

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE CHAIR

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Mayor Kate Stewart City of Takoma Park 7500 Maple Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912 KateS@takomaparkmd.gov

Dear Mayor Stewart,

Our staff has participated in the three outreach meetings concerning the expansion of the Montgomery College Campus in Takoma Park. We understand that progress is being made on some of the issues related to this project.

I understand from others that the City supports the location of the new Math and Science buildings, adjacent to the Student Services Center, and has determined that the formation of a work group to provide input regarding the location is no longer needed. Is this accurate? I value our close working relationship with the City and appreciate your keeping us apprised of your views and decisions as well as including our staff in meetings and discussions along the way.

As you know, the Planning Department will be conducting a mandatory referral review of this project. We like to work extensively in a collaborative way on such projects well in advance of the formal submittal and public hearing. This can serve to not only identify the spectrum of issues but can allow adequate time to address them in collaborative and creative ways. We have committed our staff to doing this as a high priority.

We look forward to a highly successful outcome of our combined efforts from the Planning Department, City, College and residents and to an effective mandatory referral review process.

Sincerely

Casey Anderson

Chair

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