



CITY OF HAYRE DE GRACE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

William T. Martin

January 19, 2021

The Honorable Shane Pendergrass
Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support: HB 390 – University of Maryland - Harford Memorial Hospital Closure -
Economic Impact Study

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Mr. David Baird
Managing Director, Strategic Advisory Services
Cushman and Wakefield
1 South Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Mr. Baird:

I am writing as a follow up to our October 8, 2020 meeting which included yourself, Mr. Frank Dickson, Director of Strategic Business Initiatives for the State of Maryland and my senior staff which included the Director of Planning, Mr. Shane Grimm, the Director of Administration, Patrick Sypolt, Technical Advisor for Special Projects, Mr. Ben Martorana and my Chief of Staff, Mr. Steve Gamatoria.

At the meeting, you presented a PowerPoint presentation that included a summary of the Cushman and Wakefield study. While I appreciate the summary that was presented, I am hopeful that you can relay the full report (or at least a copy of the summary slides that were presented).

My senior staff was most encouraged by your comments relative to “incorporating the City’s guidance and desire,” to shift away from “highest and best use”, but instead to address those City-wide goals which will (a) “maximize the historic charm of Havre de Grace”, (b) “be the most appropriate use for the City”, (c) create the development plan to comply within the current HDG Zoning, and (d) incorporate the Administration's outlook for addressing the “desires and concerns of the community” and “meet the goals of economic development AND community benefit.”

I am also encouraged that Mr. Frank Dickson, State Director of Strategic Business Initiatives, was assigned to assist you in advancing our community goals and objectives.

With the holidays behind us, I encourage you to please reach out to either my Chief of Staff, Mr. Steve Gamatoria or specifically to my Director of Planning, Mr. Grimm to continue discussions and exchange thoughts on the redevelopment of the Harford Memorial site.

Sincerely,

William T. Martin
Mayor

cc: Delegate Mary Ann Lisanti
Delegate Steven Johnson
David Glenn, Council President, Havre de Grace
Patrick Vincenti, Council President, Harford County Council
Shane Grimm, Director, Havre de Grace Department of Planning



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Yours truly,

David Glenn
City Council President

YOUR FAVORABLE
CONSIDERATION OF THIS
REQUEST WOULD BE
GREATLY APPRECIATED.



COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY

Curtis L. Beulah

Councilman, District F

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Sincerely,

Curtis L. Beulah

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Sincerely,

Andre V. Johnson

Harford County Councilman, District A

HAVRE DE GRACE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ~ 450 Pennington Avenue, Havre de Grace, Md. 21078

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Sincerely,

Cathy Vincenti

Cathy Vincenti, Executive Director

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In April of 2020, the Maryland Health Care Commission voted to close Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace and approve a freestanding medical facility providing more limited care in Aberdeen. Harford Memorial Hospital sits on a 1.37-acre centrally located property on Union Avenue that is the heart of historic Havre de Grace. Many supporting services occupy facilities in the immediate vicinity.

As the City's largest private employer, Harford Memorial Hospital not only provides the community with healthcare needs, but also serves as an economic generator. Inevitably, its closure will have an impact on supporting professionals, small businesses, employment, real estate values and homeownership in Havre de Grace. But however ominous closure appears to be, the real extent to this impact is currently unknown.

In response, the Havre de Grace Economic Development Advisory Board fully supports House Bill 390. It is our hope that The University of Maryland Institute for Government Service and Research will 1). conduct a study to quantify the economic impact the closure of Harford Memorial Hospital will have on The City of Havre de Grace and 2). provide a pragmatic revitalization plan. A revitalization plan, consistent with the City's current comprehensive plan, would serve the local government and the citizens as a roadmap for the best and most economically advantageous use of the property and how best to implement it.

Because minimizing the time lapse between hospital closure and repurposing is critical to the economic welfare of the City, the City of Havre de Grace Economic Development Advisory Board respectfully requests the Committee give HB 390 a favorable report.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren R. Hartenstine, Chair
City of Havre de Grace Economic Development Advisory Board



Havre de Grace Alliance Inc.
710 Market St, Havre de Grace Maryland, 21078

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Based on the Alliance' mission to ensure the vitality of the city of Havre de Grace, we support the passage of House Bill 390. If passed, The University of Maryland Institute for Government Service and Research will conduct a study to quantify the economic impact the closure of Harford Memorial Hospital will have on the City of Havre de Grace. The results of the study will allow the community to plan for the future.

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This legislation will create an economic impact study and a revitalization plan consistent with the City's current comprehensive plan. This revitalization plan would serve as a roadmap for how to best use the property and ensure opportunity as the City economic base changes.

The Alliance believes an economic impact study and revitalization plan conducted by a third party is critically needed. We respectfully request the Committee give HB 390 a favorable report.

Respectfully,

Johnny Boker

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President, Havre de Grace Alliance



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Jolene Forrester,
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Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Hiner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles Hiner-President
BCH Real Estate Specialists, Inc.



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Thank you for your time and attention.

Paula Casagrande
Business owner & resident of Havre de Grace, MD



Affiliates of Anne Arundel Dermatology



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David F. Jaffe MD
Tideway Dermatology / Anne Arundel Dermatology
930 Revolution Street, Havre de Grace Maryland



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RITA A. CARDONA
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S/George C Cardona

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Sincerely,
Deborah Stathes
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Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078

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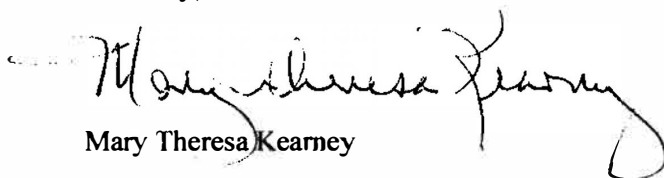
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Mary Theresa Kearney

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