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November 14, 2022

The Honorable Gabe Albornoz, County Council President
100 Maryland Avenue, 6th Floor
Rockville MD 20850

Re: FY23-28CIP, Farm Women's Market Garage

Dear President Albornoz:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Kensington Town Council in support of the proposed redevelopment of the Farm Women's Market in Bethesda. Specifically, we are requesting that the County Council amend the FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program in the amount of \$1,468,000 for the Farm Women's Market Parking Garage Project (No. P502316). The requested appropriation will fund preliminary design, planning, site improvements, and utility work for a new underground parking garage on Lot 24 in the Bethesda Parking Lot District (PLD).

In addition, this project will be coordinated with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) Bethesda Lots 10-24 Parks project (No. P872302) that funds public parks consistent with the Bethesda Downtown Plan on a portion of Lot 24 and all of Lot 10 in the Bethesda PLD and would add 2 and ½ acres of greenspace to downtown Bethesda.

This is a critical milestone for the project, as a commitment from the County Council, represented by amending the CIP budget, will complete the financial plan and provide the confidence to the developers to begin detailed design work.

We encourage the County Council to support the proposed amendment and provide the necessary funding to move the Farm Women's Market Garage project forward.

Sincerely,

Tracey Furman,
Mayor

Cc: Kensington Town Council

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