OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

November 5, 2010

To: Nancy Floreen, Council President

From: Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Subject: Resolution 16-1544, Clarksburg Town Center District Development

On October 26, 2010 the Council passed Resolution 16-1544, which terminates the Clarksburg Town Center Development District (CTCDD). The resolution was presented to me that same day for signature.

I am returning Resolution 16-1544 to the Council unsigned because I believe that termination of the CTCDD without an alternative financing plan in place for the roads that would have been financed by the district leaves the Clarksburg community with too much uncertainty regarding the goal of achieving the long awaited Clarksburg Town Center. The Clarksburg community would have been better served if Council had identified a substitute financing plan for the required infrastructure which does not rely on the County's General Fund or General Obligation debt capacity before terminating the CTCDD.

Resolution 16-1544 calls for the Council to appoint a work group to review and prioritize the necessary infrastructure items for the Clarksburg area and propose suitable mechanisms to finance the recommended infrastructure items. It is critical that this group include community, developer, and Executive staff representation. In order to be consistent with the Clarksburg Master Plan, it is also critical that the work group focus on developing a plan that does not rely on General Fund or General Obligation debt funding to support the required infrastructure.

I remain committed to working with the Council to resolve the longstanding issues surrounding infrastructure funding in the Clarksburg area.