

March 9, 2010

The Honorable Nancy Floreen
President, Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville MD 20850

Re: Draft Gaithersburg West Master Plan

Dear President Floreen:

The purpose of this letter is to convey a resolution passed unanimously by the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville regarding the Draft Gaithersburg West Master Plan, in advance of any decisions the Planning, Education, and Development Committee (PHED) or the Montgomery County Council may make.

As you know, the City of Rockville has followed the plan process closely and has provided a series of comments by letter three times, once to the Montgomery County Planning Board and twice to the Montgomery County Council. Rockville City staff has also participated in various meetings during which the various transportation components of the plan have been discussed. Most recently, of course, the Cities of Rockville and Gaithersburg communicated our concerns to you and other County Councilmembers at the March 1, 2010 meeting that was held in Rockville.

Despite all of these communications, we feel strongly that the concerns of Rockville and Gaithersburg have not been fully acknowledged and incorporated into the planning process and recommendations.

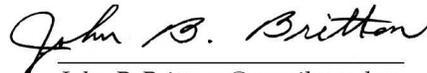
Please understand that we are communicating concerns from more than ourselves. We are also conveying the concerns that we have heard from citizens of our city.

Please also understand that we want to work with you and the Montgomery County Planning Board to make the necessary improvements that will meet the goals that we all seek – continuing to build a strong life sciences sector in Montgomery County while preserving and enhancing the quality of life for people who live and work in our great city and county.

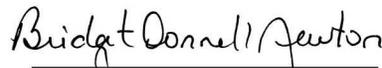
Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,


Phyllis Marcuccio, Mayor


John B. Britton, Councilmember


Piotr Gajewski, Councilmember


Bridget Newton, Councilmember


Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember

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