

To: Montgomery County Council
Montgomery County, MD

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Subject: University Boulevard Corridor (UBC) Plan

I am opposed to the UBC plan as currently presented. I've lived in the Woodmoor neighborhood in the Four Corners area of Silver Spring for 38 years, since 1987. Four Corners has been one of the most congested areas of the county since I moved here, even before Blair High School was relocated here. Of course, the addition of Blair significantly added to the congestion. Recently, lanes on University Boulevard have been designated bus lanes. This has rendered University Boulevard virtually impassable during peak times of the day.

Now, my understanding of the UBC Plan being proposed is to rezone significant portions of the corridor to allow more density, higher building heights, and more roadway restrictions. This proposal doesn't seem to recognize that the corridor is populated by residential neighborhoods. We residents who call this area home sought a suburban lifestyle. In 1987 when I purchased my home, the county had not announced any plans to move Blair or to turn Four Corners into a high-density zone. This major change will affect not only my quality of life, but also the value of my home, which is the most significant investment for most middle class residents.

I understand that Montgomery County has experienced rapid population growth in the last 40 years, and that growth must be managed. However, such management has to be done in long-term timeframes (for example, 50 years) to minimize adverse effects on current residents. If I had known that Blair High School was going to move to Four Corners, and that the county had plans to rezone the area for 10-story residences, I likely would have elected to buy a house somewhere else.

Thank you for your consideration.