



# TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK

February 10, 2020

Honorable Delegate Dereck E. Davis  
House Office Building, Room 231  
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Dear Delegate Davis:

At its February 3, 2020 meeting, the Council of the Town of University Park voted to support the adoption of HB561, "Electric Industry – Community Choice Aggregation Act", which is scheduled for a hearing before the Economic Matters Committee this week.

We will urge the Committee to favorably report this Bill, and urge the Maryland General Assembly to pass it. The Community Choice Aggregation Act, if adopted, would enable local governments to negotiate with electricity providers on behalf of residents, creating more flexibility in negotiating the purchase of renewable energy at competitive rates. This Act will allow University Park residents and others to have more choices in where they get their electricity from and at a more affordable rate. The Town has consistently supported ways in which we can be more energy efficient and make smarter choices that have direct impact on the environment, so this legislation is of interest to us.

The Town of University Park has been in the forefront of supporting renewable energy, as it was the first Maryland municipality to aggregate solar electricity under the new law passed by the General Assembly. In 2013, the Town, with the support from a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, installed a Town-owned solar array on the roof of the University Park Elementary School.

Our state can and should lead the charge in the much-needed transition from carbon-based fuels to clean renewable power that is safer and healthier for Maryland families, our environment and our economy. We ask that the Economic Matters Committee issue a favorable report with respect to this bill.

With best regards,

Len Carey, Mayor

Cc: Delegate Kathleen Dumais