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Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee  
2424 Reddie Drive  
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County Executive Isiah Leggett  
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Dear County Executive Leggett,

Thank you for attending and speaking at the June 14 Wheaton Walking Tour. This is the second walking tour organized by the Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee (WUDAC). This year's focus on way-finding/connectivity, use of public space, landscaping/greening, streetscapes, and community character, stimulated plenty of conversation and ideas from the community. We are particularly appreciative on your thoughts regarding how to make Wheaton a more vibrant community.

In addition to your attendance, WUDAC is appreciative of the presence from other elected officials and County employees, such as Council Vice-President George Leventhal, Councilmember Mark Elrich, Councilmember Nancy Floreen, Maryland State Senator Richard Madaleno, and Maryland District 18 Delegates Al Carr, and Jeffrey Waldstreicher.

WUDAC received a number of thoughtful comments and observations from tour attendees and we are actively working on creating a set of specific recommendations for the County to consider in the near future. At the same time, we note that some of the concerns from the community are reflected in the FY16 budget requests from the Wheaton Urban District. The following line items in the proposed budget have come from a result of ideas from the Walking Tour:

- Streetscape maintenance and upgrades
- Light pole replacements for aged infrastructure (\$17,340)
- Way finding study (\$60,000 – one-time funds)
- Gum Removal (\$9,000)
- Planters and Seasonal (\$18,170)
- Tree fertilization (\$5,500)
- Bike Racks (\$9,900 – one-time funds)

Some of these items, such as gum removal and planters, were cut from previous budgets, so WUDAC kindly requests that these and the other items remain in your budget submission to the County Council. Additionally, we may request similar support in the near future that could have immediate impact on improving the Wheaton Urban District.

Thank you again for your support. WUDAC looks forward to working with County Departments in the near future, through meetings and open communication, to ensure the continued progress of the Wheaton Urban District.

Sincerely,



Devala Janardan  
Chair  
Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee

cc: Council President Craig Rice