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(To be addressed to the County Executive and each County Councilmember):

Dear _____:

At the ~~regular 11.23.09 meeting of November 23, 2009~~ the Rockville Mayor and Council, ~~of the City of Rockville~~ received a presentation ~~was received from~~ County staff members and the architect ~~on~~ of the proposed Judicial Center Annex to be located at 50 Maryland Avenue. Following this presentation, there was a great deal of concern expressed with the County's ~~future facilities planned~~ plan for Rockville's Town Center. The Mayor and Council ~~felt that this was an appropriate time to~~ are hopeful that we can initiate a dialogue with the County Executive and the County Council on this and all future County development projects. ~~plans for our in Town Center downtown area.~~

The presence of Montgomery County is an integral and important component of Rockville's Town Center. Given the visibility and strategic location of many of the County's ~~facilities buildings~~, the overall success of ~~the City's~~ our vision is reliant upon the ~~contribution of County facilities~~ cooperation between our two governments. ~~The~~ Rockville's Town Center Master Plan, adopted in October 2001, is an expression of ~~the City's~~ our vision for the development of ~~the~~ our Town Center. Drawn from the vision of the Town Center Action Team (TCAT), ~~the~~ primary goal of the Town Center is the creation of an "activity center that is easily identifiable, pedestrian-oriented, and incorporates a mix of uses and activities". This goal is consistent with the best practices utilized nationwide for both transit oriented and urban development, ~~and furthermore~~. ~~Additionally this goal is consistent with the County's planning efforts in other areas of Montgomery County.~~

~~We do not~~ The Rockville City Council does not feel that the County's planning efforts for Rockville's Town Center, as expressed in the "Government Core Facilities Optimization Master Plan Study" are consistent with the City's goals. There are certain elements of the siting of these proposed facilities that are of grave concern, including that the County's Master Plan ~~will~~ would create an isolated enclave of government buildings limited in any after-hours or pedestrian activity, ~~and that~~ As planned, this section will be disconnected from

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the rest of Town Center and will cut off neighborhoods south of Maryland Avenue and Fleet Street from safe and accessible pedestrian access. This disconnect ~~is~~ will be further exacerbated by the ~~proposed~~ proposal of a pedestrian bridge across Jefferson Street, connecting the County Office Building with ~~the~~ a future garage addition to the garage.

The Mayor and Council of Rockville ~~are proposing~~ propose a joint meeting with the County Executive and County Council to discuss ~~implementation of the~~ County's Master Plan Study. In ~~the~~ a spirit of collaboration, ~~between the two agencies~~ we would like to express our specific areas of concerns as part of an open dialogue with the County they relate to the viability and success of our Town Center. It is our hope that ~~both governments~~ we can work together to find a solutions that are is mutually beneficial.

Sincerely,

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