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Councilwoman Dannielle M. Glaros
Chair
Prince George's County Planning, Housing
and Economic Development Committee
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Re: CB-9-2020, CB-10-2020 and CB-12-2020

Dear Council Member Glaros:

The City of College Park has been contacted by Gilbane Development Company regarding a proposed development on land located in the vicinity of Mowatt Lane and Campus Drive. This area includes land which is privately owned as well as land owned by the University of Maryland. It is our understanding that Gilbane is working with the University of Maryland on a development that will include the construction of townhouses intended for sale as well as multifamily housing which will be leased to graduate students attending the University. While the area proposed for development is not within the boundaries of the City of College Park, it abuts the municipal boundaries. For this reason, the City intends to work closely with the developer and the University on this project.

The area proposed for development includes land which is zoned R-10, R-18 and R-55. However, the property is within close proximity to the proposed Purple Line station on Campus Drive and the opportunity exists to take advantage of this location and provide housing close to mass transit. Given the nature of the project, and the current parcel configurations and zoning, development of the property as proposed would have to wait for the property to be rezoned or a new comprehensive rezoning of the area to occur. The ongoing Countywide Comprehensive Rezoning will simply reflect a transition to the new zoning categories, and thus will delay the ability to pursue development proposals. For these reasons, the City supports the proposed legislative amendments to allow the project to proceed into the approval process. The City has had the opportunity to work with Gilbane on other projects in the City as well as the University and believe that it can work cooperatively with both to ensure that any issues the City may have with the project will be adequately addressed through the development approval process.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the City of College Park.

Sincerely yours,

Patrick L. Wojahn
Mayor