

February 12, 2013

The Honorable Marvin E. Holmes, Jr.
Maryland House Office Building, Rm. 313
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

**The SRSOD will deliver TOD Smart Growth
efficiently and sustainably**

Dear Delegate Holmes:

As a Prince George's County environmental activist frustrated by our development process, I believe that State Rail Station Overlay Districts (SRSOD) legislation is **extremely important for our county and the state**. Please do all you can to engage the governor and leaders of the assembly and senate to introduce and pass SRSOD legislation THIS SESSION.

This bill is the game changer needed to get quality development on track in Prince George's County. With this framework we can get the development community, planners and environmentalists/smart growth advocates working TOGETHER for the benefit of our county and state.

SRSOD sets forth a **rational, robust and efficient economic framework that will be the engine to enable Transit Oriented Development to pay for critical infrastructure and transit that is essential for healthy, sustainable, vibrant development**. It does this in a way that delivers social equity and public health and environmental benefits far more effectively than our current piece-meal, one-project-at-a-time approach to development.

This is a *critical* session to lay the groundwork for transit and infrastructure funding strategies (to keep the Purple Line on track, for example). SRSOD will not only provide substantial resources for these essential needs, it also provides many other benefits including **getting us all to work through our development visions, priorities and differences early in the process**, not at the end where it is so much more costly, frustrating and conflicting.

I am available to help in any way I can, including by working to rally the environmental community to further support SRSOD concepts and specific efforts to advance them whether through a stand-alone bill or as part of a larger transportation or development package. Thank you for your past and continuing leadership on this.

Sincerely,

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