



SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

November 4, 2009

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Executive Office Building
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Dear Messrs. Leggett and Andrews:

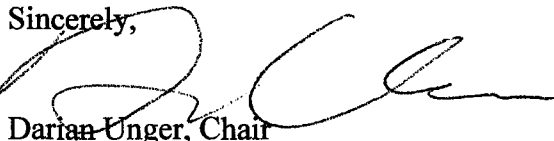
Several months ago, we were asked to serve as a community sounding board about possible names for the new Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza. After many neighborhood meetings and much community input, we recommend that the building not be named after any one person, but rather be named after the community: Silver Spring.

The majority of local residents thought the building should not be named after anybody, especially politicians. There were a few exceptions: one person, serving as a representative the County Executive's office, recommended naming the building after Jim Gleason. Also, there was also a locally-circulated petition urging that the building be named after Doug Duncan. Although it garnered 35 signatures, it did not gain significant local traction, and would also require overruling the county's naming policies. Our board greatly respects the contributions of both of these former County Executives, and we would honor their accomplishments by allowing a civic, public building of this nature to represent the community with the community's own name.

We also represent the community in strongly supporting naming the plaza Veterans Plaza. In doing so, we honor those who served and continue to serve in our nation's armed forces. Their works and their sacrifices deserve our recognition and gratitude.

As a result, we urge that the building be simply named the Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza.

Sincerely,



Darian Unger, Chair