



## **SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD**

October 18, 2013

Mr. Isiah Leggett  
County Executive  
101 Monroe Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

### **RE: SSCAB Advice on DTSS Black Box Theater Consortium**

Dear County Executive Leggett:

At its October 14, 2013 board meeting, the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board received a briefing from David Minton, representing a new consortium of arts groups that proposes to take over programming of the Silver Spring Black Box Theater on Colesville Road. As you know, Round House will no longer be managing this space effective July 1, 2014. This new consortium includes Lumina Studio Theatre, ArtStream, Live Garra Theatre and Forum Theatre.

We also received a copy of the October 1 memo to you from Council Member Leventhal and Council President Navarro discussing the legal requirements the County must follow to complete the transition from Round House to new management of the Black Box space.

First, we want to convey our excitement about the idea of a consortium of performing arts groups managing this space. With the shortage of performance space and opportunities for local performers in Silver Spring, this type of arrangement would contribute greatly to the vitality of our arts community.

Second, we urge the immediate action recommended in the Council memo. Please instruct DGS and OMB to start this process ASAP and proceed with concurrent (rather than sequential) steps to achieve a seamless transition for this community performance space on July 1 of next year.

Thank you,

Evan Glass  
Chair

CC: Council President Nancy Navarro  
Councilmember Valerie Ervin  
Councilmember George Leventhal