



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Honorable Takisha James, Mayor  
Town of Bladensburg  
4229 Edmonston Road  
Bladensburg MD 20710

Re: Proposed Annexation by the Town of Bladensburg pursuant to Resolution No. 1-2025

Dear Mayor James:

On behalf of the Prince George's County, Maryland and the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County, we wish to formally express opposition to the proposed annexation of the former Prince George's County Hospital Center site ("Hospital Site") by the Town of Bladensburg pursuant to its Resolution No. 1-2025. This proposed annexation does not comply with Maryland law as a result of failing to be contiguous and adjoining, creating arbitrary strips or corridors through roadways to connect to the remote Hospital Site, creating enclaves, and other violations of Maryland law.

More specifically, we have identified the following issues:

- The Hospital Site is not contiguous and adjoining to the boundaries of the Town of Bladensburg as required by Maryland law. The Hospital Site is approximately a half-mile southeast of the Town's boundary and there is no justifiable purpose for capturing this site.
- The Town attempts to bring the Hospital Site within its boundaries by creating strips or corridors for no purpose other than to connect to the remote Hospital Site. The roadway or highway strips consist of Federal and State rights-of-way (ROW), which form a narrow "V-shaped" area. This area is arbitrarily included and bears no relation to the municipality other than to incorporate the Hospital Site.
- The proposed annexation will result in an unincorporated area that is surrounded by municipal boundaries, thus creating a theoretical enclave which is prohibited by Maryland law. Furthermore, this approach departs from the legislative intent of the power granted.
- Questions remain regarding the Town's compliance with all procedural requirements for annexation.

Because we cannot technically provide legal advice to the Town, we present this letter as a request that you and the Town Council reconsider the proposed annexation by withdrawing Resolution No. 1-2025. We are asking that this letter be maintained in the legislative record and read aloud during the public hearing,

currently scheduled for December 9, 2024. If the resolution is not withdrawn, available legal remedies will be pursued.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,

*Rhonda Weaver*

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cc: Honorable Members of the Town Council  
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