SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

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The Honorable Isiah Leggett Montgomery County Executive 101 Monroe Street Rockville, MD 20850	Council President Nancy Navarro Montgomery County Council 100 Maryland Ave Rockville, MD 20850

SSCAB's ADVICE RE: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Dear County Executive Leggett and Council President Navarro:

As the County Council examines the biannual budget for the Capital Improvements Program, we wish to note the following recommendations for your consideration:

- General Services
    - The community continues to advocate for the creation of an intergenerational center to serve the central business district and surrounding communities.
- Libraries
    - Libraries are heavily used in our community for ongoing education and career development. We encourage funds be used to improve library facilities and increase technological capabilities.
- Parks
    - More green space is required for the increasing population of people and dogs in the central business district. Earlier this year our board issued a series of recommendations to increase the green space within the central business district and we continue working with the Parks Department to create dog parks for the community. The lack of

open space is a growing concern for residents.

  - Sligo Creek Golf Course has thrived through the partnership between the Revenue Authority, the Parks Department and the nonprofit Sligo Creek Golf Association. We urge them to develop a plan to address the long-term infrastructure needs of the golf course in a way that is in harmony with the neighborhood environment.

- School construction

  - With nearly 2,000 new students enrolling in MCPS every year, putting extraordinary demand on the existing school infrastructure, we agree that new schools need to be built and request that their design incorporate environmentally sound and energy efficient methods. We also encourage MCPS to seek co-location opportunities with other county-owned properties.

- Transportation

  - Because of the potential for waste of taxpayer resources for County and State projects that have considerable overlap, we request increased diligence in the planning and implementation of these projects to increase efficiencies

  - Continue sidewalk construction and similar pedestrian safety improvement projects.

  - Prioritize efforts to improve traffic flow within our communities through new traffic studies and planning. In some instances, improved signage can direct drivers toward existing commuter and commercial routes.

Thank you.

Evan Glass

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