



May 4, 2011

Ms. Kathleen Boucher  
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer  
Ad Hoc Naming Committee Chair

RE: Renaming the Montgomery Aquatics Center in White Flint

Dear Ms. Boucher:

On behalf of The White Flint Partnership ("WFP" or "Partnership"), the purpose of this letter is to provide public comment on a memo from County Executive Leggett to the County Council that proposes renaming the Montgomery Aquatics Center in White Flint to the Eunice Kennedy Shriver and R. Sargent Shriver, Jr. Aquatics Center. As you are aware, the WFP is composed of six owners of major redevelopment properties within the White Flint Sector planning boundary. We appreciate that both Eunice Kennedy Shriver and Robert Sargent Shriver, Jr. were remarkable individuals and long time residents of Montgomery County and at one time lived a short distance from the Montgomery County Aquatics Center in White Flint. It is highly appropriate that they are recognized. However, please consider that the County is about to embark on a comprehensive White Flint amenity study charette with all the stakeholders in and around White Flint that would be inclusive of residents both now and projected into the future. We think it would be appropriate to postpone the renaming of the Aquatic Center until after the amenity study is completed. There has been much discussion about a broader usage of Wall Park for the location of a number of amenities in White Flint. The proposed name change to Eunice Kennedy Shriver and R. Sargent Shriver, Jr. Aquatics Center could be limiting to the ability to complete all the potential amenity reconfiguration on this site and surrounding sites. Should there be no postponement, we would respectfully suggest that perhaps the aquatics center should be renamed the Shriver Aquatic Center at Wall Park to acknowledge that it's part of a larger plan.

We thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Best Regards,

THE WHITE FLINT PARTNERSHIP

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