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Andrea Mansfield Chair, Odenton Town Center Advisory Committee

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Mr. Philip R. Hager Planning and Zoning Officer Office of Planning and Zoning 2664 Riva Road Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Hager:

In our effort to be proactive advocates for the goals and objectives of the Odenton Town Center Master Plan (OTCMP), the Odenton Town Center Advisory Committee (OTCAC) respectfully submits the item below for consideration by your office, the County Council, and appropriate county agencies.

## Expansion of 3 Mile Proximity for Video Lottery Facility Local Development Council Grant Awards

The Local Development Council (LDC) awards grants to entities meeting eligibility requirements for awards within a three mile radius of the Maryland Live! Casino. The three mile radius has been established by the LDC and is not specified in state statute or county code. The OTC is in close proximity to the area established by the LDC, but falls short by 950 feet to the closest western boundary. The Core area of the OTC is approximately 5 miles from Live! Casino.

The close proximity to Live! Casino is already a selling point for homes in the OTC and will continue to be as the area grows drawing more homeowners and renters. Town Center Boulevard, while not yet fully open to Reese Rd., will allow drivers going to the casino to avoid congestion along Rts. 32 and 175 by providing another access point to Live! Casino. This continued growth and infrastructure improvement will create additional needs within the OTC and further stretch county resources to meet them.

As one of the county's targeted growth areas, entities within the OTC could greatly benefit from the resources provided by grants for infrastructure improvements, facilities, public safety, sanitation, and economic and community development initiatives.

The OTCAC urges the county to consider expanding the three mile proximity requirement to enable the OTC to benefit from these resources as the area continues to grow and prosper.

"Recycled Paper" www.aacounty.org On behalf of the OTCAC, I thank you for your consideration and look forward to continuing our work with the County to achieve the goals of the OTC Master Plan.

Sincerely,

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Andrea E. Mansfield Chairman, Odenton Town Center Advisory Committee

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