

Mayor Peter C. Fosselman

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October 30, 2013

Honorable Nancy Navarro, President
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Town of Kensington Opposition to the Amendments to the CRT Zone

Dear ~~Council President~~ Navarro, *Nancy,*

On behalf of the Town Council of Kensington, I would like to convey our disappointment in, and opposition to, the proposed amendments and changes within Division 6.6 "Optional Method Public Benefits" of the CRT Zone, which would significantly reduce the number of points permissible for certain public benefits. The CRT and CRN zones were created with Kensington in mind, to limit the height and density found in the surrounding communities of Bethesda, Wheaton and White Flint while enabling the development of the Town's smaller lots.

The Council considered the proposed amendments and unanimously adopted Resolution R-17-2013 during our October 21, 2013 Council Meeting. A copy is attached. We believe the changes would be a great hindrance to our community as we look to encourage development through the defined public benefit points and categories.

The Town has seen two successive Councils vote in favor of the current point system and we believe our smaller lot sizes, along with lower height and density restrictions, fit our supported model for Kensington. A change or variation from the Town, Planning Board and County Council approved version would alter our publicly supported strategy for revitalization.

The Town Council and I ask that the proposed changes within Division 6.6 "Optional Method Public Benefits" not be adopted until a complete evaluation of the operation of the current system in Kensington has taken place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter C. Fosselman".

Peter C. Fosselman

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