

June 16, 2025

Mayor Monique Ashton and Council Members
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Re: Planning Commission Recommendation for Project Plan PJT2025-00022

Dear Madame Mayor and Council Members,

At our meeting on June 11, 2025, the Planning Commission received a request from J. Danshes, LLC to extend their development timeline for the lot at 900 Rockville Pike by one year. We did so with reservations.

The owner of this property has come before the Planning Commission and Council repeatedly for twenty years, consuming the resources and good will of the City as they continue to allow the property to sit vacant. We are all required to follow the law and policy, which is why the Commission unanimously approved this application. We are also called to behave within a social compact that balances individual rights with the greater good. In a time of great need for housing as well as climate change mitigation, this lot gives nothing back to the community that has spent decades working with the owner to improve it. The Planning Commission discussion indicated this may be the last extension we are willing to entertain from this property owner, and we encourage you to carefully consider the history of this property as you review their most recent request.

With highest regards,

Suzan Pitman
On Behalf of the Planning Commission