

## 2019 Montgomery Township Committee Reorganization Remarks

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER KAMRAN QURAISHI**

Hi, my name is Kamran Quraishi. Unfortunately, I'm not as eloquent as my esteemed colleagues, but I will try to say a few words.

I'm really proud to be part of the Township Committee. I am fairly new, so I am still learning the ropes. Ed has been very helpful, as has everyone else.

I would first like to wish Mayor Sadaf Jaffer my hardest congratulations for being selected as the new Mayor of Montgomery Township. I wish you a successful tenure and hope that your hard work brings you higher responsibilities and position in your political career.

I would also like to congratulate Catherine and Marvin. They are really stellar and great people. I look forward to working with both of you to make Montgomery an even better place to raise our families. I've been living here for 19 years. It is a great place, that is why I stayed for such a long time. One child graduated from Montgomery High School and one child is still in school. We have great schools.

It's an excellent place to live and I never had any issues. I love living here but there was a bias incident that my family and I went through. That was one of the reasons I got involved on the Township Committee. I saw how everyone in the Township got together. People came here in support and spoke up. Mayor Jaffer, Mayor Madrid, Ed and everybody regardless of their political affiliation came to support my family. I really appreciated all of you who called me and showed your support. I'd also like to thank our great Police force for making us feel safe. Captain Wain and his men were always there. I'm really thankful to them as they made us feel secure in our home. Lieutenants Frascella, Gill and Rock and Detective Sergeant Hofacker, thank you so much. We are very lucky to have you.

Last year was the first time I served on the Zoning Board as a Liaison. I look forward to working with other boards and committees this year. Also, I

would like to work with the Board of Health as I would like to start an Employee Wellness initiative this year. This is very close to my heart.

Montgomery is a township of volunteers. I continue to be impressed with the many residents who dedicate their time and energy to Montgomery's committees and boards and to various projects. The Board of Health, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, Environmental Commission, Recreation Committee and others, including fire fighters and EMS and others that I may not have mentioned.

We live in a great township. Let's keep it that way. I look forward to 2019 and working with this Township Committee.

Thank you so much.