



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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James McCament  
Acting Director  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
111 Massachusetts Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20529

Mary Gibert  
Regional Commissioner  
Public Buildings Service  
U.S. General Services Administration  
301 7th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20410

Re: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Headquarters

Dear Director McCament and Commissioner Gibert:

Thank you for your service to our Country. The County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, is writing to urge you to finalize the lease for the headquarters of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) with Town Center at Camp Springs LP, determined by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) as the apparent successful offeror for the USCIS project. The finalization of the lease is the final remaining step for providing USCIS a state of the art facility for consolidating its essential functions and bringing this project to Prince George's County.

Prince George's County has long been overlooked regarding distribution of federal facilities when compared to neighboring counties in the region. Prince George's County has less than 4 percent of the region's federal office leasing space. This is in spite of the fact that more than 75,000 federal workers call Prince George's County home.

Prince George's County in general, and the Town Center at Camp Springs development in particular, will provide USCIS employees great places to live and convenient access to high quality amenities. The Branch Avenue Metro Station area is one of the County's top priorities for future economic development and the USCIS headquarters would become a critical anchor for stimulating additional economic activity in a walkable, accessible, mixed-use environment.

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Additionally, as I am sure you are aware, Prince George's County has offered a significant incentive package as well as assistance to the developer through the County's Economic Development Incentive Fund, Payment in Lieu of Taxes, Enterprise Zone tax credits, and Tax Incentive Financing Bonds.

It has come to our attention that, while Town Center at Camp Springs LP has properly satisfied all of its legal requirements under the federal procurement process, including meeting all of USCIS's security requirements for advancing its mission, there is some agency reluctance about proceeding with the lease. We cannot emphasize enough that these misgivings are unwarranted. The USCIS headquarters would be built amidst one of the County's most promising and growing transit-oriented development communities and its 3,200 employees would become valued members of the Prince George's County family.

We respectfully request USCIS to finalize its Lease and Occupancy agreement with GSA and GSA to finalize its lease with Town Center at Camp Springs LP.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DLD', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Derrick L. Davis  
Council Chairman  
Prince George's County Council, District 6