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The Honorable Isiah Leggett  
Montgomery County Executive  
101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mr. Leggett:

At the regular meeting of November 23, 2009 the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville received a presentation from County staff members and the architect on the proposed Judicial Center Annex to be located at 50 Maryland Avenue. The Mayor and Council were generally supportive of the proposed design and architectural treatment of the building. However there was a great deal of concern expressed with the County's future facilities planned for Rockville's Town Center. The Mayor and Council felt that this was an appropriate time to initiate dialogue with the County Executive and County Council on future County development projects in Town Center.

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, the overall success of the City's vision is reliant upon the contribution of County facilities. The Town Center Master Plan, adopted in October 2001, is an expression of the City's vision for the development of the Town Center. The primary goal of the Master Plan is the creation of an "activity center that is easily identifiable, pedestrian-oriented, and incorporates a mix of uses and activities".

We recognize the County's attempts to support the City's planning effort, as expressed in the "Government Core Facilities Optimization Master Plan Study". However there are certain elements of the siting of these proposed facilities that are of concern, including that the County's Master Plan will create a government complex that is limited in any after-hours or pedestrian activity, and that this section will be disconnected from the rest of Town Center. The proposed pedestrian bridge across Jefferson Street, connecting the County Office Building with the future garage addition, is of particular concern.

The Mayor and Council would like to propose a joint meeting with the County Executive and County Council to discuss implementation of the County's Master Plan Study. We would like to express our specific areas of concerns as part of an open dialogue with the County, and explore areas where both governments can find solutions that are mutually beneficial.

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Sincerely,

Phyllis Marcuccio  
Mayor

C: Councilmember John Britton  
Councilmember Piotr Gajewski  
Councilmember Bridget Newton  
Councilmember Mark Pierzchala  
Scott Ullery, City Manager