SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

January 18, 2011

Ms. Alexa Verveer
Vice President
Government Relations and Public Policy
Discovery Communications, Inc.
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Dear Alexa,

Thank you very much for attending the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board meeting on January 10, 2011. The presentation that Marc Parsons gave regarding Discovery's application for a site plan amendment (submitted to the Montgomery County Planning Board) was very useful. We appreciated the opportunity to engage in dialogue with you about our shared Silver Spring community.

We are pleased to have an opportunity to strengthen and re-invigorate the dialogue with Discovery. Not only is the company an important corporate citizen in the community, but we also recognize that with 1400 employees, there are also important personal community connections between Discovery and Silver Spring.

The Board believes that Discovery's application for site plan amendment (#82000032C) represents a thoughtful balance of the community's interests in the public spaces on Discovery's site and the security of Discovery's employees and the children in the company's daycare center who use the park space and playground. Therefore, the Board supports Discovery's current site plan application.

In addition, the Board hopes that Discovery's January 10, 2011 presentation marks the beginning of more frequent and substantive communication between the Board,

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In addition, the Board hopes that Discovery's January 10, 2011 presentation marks the beginning of more frequent and substantive communication between the Board, Discovery and the Silver Spring community as we continue to build a working relationship to ensure that our mutual needs and goals can be met.

Sincerely,

Kathy Stevens, Chair

cc:
Isiah Leggett, County Executive, Montgomery County
Valerie Ervin, President, Montgomery County Council
Robert Kronenberg, Development Review Division, MNCCPC