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OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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Ms. Kathy Stevens, Chair  
Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board  
8110 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Ms. Stevens,

Thank you for your correspondence expressing your views on the potential lease between Discovery Communications, Inc. and the County regarding Garage 9 in Silver Spring. I have shared your correspondence with my Council colleagues, and I am pleased to respond on their behalf.

Under current law, the County Council has no authority to approve or disapprove such a lease; it is entirely under the authority of the County Executive. We have legislation before us right now, however, that would give the Council such authority (Bill 11-12). But even without it, we will strive to work with the County Executive and Discovery to craft a different set of conditions that would meet the main objectives of all involved, including the residents, church-goers, and others who regularly use the Kennett Street Garage. Your proposed solution is an example of the type of resolution we should work towards.

I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns with me. Your views are important and will help me in my deliberations on matters that affect the residents of Montgomery County.

Sincerely,



Roger Berliner  
Council President

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