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*The Honorable Kate Stewart, Mayor
Councilmember Peter Kovar, Ward 1*

Dear Dr. Pollard:

Thank you for your partnership, involvement, and participation in the Community Conversations on the future of Montgomery College's Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus.

After many months, we have reached a point in the process where it appears there is an excellent opportunity to achieve our common goals of meeting the College's academic and enrollment needs and preserving the residential and historic character of the surrounding neighborhood.

Specifically, we believe the approach outlined in the recent letters submitted by Neighbors United and the Community Coalition for Science and Fitness, as well as in emails from others in the community, calling for a return to the 2006 – 2016 Facilities Master Plan as the basis for the Math-Science Building's location, offers a viable solution, and we endorse it.

With many residents directly affected by the building plans (either because of where they live or their use of College facilities, or both) now on record as accepting the Science North-South siting option, we believe that this is the best way forward.

As you make your final decision, we wanted to share with you our support for returning to the prior Master Plan as the site for the new Math-Science building.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and the Montgomery College community toward achievement of our mutual goals.

Regards,

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Kate Stewart
Mayor, City of Takoma Park

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Peter Kovar
Councilmember, Ward 1

CC: Montgomery County Council