



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
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GEORGE LEVENTHAL
COUNCILMEMBER
AT-LARGE

June 13, 2014

Mr. Tom Downs
Chairman of the Board
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
600 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Takoma Metro Station development

Dear Chairman Downs,

In 2006, I testified at WMATA's hearing on the proposed development at the Takoma Metro Station. At that time, I stated that although the proposed development is located in the District of Columbia, it is very important that WMATA acknowledge the valid concerns of Metro users in Maryland who reside adjacent to the project. As plans for the development finally move forward, I again encourage you to hear the concerns of your Montgomery County patrons.

I am a neighbor of the proposed development and I support the concept of housing near Metro as consistent with the principles of smart growth. Because I live in the neighborhood, I am also very well aware of the impact of this development on the community, both in DC and in Maryland.

Residents have serious concerns about the height, proximity to the street, compatibility with the historic district, traffic impacts, efficient access to Metro, and parking. They deserve the ability to present their concerns and have them considered, and I ask you again to engage in a public dialogue with Montgomery County residents to create a development that enhances the surrounding neighborhoods.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George L. Leventhal".

George L. Leventhal
Vice President, Montgomery County Council