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March 16, 2015

Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD

Subject: Chick-Fil-A Development Plan (Olney)

Dear Chairman Anderson and Planning Board Commissioners:

The Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) represents over 35 homeowner and civic associations in the Olney Master Plan area. For over 30 years, GOCA has promoted the civic, cultural, and economic welfare of the Olney community.

At our March 10, 2015 Executive Board meeting, Stacy Silber of Lerch, Early, & Brewer presented Chick-Fil-A's plan for developing a new store in Olney at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Route 108. The Members of GOCA voted overwhelmingly to support Chick-Fil-A's application and endorse the applicant's efforts to access Hillcrest Road through the adjacent parking lot on the eastern boundary of the subject property. We also encourage their efforts to negotiate with their neighbors to the north and to the east to establish connections for the sidewalk planned for the northern edge of their property. The sidewalk will best serve the community if it provides connections to the neighboring properties.

GOCA believes Chick-Fil-A has been responsive to input from and the needs of the community and the Olney Town Center Advisory Committee. We especially appreciate accommodations the applicant has made to address specific concerns regarding placement of the drive-thru lane and the store's connection with Georgia Avenue.

Sincerely,

John Webster
President

Cc: Stacy Silber – Lerch, Early, & Brewer