

Dear Montgomery County Councilmembers,

We are pleased to submit this letter on behalf of the Randolph Civic Association (RCA). Our association represents over 1340 households in the North Bethesda triangular area bound by Randolph Road, Nicholson Lane/CSX tracks, and Rock Creek Park. The RCA communicates regularly with our residents through our Echo print newsletter - delivered free of charge to all of our residents since 1956. In addition, we hold regular public meetings. Through these efforts, community events, and word-of-mouth, our community is kept well-informed and engaged.

The RCA community is currently in District 4. As part of the redistricting process conducted by the Commission on Redistricting, our community has been tentatively placed in the "pink" district, proposed Council District 6, that includes Wheaton, Glenmont, Aspen Hill, and Derwood. The purpose of this testimony is to express our desire to be included with the rest of North Bethesda, in currently proposed Council District 4. We understand the challenges associated with drawing equitable districts that comply with applicable requirements.

Our community was and continues to be an engaged and active partner in the development and implementation of the White Flint Sector Plans, most recently collaborating with Montgomery Planning on the 2018 White Flint Placemaking Festival at the Randolph Hills Shopping Center. Additionally, our community has been part of North Bethesda's census designated area since the 1970s, when the North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan was first drafted. We are also less than 1 mile away from the White Flint Metro Station and are part of the Route 355 corridor. We are concerned that we are being split from the rest of our greater community with whom we share common interests. We hope that you will reconsider our inclusion as part of North Bethesda's district.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,
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