

November 28, 2022

Members, Montgomery County Council
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Support for Agenda Item #13, November 29, 2022 Council Agenda
Declaration of No Further Need, Walter Johnson Road, Germantown

Dear Members of the County Council:

I write on behalf of my client Lidl US, LLC to support the request of the County Executive for Council approval of a Declaration of No Further Need to transfer to Lidl approximately 13,451 square feet of vacant property located on Walter Johnson Road in Germantown (the "Subject Property"). The Subject Property was deeded and dedicated to the County in 1996 to provide right-of-way for a road that was intended to connect Walter Johnson Road with future development between Walter Johnson Road and present-day Germantown Road. That road was never built.

Lidl has purchased the land surrounding the Subject Property and obtained development approvals to build a Lidl grocery store on the combined site. As part of its project, Lidl will build two roads for public use: one going through the middle of its site, connecting Bowman Mill Drive with Wisteria Avenue, and one connecting this new road with Walter Johnson Road. These two roads and associated paths will fulfill the purpose of the original dedication of the Subject Property: a master plan goal of improving pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular connectivity in the vicinity of the Germantown Train Station. The Lidl project as a whole will replace vacant and underutilized property with a community-serving grocery store and an open space along Walter Johnson Road that will be activated by lighting, seating, extensive landscaping and a large mural.

Lidl thanks the Council for its consideration and urges approval of the Declaration of No Further Need.

Sincerely yours,

BREGMAN, BERBERT, SCHWARTZ & GILDAY, LLC

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