

College Park Mayor and City Council 7401 Baltimore Avenue Suite 201 College Park, MD 20740

(This letter is the result of a motion voted on by our membership during our January 9, 2025 regular meeting.)

Subject: Opposition to 25-CR-01

Dear Mayor and Council,

The North College Park Community Association (NCPCA), in its capacity as advocate for the interests of the citizens of North College Park—residents north of Greenbelt Rd. (MD 193)—is writing to express our community's strong opposition to the proposed charter amendment, 25-CR-01. We do not believe that extending the period of vacancy during which a replacement council member can be appointed by the remaining council members to 365 days is in the best interest of residents. We prefer—and believe that it is important to the democratic representation of our city—to keep the charter as written and abide by the 180 day vacancy period, with vacancies exceeding that time period decided by special election.

We strongly implore those council members who represent North College Park (District 1 and District 2) to vote down this amendment, aligning with the expressed desires of those constituents represented by the NCPCA. We would also ask that the rest of the council and mayor consider this community input when making their decisions in advance of the February 4, 2025 vote.

We thank you for your time and consideration and your service to our city; and we hope to see this amendment defeated and put to rest.

Sincerely,

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