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September 27, 2013

Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215-2254

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to offer my support for Washington Adventist Hospital's proposal to relocate to the White Oak area of Maryland.

Washington Adventist has provided high-quality healthcare services, including open heart surgery and cardiology, behavioral healthcare, emergency medical care, cancer care and maternity care, to a diverse population for years. However, due to the aging facilities in Takoma Park, the hospital's future is no longer viable at its current site.

The proposed location of the new hospital is immediately adjacent to the consolidated headquarters of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The partnership that Washington Adventist Hospital has engaged in with the FDA is articulated in the Memorandum of Understanding signed by both parties and has the potential to create new areas of medical research and discovery.

Washington Adventist Hospital has demonstrated its ongoing commitment to promoting the health and wellness of our residents and to improving access to health care for all. It is my hope that they will continue this strong commitment in a new location in the eastern part of Montgomery County.

I ask that you give the Certificate of Need application of Washington Adventist Hospital every appropriate consideration.

Sincerely,



John P. Sarbanes  
Member of Congress

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett  
*County Executive*

September 10, 2013

Ms. Joyce Newmyer, President  
Washington Adventist Hospital  
7600 Carroll Avenue  
Takoma Park, Maryland 20912

Dear Ms. Newmyer:

I am writing as County Executive of Montgomery County to express in the strongest terms possible my full support of Washington Adventist Hospital's (WAH's) relocation to White Oak while continuing to offer healthcare services at its current campus in Takoma Park.

WAH has been in our community for over a century. The hospital provides high-quality healthcare services to the insured, underinsured, and uninsured and is a regional leader in providing charity care to those who need it most.

The residents of Montgomery County benefit from WAH's critical healthcare services including open heart surgery and cardiology, behavioral healthcare, emergency medical care, rehabilitation care, cancer care, maternity care, and many other services. WAH has demonstrated its ongoing commitment to promoting the health and wellness of our residents and to improving access to health care for all.

The location of the new hospital is immediately adjacent to the consolidated headquarters of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The partnership that WAH has engaged in with the FDA articulated in the Memorandum of Understanding signed by both parties. With a new hospital in close proximity to the FDA, the partnership will open up new areas of medical research and discovery. The new hospital is an important part of the East County Center for Science and Technology and the East County Science Master Plan. These Plans create tremendous opportunities for eastern Montgomery County to become a gateway for that which is steadily becoming the foundation for our economic future – biotechnology and life sciences.

I also appreciate WAH's commitment to continuing to provide high-quality healthcare services at its current location in Takoma Park. Ensuring that the Takoma Park campus continues to serve the population adjacent to that site is vital.

I proudly support your proposal to relocate the hospital to White Oak and look forward to working with you to make the plan a reality.

Sincerely,

Isiah Leggett  
County Executive



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

**OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

September 20, 2013

Joyce Newmyer  
President, Washington Adventist Hospital  
7600 Carroll Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Dear Ms. Newmyer,

On behalf of the Montgomery County Council, my colleagues and I are sending this letter in support of Washington Adventist Hospital's relocation to the White Oak area of Montgomery County. Washington Adventist Hospital faces many challenges with modernizing their current facility and the community would greatly benefit from a 21<sup>st</sup> century hospital in White Oak.

Washington Adventist Hospital is a valued and respected health care facility that provides many different services and community benefits to residents in Montgomery County. A new hospital in White Oak will be a benefit to our residents because it will add accessibility, modern technology and the comfort and benefits of a brand new facility. In addition, your commitment to repurposing the current Takoma Park site to provide an array of healthcare services that will help Washington Adventist serve multiple communities in the eastern part of the county.

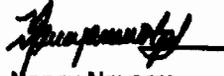
Locating Washington Adventist Hospital in White Oak is a good fit for the county's economic development and land use goals. The new campus will not only be accessible by public transportation, but will also be located off of major highways, which will improve emergency vehicle access. The County Council appreciates your efforts to work with us and the community in a manner that is consistent and true to the larger land use goals of the county.

The County Council is committed to expanding its life science assets, academic institutions and educated workforce into critical markets. The White Oak and Route 29 corridor redevelopment efforts are prime examples of areas that will shape the future of Montgomery County. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) campus location in our county presents a truly unique economic opportunity for Montgomery County to be the gateway for food, drugs, and medical devices. The Washington Adventist Hospital relocation is a key component to realizing the potential of the area around the FDA in White Oak.

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Washington Adventist Hospital has over a century of history as a leader in ensuring access to care for all and is a vital asset to Montgomery County and the region. We support your proposal to relocate the hospital to White Oak and look forward to working with you to make the plan a reality.

Sincerely,



Nancy Navarro  
Council President



Phil Andrews  
Councilmember



Roger Berliner  
Councilmember



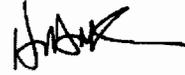
Marc Elrich  
Councilmember



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Councilmember



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Councilmember



Hans Riemer  
Councilmember



September 16, 2013

The Honorable Isiah Leggett  
County Executive  
Executive Office Building  
101 Monroe Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mr. Leggett:

On behalf of the East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB), I am sending this letter in support of Washington Adventist Hospital's (WAH) Certificate of Need application with the Maryland Health Care Commission to relocate its hospital to White Oak and to allow use of its Takoma Park campus to provide education, health and wellbeing. The hospital's medical campus relocation to East County has produced incredible support from individuals and organizations in our community. East County residents have repeatedly voiced their desire to have local access to advanced specialty services, comprehensive medical/surgical and emergency room services, and a need for a full-service hospital supporting efficient emergency transport times. For well over 100 years, WAH provided comprehensive high quality and critical health care related services to everyone in the community- the insured, uninsured and underinsured.

East County residents see this project as beneficial to the entire region and contributing to the economic growth of East County and beyond. We are encouraged by the hospital's current and long term vision for improving access to quality health care, setting higher standards for greater community engagement and overall community development.

Relocating Washington Adventist Hospital to White Oak will greatly enhance the County's planned world class Life Science, Education and Research Village development initiative in partnership with Percontee in the region. Also, the relocated facility will be strategically situated near the consolidated headquarters of the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which continues to grow in many aspects with increasing benefits to the region. The partnership between WAH, the FDA and the Life Science Village will open new areas of medical research, discovery, funding, and cooperation that are critically important for protecting and promoting public health, innovation, and creating synergistic economic development. The entire region will benefit from this important affiliation.

ECCAB welcomes Washington Adventist Hospital's relocation plan and hope you will approve the Certificate of Need application.

Sincerely,

Peter Myo Khin  
Chair, East County Citizens Advisory Board

cc: County Council members



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
20TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

September 11, 2013

Joyce Newmyer  
President, Washington Adventist Hospital  
7600 Carroll Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

RE: Washington Adventist Hospital Proposed Relocation to White Oak

Dear Ms. Newmyer,

The District 20 Delegation – representing Takoma Park, Silver Spring, Colesville, and White Oak in Montgomery County – is pleased to express its strong support of Washington Adventist Hospital’s plan to relocate to an expansive modern facility in White Oak.

The District 20 community comprises diverse constituencies with different health care needs. For over a century, Washington Adventist Hospital has demonstrated its commitment and ability to meet these many different and often serious needs. At the same time, we know that your hospital faces major challenges at its current location that must be addressed to ensure the long-term viability and effectiveness of your hospital’s health care delivery systems. The campus is currently located in the middle of a dense residential area, which restricts access, maneuverability and growth. However beloved, the current facility is also aging and inefficient for a full-fledged 21<sup>st</sup>-Century hospital.

Relocating the hospital to White Oak will solve many of the existing problems, and continuing to provide services in Takoma Park will work to meet the health care needs of our communities into the future. The new hospital’s close proximity to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) affords the opportunity for significant partnerships and interaction.

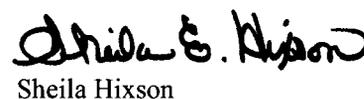
The hospital has had a long-term presence in Takoma Park and has become a meaningful asset in the community. We appreciate and strongly support the hospital’s plan to maintain various services on the Takoma Park campus into the future. The Takoma Park campus will feature a physician walk-in clinic, a federally qualified healthcare center, inpatient rehabilitation care, inpatient/outpatient behavioral health services, maternity care, and other healthcare services. We commend you on your efforts to ensure that the health-care needs of Takoma Park are met and for working with the community to address those needs even as you transition to the larger facility.

Your proposed relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital from Takoma Park to White Oak is clearly necessary to continue to carry out Adventist HealthCare’s mission, which continues to provide a significant benefit to our community. Thank you for your commitment to maintaining and expanding your presence in both Silver Spring and Takoma Park.

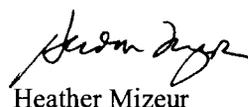
Please let us know if we can be helpful to your efforts.

All the best,

  
Jamie Raskin

  
Sheila Hixson

  
Tom Hucker

  
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JEFF WALDSTREICHER  
18th Legislative District  
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## THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

September 13, 2013

Ms. Joyce Newmyer, President  
Washington Adventist Hospital  
7600 Carroll Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Dear Ms. Newmyer:

I am writing to share my strong support for the relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital to White Oak. The hospital is an important part of the local community and cares for many of my constituents in the greater Silver Spring area. Our community would benefit greatly from a modernized hospital in White Oak, particularly if certain basic healthcare services are retained at the existing hospital site in Takoma Park.

Washington Adventist Hospital provides crucial services to our community but its aging facility is challenging to expand and modernize. To remain viable in the future, the hospital must be allowed to move to White Oak. Members of our community, regardless of income, insurance coverage, or immigration status, deserve access to the quality care that only a modern health-care facility can provide.

The new hospital site is adjacent to the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in White Oak. The hospital and FDA have already signed a Memorandum of Understanding and have begun a partnership to test medical devices and equipment in a real-world setting. This partnership is unique to our region and is an excellent example of utilization of our regional assets. As the FDA continues to expand, the new hospital opens, and other proposed development begins, White Oak will become a destination for the medical community, spurring greater economic development opportunities in Montgomery County.

I strongly support Washington Adventist Hospital's plans for a new state-of-the-art White Oak facility and I encourage you to move those plans from vision to reality. Please keep me informed on the status of the White Oak relocation. Thank you in advance for considering my views on this vital project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Waldstreicher".

Delegate Jeff Waldstreicher



## THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

September 2, 2013

Joyce Newmyer  
President, Washington Adventist Hospital  
7600 Carroll Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Dear President Newmyer,

We write to express our support for the relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital from its current site in Takoma Park to a site near White Oak along the southern border of our legislative district. Washington Adventist Hospital is an important part of the community and the hospital's long term viability is essential for the residents in eastern Montgomery County.

The community is looking forward to having Washington Adventist Hospital come to White Oak. The population in our district is increasing, which creates new demands for healthcare. A modernized facility in White Oak will go a long way to providing high-quality healthcare to our constituents. In addition, several neighborhoods in White Oak, just to the south of the proposed hospital site, and in Fairland and Briggs-Chaney, to the north, have significant populations living in poverty and with inadequate health care. We believe that the proposed new Washington Adventist Hospital site will serve as a linchpin for efforts to address these unmet needs and reduce health disparities in the east county region.

Throughout the process of proposing the relocation, Washington Adventist has met with many community groups and gathered feedback to their new proposal. In addition to the services the hospital will offer in White Oak, the hospital has made a commitment to retain various services at their current hospital site. This demonstrates Washington Adventist Hospital's commitment to ensuring access to care for their current neighbors in Takoma Park.

It is also worth highlighting the location of the new hospital near the FDA campus. The close proximity will help make White Oak a center for innovation in the field of medical technology.

We encourage the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve Washington Adventist Hospital's relocation.

Sincerely,

Karen Montgomery  
Senator, District 14

Anne Kaiser  
Delegate, District 14

Eric Luedtke  
Delegate, District 14

Craig Zucker  
Delegate, District 14

September 12, 2013

Ms. Joyce Newmyer, President  
Washington Adventist Hospital  
7600 Carroll Street  
Takoma Park, Maryland 20912

Dear Ms. Newmyer:

Re: *Certificate of Need* for New Medical Facility in White Oak

I support the application of the Washington Adventist Hospital (WAH) to the State of Maryland Health Care Commission for a *Certificate of Need* to build a new medical facility at White Oak. I was disappointed when the first plans did not receive the *go build* directive but pleased at the *try again* opportunity.

WAH has been the designated hospital for my family for over 48 years. I have experienced it as an inpatient, an outpatient and a visitor. Currently I accompany my husband to his appointments at Cardiovascular Consultants. The emergency room (ER) that was once efficient and comfortable is now overcrowded. In 2000-2001 I made quite a few trips to the ER. During one of them I spent thirty hours on a gurney, even dehydrated, before a hospital bed was found for me. One patient in the ER at that time checked himself out without seeing a doctor because of the overcrowding and waiting. After having open-heart surgery I took advantage of the Rehabilitation Clinic at WAH. It was excellent. However the time came that the Rehabilitation Clinic was reduced to minimal operation due to building space and parking shortages. Patients were directed to Holy Cross Hospital Rehabilitation Programs or to private gyms. It hurt.

The hospital road from Carroll Avenue to Maple Avenue supports outer-lane parking, pedestrian walking and vehicular traffic which includes emergency vehicles and buses. Walking or driving on the road requires continual vigilance and caution. The driveway to Cardiovascular Consultants has a dangerous egress and ingress which can be corrected only by acquiring more land. Exiting the road into Carroll Avenue has vision problems. To correct problems afore-mentioned, in addition to making WAH a top-notch health and medical facility would not be cost-effective on the Takoma Park site.

A state-of-art health and medical facility is a realistic expectation for the Bi-County patients of WAH. The population count is increasing and will continue to do so with the development of the Per-Contee and Montgomery County sites. In addition Maryland University is considering developing its golf course and the areas along the power lines from Adelphi Road to I-95 into high-density land useage. I commend WAH for partnering with the Federal Drug Administration and see future collaborations with medical and scientific organizations. The up-to-date information received from these collaborations may lessen the need for families to search online for medical data and cures or to minimize the number of times the patient is referred to a distant facility for evaluation and testing.

I now live at Riderwood Village with about 2,500 other elders. Many of us no longer drive. It would be helpful to have a state-of-art medical facility nearby. I still keep in touch with many of my former neighbors in College Park Woods. I'm sure they join me in supporting your application for a *Certificate of Need* to build a new medical facility in White Oak.

Sincerely,



Anna Latta Owens, Former Mayor  
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Sen. Jim Rosapepe  
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Mayor Andy Fellows, College Pk.