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Isiah Leggett
County Executive

May 2, 2017

Regency Centers
c/o: Erin E. Girard, Esquire
Linowes and Blocher, LLP
7200 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 800
Bethesda, Maryland 20814-4842

Re: Westwood Shopping Center, Sketch Plan No. 320170010

Dear Ms. Girard:

I have been meeting with the Macedonia Baptist Church to hear their concerns about your client's development project at the above referenced location. I have also offered to assist the Congregation by providing access to a neutral mediator to conduct mediation with the Stakeholders involved in this dispute.

As a result of a recent meeting with the Congregation I was asked to reach out to Regency as the property owner to request a delay in the commencement of the planned archeological study that will research whether there is evidence of burial grounds at the site. I am writing to ask you to delay the planned study to allow all Stakeholders to meet and mediate.

I have been clear with the Congregation that this dispute is related to private property and that the best opportunity they have to be a part of the resolution of this dispute is to participate in mediation. They have informed me that before they can agree to mediate, it is important to obtain agreement from your client that the archeological study will not be performed until after mediation has occurred.

Please let me know your position as soon as possible so that, if agreeable, we will be able to get mediation scheduled. Should you have any questions about this request please contact Ramona Bell-Pearson at (240) 777-2561 or at ramona.bell-pearson@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

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