



Town of Riverdale Park

5008 Queensbury Road
Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737

April 2, 2012

Honorable Andrea Harrison, Chair
Prince George's County Council
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Re: Cafritz Property, A-10018

Dear Chairman Harrison and Members of the Council:

I write on behalf of the Town Council of Riverdale Park urging you to approve the Cafritz Zoning Reclassification Application A-10018 as presented in PGCPB No. 12-09. This application is the product of many months of intense but careful negotiation between the Town, the applicant, neighboring municipalities, MNCPPC staff and Planning Board, the University of Maryland, numerous county officials and members of the 22nd District delegation.

Out of this process you will read in 12-09 conditions that: (1) encourage economic development in a smart/progressive way; (2) lay the groundwork for a long sought after amenity in a Whole Foods Market; and (3) protect the interests of the local residents who want to maintain their quality of life through the changes this project will bring. While no project can be perfect, nor any proposal garner universal support, the project as it comes to you has the unanimous support of the Town Council in the municipality that the project will be in—Riverdale Park. Also, the conditions will help to assure both local residents and the whole region that we will receive the top-notch project Riverdale Park AND Prince George's County deserve.

Lastly know that Riverdale Park intends to be an active and positive participant in every stage of the project's development. You can be assured that we will engage with you in the same spirit of cooperation and innovation that has marked our actions to date.

Sincerely,

Vernon Archer
Mayor