



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

February 27, 2023

The Honorable Marc Elrich
Montgomery County Executive
101 Monroe Street
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear County Executive Elrich,

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) is writing to express strong support of the Clarksburg Library Capital Improvement Project (CIP). As you know, we have long supported this project that meets the growing needs and transformation of Communities like Clarksburg. The library is one of the key infrastructure priorities for communities like Clarksburg have been anticipating and advocating for to thrive and provide resources to the residents.

The Department's Strategic Facilities Plan (1998 - 2003) recognized the need for library services in the Clarksburg area, including a needs assessment completed in 2001. The Department confirms that the Clarksburg area continues to meet the criteria for a new facility, as outlined in the Department's Facilities Plan 2013-2016. The Clarksburg population is expected to increase from 13,766 in 2010 to almost 40,000 by 2025. The closest library is the Germantown branch, which opened in 2007.

We urge you and the Council to keep this project on schedule in the approved CIP (Design development begin in FY23, and construction start in FY25) and deliver on a priority that Upcounty has anticipated for many years. The Board believes the library will be a hub for ideas, innovation, and learning for the community. It will also serve as a location for informing the community, and inspiring lifelong learning and collaboration. Therefore, we support the Clarksburg Library project and would like to see it completed without any further delay.

We hope that you support this recommendation. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve the residents of Upcounty.



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Sincerely,

Wayne A. Jacas, PMP
Chair

cc: Members of the Montgomery County Council