

## VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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[Sent to all candidates for Montgomery County Executive and County Council]

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

On behalf of the Friendship Heights Village Council, the elected governing body of the Village of Friendship Heights, I am writing to alert you to our concern regarding the possible development of Parcel 6, one of the last remaining low-density sites in our high-rise community. The site currently consists of five single-family houses (one of which is owned by the Village), and two multiple-unit office buildings. In partnership with Chevy Chase Land Company, 1788 Holdings has acquired several of these properties for development.

The Village Council and residents of the Village are very concerned about the possibility of new large buildings adding to the great density of existing development, blocking light, air and obstructing the views of rental and condominium units already in place. Accordingly, the Village Council adopted three resolutions (attached) in support of the 1998 Friendship Heights Sector Plan. These resolutions relate to both Parcel 6 and Parcel 4, another site that was the focus of possible development last year. All three resolutions are consistent with the objectives set forth in the Sector Plan, which, with regard to Parcel 6, call for a neighborhood park and preservation of the "small scale character of existing structures."

Since you are a candidate for elected office in Montgomery County, we wanted you to be aware of the importance of this matter to Village residents and of the Village Council's response.

Sincerely,

FOR THE COUNCIL

Melanie Rose White  
Mayor