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**PUBLIC INVITED TO TESTIFY ON THE
PLANNING BOARD'S PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The Montgomery County Planning Board invites organizations and members of the community to comment on how to improve the Board's public hearing process, at a special public hearing on Thursday, January 19, 2006, 7 p.m., in the M-NCPPC auditorium, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD.

“This hearing gives our residents a unique opportunity to share their ideas, comments and suggestions on ways to enhance our transparency and encourage greater community participation and public access to the land use and development decision-making process,” said Derick P. Berlage, Montgomery County Planning Board Chairman.

Information and advance signups are available from Community Outreach and Media Relations, 301/495-4600. Speakers may also sign up at the public hearing.

Written comments are also welcome and may be addressed to Derick P. Berlage, Chairman, Montgomery County Planning Board, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910, faxed to 301-495-1320 or e-mailed mcp-Chairman@mncppc-mc.org.

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