

# Pathways to Opportunity

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## A Community Development Agreement for the Purple Line Corridor

**WHEREAS**, the Maryland Purple Line project—a 16-mile, 21-station, light rail transit system between New Carrollton in Prince George’s County and Bethesda in Montgomery County—represents a historically significant community and economic development investment;

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Line will create temporary and permanent jobs, stimulate regional economic growth, strengthen communities, provide opportunities for economic empowerment, increase housing options, and produce a healthy and attractive physical environment;

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Line will provide new transportation options and enhance mobility in a highly congested region;

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Line presents opportunities to replace aging infrastructure, foster improvements in public health, and address issues of social justice in new and innovative ways;

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Line has the potential to benefit current and future residents, workers, businesses and property owners in Montgomery County, Prince George’s County, the State of Maryland, and the entire Washington metropolitan region;

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Line runs the risk of adversely displacing existing low- and middle-income residents and small businesses if policies and programs are not put in place;

**WHEREAS**, successfully capturing all of these benefits will require local governments, and civic, community, business, and anchor institutions to collaborate in unprecedented ways;


**NOW THEREFORE**, although the parties to this Community Development Agreement acknowledge that this Agreement imposes no legally binding obligations on any party, this Agreement represents a strong commitment by the involved parties to leverage this major transit investment to create a place of opportunity for all who live, work, and invest in the corridor through the collective pursuit of the following goals:

- **Diverse, locally established businesses prosper both during and after the construction period.**
- **Workers in the corridor are well-trained, grow in number, and are well-matched with employers in skills and location.**
- **Housing opportunities are available for people of all incomes in communities throughout the corridor, especially current low- and middle-income, and transit-dependent residents.**
- **Vibrant and sustainable communities enhance health, culture, and a sense of place.**

Toward these ends, we the undersigned pledge to pursue and annually review progress toward the goals, strategies, action items, and indicators set out in the “Pathways to Opportunity: Purple Line Corridor Action Plan” developed by residents, governments, businesses, and community, philanthropic, and academic organizations along the Purple Line Corridor over a multi-year period.

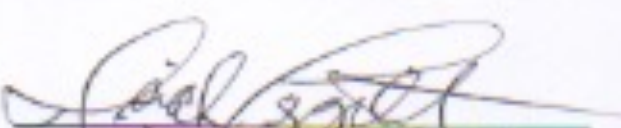
# Signatories to the Agreement

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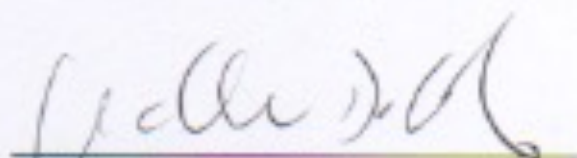
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Prince George's County, Maryland



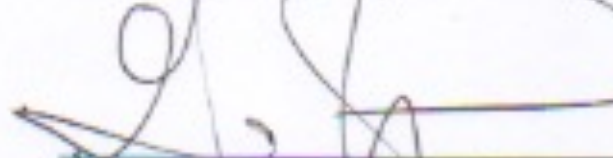
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Isiah Leggett, County Executive  
Montgomery County, Maryland



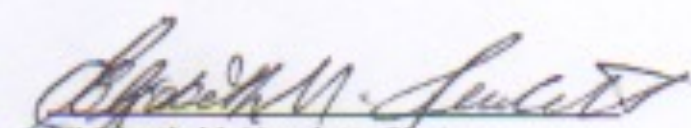
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Wallace Loh, President  
University of Maryland



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National Center for Smart Growth  
University of Maryland  
*Host for the Purple Line Corridor Coalition*



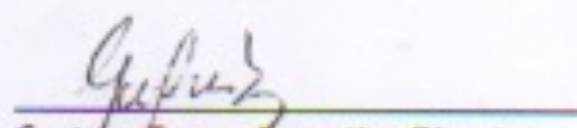
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Elizabeth M. Hewlett, Chair  
Prince George's County Planning Board  
Maryland National-Capital Park and Planning  
Commission




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Casey Anderson, Chair  
Montgomery County Planning Board  
Maryland National-Capital Park and Planning  
Commission



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Gustavo Torres, Executive Director  
CASA  
*Host for the Fair Development Coalition*



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David Bowers, Vice President and  
Mid-Atlantic Market Leader  
Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.

The signatories above represent organizations on the PLCC leadership team that have helped lead the process to create the Community Development Agreement and expect to have a significant implementation role, along with numerous other collaborating organizations.

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### **Purple Line Corridor Coalition Leaders:**

CASA, Host for the Fair Development Coalition

Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.

Maryland National-Capital Park and Planning Commission

Montgomery County, Maryland

National Center for Smart Growth, University of Maryland, host for the Purple Line Corridor Coalition

Prince George's County, Maryland

### **Elected Leaders**

City of Takoma Park Council Member Taisa Seracy

Maryland State Delegate Alonzo T. Washington, District 22

Montgomery County Council President Roger Berliner

Montgomery County Council Member Nancy Floreen

Montgomery County Council Member George Leventhal

Montgomery County Council Member Nancy Navarro

Montgomery County Council Member Hans Reimer

Prince George's County Council Member Dannielle Glaros

Prince George's County Council Member Deni Taveras

Town of Landover Hills Council – Jeffrey Schomisch

U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen, Maryland

U.S. Representative James Raskin, Maryland District 8

### **Municipalities**

City of College Park

City of Hyattsville

City of New Carrollton

City of Takoma Park

Town of Greenbelt

Town of Riverdale Park

Town of University Park

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## **Organizations**

Action Committee for Transit (ACT)

Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation (CKAR)

City First Enterprises

Coalition for Smarter Growth

Community Health & Empowerment through Education & Research

Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, Inc.

Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc.

Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC)

Maryland Building Industry Association

Maryland Center on Economic Policy

Maryland Milestones/Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc.

Maryland Small Business Development Center

Montgomery Housing Partnership, Inc.

National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB)

Northern Gateway CDC

Prince George's Advocates for Community-Based Transit

Prince George's County NAACP

Purple Line NOW

Purple Line Transit Partners, LLC

Purple Rail Alliance

Roswell HOA

Safe Silver Spring

Social Action Committee of Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

St. Camillus Church

Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority, Inc.

The Chevy Chase Land Company

(others in the works)