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Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 1:12 PM
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Subject: Corrected - Suffrage Point DSP 21001 - Request that the District Council Postpone Oral Arguments to March 11, 2024
Attachments: Suffrage Point DSP 21001- Nonprofits' Request to Postpone Oral Arguments - 20240209.pdf
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Dear Ms. Brown,

My apologies. I just realized that I had not updated the subject line for the email that I sent you this morning.

This email has the correct subject line. Please confirm receipt when you can, and please let us know whether our request will be placed before the District Council for consideration at Monday's meeting.

Thanks and best,

Greg Smith
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February 9, 2024

Donna Brown
Clerk of the County Council
Prince George's County

Item: Suffrage Point DSP 21001
Request that the District Council Postpone Oral Arguments to March 11, 2024

Dear Ms. Brown,

I hope that you are doing well. Please find attached a request by Sustainable Hyattsville, Neighbors of the Northwest Branch, the Sierra Club Prince George's Group, and the Anacostia Riverkeeper that District Council postpone its hearing of oral arguments regarding Suffrage Point Detailed Site Plan 21001 from February 26 to March 11. We respectfully request that the District Council take this action, if possible, at its regular meeting on February 12.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please confirm receipt of this letter, ensure that is placed in the public record for Suffrage Point DSP 22001, and forward it for the Council's consideration on February 12.

Sincerely,

Greg Smith
Board Member
Sustainable Hyattsville

cc. Trey Sherard, Anacostia Riverkeeper
Ben Simasek, Board Member, Neighbors of the Northwest Branch
Joseph Jakuta, Vide-Chair, Sierra Club Prince George's County Group



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Donna Brown
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Dear Ms. Brown,

Our nonprofit organizations are parties of record in the case of Suffrage Point Detailed Site Plan 21001. We respectfully request that the District Council postpone oral arguments regarding DSP 21001 from February 26 to March 11. We ask the District Council to take this action, if possible, at its regular meeting on February 12.

This reasonable postponement would still allow the District Council to render a decision by its 60-day action deadline, March 18, and it would allow our organizations and other parties, including the City of Hyattsville and local residents, reasonable time to prepare for oral arguments and to file robust written comments for the Council's review. Three of our nonprofits – Sustainable Hyattsville, Neighbors of the Northwest Branch, and the Sierra Club Prince George's Group – rely entirely on volunteers, and the fourth, the Anacostia Riverkeeper, has a small staff.

Importantly, our right and ability to submit robust comments is undermined by the fact that, while the written comments deadline for DSP 21001 normally would fall on Monday, February 19, that day is a federal holiday, so the comments deadline is moved forward to Friday, February 16, costing all parties several days of the time they usually would have to develop comments. As a matter of basic fairness, there is no good reason that parties in this case should have less time to comment than do parties in other cases.

We believe that it serves the public's and the District Council's interest when the Council can hear oral arguments and review comprehensive, detailed written comments based upon the full record. That is especially true in this case given this project's controversial nature, its proven and potential impacts on communities and the environment, and this case's large, complex record.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please confirm receipt of this letter, please ensure that is placed in the public record for Suffrage Point DSP 22001, and please forward it for the Council's consideration on February 12.

Sincerely,

Greg Smith
Board Member
Sustainable Hyattsville

Trey Sherard
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