

Dear County Council, my name is Dave Nettleton and my wife is Jori Ellis. We have lived in the south Four Corners neighborhood since 1997. I am also a past president of the South Four Corners Citizens Association for some eight years.

Since moving to the neighborhood and to Maryland, we have come to respect that this great State was THE first to establish freedom of religion, and one of the first to actively encourage all levels of citizen involvement in community planning decisions. This rich tradition started with the Calverts in the first capital of Saint Mary's city in 1634.

It is with great sadness and concern that my wife and I see that the Montgomery county Council seems to be abandoning these rich Maryland traditions and principles and are adopting an end run around the tried and true master planning process that has respected active citizen involvement in community planning decisions.

Our fairly quiet residential neighborhood is not interested in becoming a denizen of high rises and office buildings and assorted other commercial buildings as is found as one heads East on University Blvd. towards Langley Park.

Many of us are very supportive of the principles of fair housing, but none of the data that we have seen indicates that any part of the UBC corridor process will attain that goal, and in fact will severely intrude upon our residential way of life.

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I am encouraging anyone I know and will work with any association in the County to ensure that any council member who votes for this UBC process to continue to be seriously challenged if they seek office for another term.

True leadership is not adopting every pro development position that comes along. True leadership respects the wishes and concerns of the citizens. Please don't bulldoze what many of us have worked so hard to attain; which is a single-family ho