

September 16, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Leggett:

On behalf of the East County Citizens Advisory Board, 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. For well over 100 years, the hospital 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 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 which continues to grow in many aspects with increasing benefits to the region. The partnership between WAH, the Food and Drug Administration and the Life –Science Village will open up new areas of medical research and 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.

We welcome 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