

# Media Advisory

## Comptroller Lierman to Tour Montgomery County Non- Profits and Businesses Friday

*Comptroller to make stops in Rockville, Gaithersburg, and Silver Spring to meet with local leaders and other stakeholders*

**WHO:** Comptroller Brooke Lierman

**WHAT:** Comptroller Lierman will spend Friday in Montgomery County as part of her Take a Look with Brooke Tour, a state-wide effort to continue to reach out to community, elected and business leaders to talk about the agency and its initiatives.

The Comptroller will start the day in Rockville at Interfaith Works, where she will meet CEO Courtney Hall for a tour of a new administrative building and to learn about its Vocational Services Program from Director Donna Gabriel. Joining the tour will be Director of Faith and Community Partnerships Teri Blandon and Interfaith Works Board Member Suresh Gupta. Founded in 1972, Interfaith Works has provided services to more than 35,000 residents in need.

Next, the Comptroller will make stops at Twinbrook Quarter and Town Square to tour the Maryland Women's Business Center's (MWBC) Shop Local with Mayor Bridgett Newton and Councilmember Monique Ashton. MWBC's Shop Local is a retail business incubator that supports women entrepreneurs by launching and growing a sustainable retail business. The incubator provides program-based and space-based models to provide technical assistance, mentorship and access to capital while minimizing financial risk through shared retail space.

Afterward, Comptroller Lierman will head to Gaithersburg to visit the headquarters of Novavax, a biotechnology company that focuses on serious infectious diseases globally with the discovery of innovative vaccines. She will tour a new lab with Executive Vice President and

Chief Corporate Affairs and Advocacy Officer Silvia Taylor and state Sen. Cheryl Kagan, District 17, and get an overview of Novavax’s work and initiatives.

To wrap up the day, the Comptroller will travel to Silver Spring and stop by The Urban Winery and discuss a “Taste, Learn, Create” concept with owners Damon and Georgia Callis. Ms. Callis’ late father, “Bole,” a Greek immigrant carpenter turned winemaker, served as inspiration for the winery. Urban Winery — the first winery located in an urban setting — offers more than 30 wines produced on-site as well as other Maryland hand-crafted wines, beers and spirits.

**WHEN: Friday, November 3, 2023**

**WHERE: 9:45 a.m.**  
**Interfaith Works**  
981 Rollins Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Rockville, MD 20852

**10:35 a.m.**  
**Twinbrook Quarter**  
1600 Rockville Quarter  
Rockville, MD 20852

**Maryland Women’s Business Center Shop Local**  
36D Maryland Ave.  
Rockville, MD 20850

**12:25 p.m.**  
**Novavax Inc.**  
620 Professional Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

**3:30 p.m.**  
**Urban Winery**  
2315 Steward Ave.  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

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