

STATEMENT REGARDING THE DISPOSITION OF GARAGE #2

July 16, 2024

Dear Council President Friedson and Council Members,

By way of introduction, I am Karla Kramer, a resident of Woodside Park in Silver Spring. I am writing to express my support for the Declaration of No Further Need for the G2 Spring Cameron Garage at 1200 Spring Street.

This decades-old garage is not being used to its full capacity. A more appropriately sized new replacement garage at 8615 Georgie Avenue is the right approach. The design and construction of the new Garage 22 will be done at no cost to County residents.

I'm particularly pleased that United Therapeutics has a demonstrated commitment to equitable and sustainable development. Their Unisphere headquarters building is the largest Net-Zero building in the nation. I believe we can expect even more innovation when United Therapeutics constructs its new building.

United Therapeutics is at the forefront of life-saving research to address the national shortage of transplantable lungs and other organs. Their acquisition of the G2 garage will enable them to develop the research and lab facilities they need to develop new life-saving therapies.

United Therapeutics has also shown to be a bio-health business committed to employing and supporting a most diverse workforce. We need to encourage the expansion of companies who don't just pay lip service to social equity and the need to reduce the impacts of climate change, but actually take positive actions.

It is important to note United Therapeutics has contributed to economic growth in the County bringing numerous high paying jobs to Silver Spring. My hope is that the Council will vote in favor of this improvement to Silver Spring's public parking situation and growth.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Karla Kramer