



Mayoral Proclamation

Honoring the Service of Kayleigh de la Puente as Executive Director of the Takoma-Langley Crossroads Development Authority

WHEREAS, the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority represents the shared interest of approximately 200 businesses, organizations, and property owners located in the vicinity of the New Hampshire Avenue and University Boulevard intersection, commonly known as the “Crossroads”; and

WHEREAS, the CDA was organized as a Commercial Management District in 1987 to advance the interests of the diverse businesses located within its service area by providing marketing, amenities, security, and maintenance support; and

WHEREAS, Kayleigh de la Puente was appointed as Executive Director of the CDA in 2018 and has since led the organization with thoughtfulness, creativity, and passion; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure she led numerous initiatives to support the local business environment, including enhanced beautification efforts, commercial security programs, facade investments, and multiple events such as the Crossroads Spring Fest; and

WHEREAS, Ms. de la Puente has supported countless businesses to open and expand in the Crossroads during both the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing construction of the Purple Line along University Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Ms. De la Puente, the CDA has served as an invaluable economic development services partner for the City of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, Ms. de la Puente has ended her tenure as Executive Director as of September 1st, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Talisha Searcy, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, on behalf of the Council, staff and residents, hereby express appreciation for the work of Kayleigh de la Puente as Executive Director of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority and wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2023.

Talisha Searcy
Mayor