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Chair, Planning Advisory Board

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The Honorable Stuart Pittman, County Executive
Anne Arundel County Government
Arundel Center, P.O. Box 2700
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

RE: Planning Advisory Board Deliberation on
the 2022 Update to the Parole Town Center
Master Plan

Dear County Executive Pittman:

The Planning Advisory Board (PAB) is a citizen advisory board created by §532 of the Anne Arundel County Charter. Under §533(b) of the Charter, the PAB shall make advisory recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Officer and the County Council relating to various matters including Master Plans.

The PAB met on February 23, 2022 and received a briefing on the PAB Draft version of the Parole Town Center Master Plan (Plan). The briefing summarized the Plan in the following parts:

- The background of the Plan
- The purpose of and need for the update to the Plan
- Community engagement
- Changes in the 2022 update to the Plan

After the staff presentation of the Plan on February 23, the PAB opened the public hearing. The Board recognized one business representative to provide oral testimony. The PAB accepted written testimony from February 23 through March 9, 2022, during which 2 pieces of written testimony were received. The Office of Planning and Zoning (OPZ) staff presented a summary of the testimony on the PAB draft of the Plan during a public meeting on March 9, 2022.

During the March 9, 2022 meeting, the PAB deliberated about the Plan. The PAB voted unanimously 5-0 to recommend the Parole Town Center Master Plan move forward to the

County Council for review and adoption. The PAB provided the following specific recommendations for revision to the Plan.

PAB Recommendations for the Parole Town Center Master Plan

1. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure. The PAB recommends adding an electric vehicle charging station requirement into the Parole Town Center parking ordinance language in the County Code.
2. Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements. The PAB supports pedestrian, bicycle improvements including refinements to the bicycle and pedestrian network map.
3. Gas Station Reinvestment. The PAB supports revisions to the language regarding reinvestment in existing gas stations.
4. Street Tree Maintenance. The PAB recommends a maintenance plan for street trees.

The PAB appreciates the opportunity to provide you with its recommendations on the Parole Town Center Master Plan. If there are any questions regarding these comments, please contact Michael Stringer in the Office of Planning and Zoning at pzstri20@aacounty.org.

Sincerely,



Gustav S. Kurtz, Jr.
Chair

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