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The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Ave,
Silver Spring, MD 20910

October 6, 2016

Re: B. Site Plan No. 820160090, 8015 Old Georgetown Road

Dear Montgomery County Planning Board:

We represent the legislative district, District 16, in the General Assembly in which the above referenced project, Graceful Growing Together, is located. It is our honor to express our general support for this project. While we do not typically weigh-in on local zoning matters, this project is unusual. In 2015, we were able to support the community center portion of the project with a state bond bill supplying significant matching funds.

As you know, one of the challenges in downtown Bethesda is finding adequate public and community space. Indeed, there is no recreation or community center in downtown Bethesda. The community center portion of this project will help fill significant gaps in the neighborhood landscape, promote job opportunities, and increase general community engagement. There is a clear public benefit. We know you will see this as well and make solid and reasonable recommendations for potential improvements for the neighborhood for the community center and other components of the overall project.

The project is ready for the next phase, and many are awaiting the construction. Once completed, this project will serve as a hub in the community and allow new opportunities for many different types and ages of our citizens. With your diligent analysis, we know everyone will be proud of the structure, and fixture to the neighborhood.

Therefore, we respectfully ask that you support this project and work well with the President and Executive Director for the benefit of Legislative District 16 and the entire County.

Very truly yours,

Sen. Susan C. Lee

Del. Marc Korman

Del. Bill Frick

Del. Ariana Kelly