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President Tom Buckner & other Members of the Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Ave, 6th floor
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Dear President Tom Buckner
& other Members of the Montgomery County Council,

In M-NCPPC Chairman Casey Anderson's 4/2/2012 letter (copied to Council) he states: " .. / *strongly disagree with the suggestion that the process used to develop the Planning Board draft has denied any stakeholder a full and fair opportunity to understand and provide feedback on its content.* "

With that statement in mind, I was surprised to recently learn that no such "outreach" was extended to my parent's neighborhood of Shepherd Park DC, an established single family home neighborhood that has already been adversely effected by the type of density the "Thrive Montgomery 2050" plan further proposes (see attached flyer) which the County Executive is concerned about in his letter of June 10th to you.

I have now provided copies of that 6/10/2021 County Executive letter to several active members of the Shepherd Park Citizens Association so that they are fully aware of what is at stake.

The DC Government could be persuaded by such affected citizens to rezone portions of Old Town Takoma in a manner that would have similar adverse impacts on the Maryland single family homes in that area. Perhaps mutual cooperation would be a better alternative for both jurisdictions on such long term land use planning matters?

Sincerely,



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ATTENTION!!!!

SHEPHERD PARK COMMUNITY

PLEASE HELP your neighbors who live on the streets adjacent to the newly developed South Silver Spring apartment and condo complexes.

Those of us who live on Eastern Avenue, Northgate, 12th, 13th and 14th Streets (NW) are watching our neighborhood become a PUBLIC PARK for the residents in the densely populated South Silver Spring. From morning 'til night there is a parade of dog walkers, nannies and mommies with baby strollers, joggers, cyclists, and cellphone users. The negative impact on us is the multitude of people who engage in these activities. Harmless though they may be, our streets are becoming crowded with individuals who DO NOT even LIVE in the area nor PAY taxes.

Must we accommodate these individuals with a safe, green, attractive environment for which they pay NOTHING and in which they have NO vested interest? Over 35 dogs a day spray animal waste on our tree space area in front of our homes ... sometimes on our lawns. This, in particular, is disheartening.

And then there is the increase in traffic and the Maryland drivers who creep down after dusk to park their cars overnight... sometimes directly in front of our doors.

There is a new proposal to replace the storage unit on Eastern Ave and Newell Street with a seven story (187 unit) apartment building. We are attempting to convince Montgomery County that we DO NOT need an additional complex so close to our community: more people, more cars, more dogs.

How much more must we endure? That area on Newell Street is just about perfect for the creation of a much needed DOG PARK for the Silver Spring residents.

Help us to convince Montgomery County by showing up at their council meetings, or at least by becoming a member of a special SPCA committee that will let them know that we CARE about what's happening to our neighborhood.

Sign up and make your voice heard!