

Mayor Gavin Buckley  
City of Annapolis, MD  
160 Duke of Gloucester St.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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Dear Mayor Buckley,

We are residents of BayWoods of Annapolis a quality Continuing Care Retirement Community located on Edgewood Rd. in Annapolis. We wish to register our concern regarding the recent Forest Drive/Eastport Sector Study. Residents of BayWoods have attended the stakeholders meetings and a meeting conducted by Aldermen Arnett and Savidge to discuss this study. The Board of Directors of the BayWoods Residents Association have summarized their concerns in the attachment to this letter. Please give this attachment your full attention.

It is clear to the BayWoods residents that the study, in its present condition, is unworthy to be adopted. It lacks:

- broad input from the affected residents of the affected City wards,
- contains no cost vs. benefit analysis,
- may unduly risk current residents of the Forest Drive/ Bay Ridge Rd. corridor,
- has never been coordinated with Anne Arundel County that controls Forrest Drive, and
- provides no information regarding the resulting impact on City and County services such as schools, the need for increased public transportation, storm water management, increased traffic, and the already existing lack of effective emergency evacuation capability from the affected City and County areas.

BayWoods of Annapolis is located in Ward 7. It numbers some 200 full time independent living residents, and some 20 residents of its assisted living facilities. All are active voters. BayWoods employs some 140 staff, the majority of which live in Annapolis. Both the residents and the employees likely will be negatively impacted during the transition to the changes recommended in the study and quite likely for some time thereafter. As voters they likely will show displeasure at the next election.

It should be noted that BayWoods is a major employer of the area being considered, and a major tax payer to the City and County. It is surprising that BayWoods is not mentioned in the study, nor was its contacted during the study. If it is adopted in its present form, there likely will be negative impact at the next election from both residents and employees.

The study does contain information regarding new urban concepts that make it a useful source for a more comprehensive analysis of the future needs of the Forest Drive/Eastport area. However, the final version study that must involve greater citizen and business interests, and a more serious and detailed consideration of the impact that will result from its adoption. In its present form is unacceptable.

Sincerely,



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