

February 11, 2024

Montgomery County Council

Legislative Branch

Dear Montgomery County Council,

We are writing this letter in regards to: Appropriation #24-53 – Department of Public Libraries, Clarksburg Library.

We are twenty year residents of the Clarksburg Town Center. One of the main things that attracted us to this area was the planned Clarksburg Library which would be within walking distance of our home. The community has expected that the library would have been constructed by now or at least, under construction. And now, after all these many years of patiently waiting, we understand that the county has decided to move the library from the original planned location.

The library is an integral component of the Clarksburg Town Center as it would be located within walking distance. It will bring more of the community in to the Town Center and help to keep it vibrant. We don't understand how the county can make such an important decision like this in such an arbitrary manner without any input from the residents of Clarksburg Town Center. Especially when it's such a drastic change from what was originally planned and communicated. Additionally, the Town Center site has already been developed and given to the county for free. The new library site analysis has only further delayed the construction timeline of the library which is very unfair to the community that has waited so long.

We would request that the county please keep the library location in the Town Center location as was originally set forth. That would be a win-win for the Clarksburg Town Center community and the county.

If we can provide any additional detail or clarification, please contact us at;

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Thank you,

Mark & Linda Lieberman

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