This is a resubmission of letters sent to County Council President Gabe Albornoz on February 12, 2022, with copies to all the other Council members, County Executive Marc Elrich and Ms. Meredith Wellington. I have been informed that if testimony or letters pertaining to matters before the Council are submitted to addresses other than this one they will not be presented as part of the public record. Though I’m not sure that that is correct, I’m still covering all bases by using this portal. I apologize if this is duplicative.

Christine Morgan

Dear Council President Albornoz,

The attached letter was submitted to Planning Chair Casey Anderson on December 7, 2021. The then 97 resident signatories requested that the seventeen Woodside Park properties annexed into the Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities (SSDAC) Plan be removed from that Plan.

Now that SSDAC is now in the hands of the County Council, we submit the same request to you, with 191 signatories. Additionally, the WPCA has overwhelmingly endorsed a resolution on the same matter.

We look forward to you and the other County Council members giving serious attention to the contents of the attached letter as well as the WPCA resolution.

Sincerely,

Christine Morgan
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Cc: all County Council members

County Executive Mark Elrich
Ms. Meredith Wellington
County Council Chair Albornoz and Members of the County Council,

We, the undersigned residents of Woodside Park, are writing to urge that the Woodside Park properties — our homes and the Seventh-day Adventist Church — identified as an “Adjacent Community” be removed from the Silver Spring Downtown Sector Plan.

In the District Visions portion of the SSDAC Plan, the “vision” for Adjacent Communities reads:

“Consistent with the recommendations of the Attainable Housing Strategies Initiative, the Adjacent Communities can include a greater variety of housing types, fully integrated into the existing fabric, to allow a wider range of residents to enjoy the valued proximity to the downtown.”

At this point, neither Thrive Montgomery 2050 nor the Attainable Housing Strategies Initiative has gone through the County Council approval process. One does not know what changes will be made to the “recommendations” contained in those drafted documents. It is unacceptable that a blank check be written for whatever those documents recommend in the final versions for Woodside Park and the other neighborhoods annexed into the Downtown Sector Plan.

All recommendations in the final and adopted Plans pertinent to Woodside, Woodside Park, Seven Oaks-Evanswood and East Silver Spring should be addressed and executed through the Master Plan process for each area, rather than as blocks and individual lots within blocks arbitrarily separated from the rest of their neighborhood.

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