It became a nuclear free zone, unified into Montgomery County, annexed Pinecrest, sought resolution to conflicts between the City and various institutions in the City or just outside it, protected Maryland Route 410 as a two-lane roadway through Takoma Park, and prepared for the relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital; and
- WHEREAS,** Sue started her law practice in Takoma Park and raised her family here. She has been and will continue to be active and engaged member of the Takoma Park community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, expresses its appreciation to Susan Silber for her 35 years of service as City Attorney; and

FURTHERMORE, THE CITY COUNCIL recognizes and honors the important contributions Susan Silber has made to the City’s progress and advancement of the Council’s priorities through her legal guidance.

Adopted this ____ day of June, 2017

**Kate Stewart
Mayor**