

# News Release

## Comptroller Brooke Lierman to Visit Wheaton Branch Office Friday Morning

*While touring Montgomery County, the Comptroller will meet with Latino and business development leaders and elected officials*

**ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 28, 2023)** - Comptroller Brooke Lierman will start the fourth stop on her statewide tour of Comptroller's Branch Offices in Montgomery County Friday morning at the Wheaton Branch Office. The day-long visit will include meetings with community stakeholders, businesses, and elected leaders to learn about their visionary ideas and enterprises.

At the Wheaton office, Comptroller Lierman will meet with staff and talk with taxpayers seeking assistance with their tax filings. Rene' Smith has been the Wheaton Branch manager for 35 years.

Next, she will join Emi Reyes, CEO of the Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC), and Javier Riva, program manager for LEDC, on a walking tour of three businesses: Los Cobanos Restaurant, owned by Mercedes Rodrigues; Kings Auto Care, owned by Robert King; and Triangle Jewelers & Repairs, owned by Mario Perla. The LEDC equips Latinos and other underserved communities with skills and financial tools to create a better future for their families and communities. Also joining the tour will be: Luisa Cardona, Regional Services Center Director for Midcounty; Gene Smith, Manager of the County's Business Center; and Naddia Clute, Small Business Navigator.

Afterward, the Comptroller will meet with the Montgomery County Council to get an update on the county's latest developments and issues. The council meeting will be live-streamed via [local cable](#), [YouTube](#), and [Facebook](#).

She will then attend a working lunch with the Montgomery County Economic Development Corp. (MCEDC) leadership and other business leaders to learn about the local business community, economic growth, and future developments. Bill

Tompkins is President and CEO of MCEDC and Brad Stewart is Senior Vice President.

Comptroller Lierman will wrap up her day with a visit with Jay Brinson, vice president of development at Federal Realty, a national real estate developer. The Comptroller, Mr. Brinson and Richard Madaleno, Chief Administrative Officer and acting Montgomery County Executive, will tour the nearby Pike and Rose, a modern mall offering shops, restaurants, bowling lanes, a cinema, and weekly farmers market.

The times for Friday's visits are as follows:

- 9 a.m. Wheaton Branch Office**  
Westfield Wheaton  
11002 Veirs Mill Road, Suite 408  
Wheaton, MD 20902
- 9:45 a.m. Walking tour with Latino Economic Development Center**  
**Los Cobanos Restaurant**  
11210 Grandview Ave.  
Wheaton, MD 20902
- Kings Auto Care**  
2405 Reddie Drive  
Wheaton, MD 20902
- Triangle Jewelers & Repairs**  
11214 Grandview Avenue  
Wheaton, MD 20902
- 11 a.m. Montgomery County Council**  
Stella Werner Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Ave, 3rd Floor Conference Room  
Rockville, MD 20850
- 12:15 p.m. Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation lunch**
- 1:20 p.m. Federal Realty** (starting point for Pike and Rose tour)  
909 Rose Ave., Suite 200  
North Bethesda, MD 20852

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