

Royce Hanson
Chair, Planning Board
Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Dear Mr. Hanson,

*It is with great frustration that I am writing to you to voice my opposition to the proposed building of an ezStorage facility in Sandy Spring. My family and I have lived in Maryland for over 20 years (in both Howard and Montgomery County) and have been affected by many Planning Board decisions based on a **flexible and subjective** "Master Plan." It has been my experience that almost all of the exceptions to zoning, preservation etc. favored and benefited the developers rather than the members of the community. There are always hearings but I believe that they are held just to satisfy the required approval guidelines. Regardless of the impact on the environment, nature of the community, roads, schools and services the proposals usually seem to be a done deal. Please understand that I am not anti-business nor anti-development as long as it does not negatively impact the overall community and its citizens. I believe that the ezStorage facility will do just that.*

It is my understanding that the board agrees that the ezStorage facility "fits" the Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan. I respectfully ask that you reconsider your position.

Sincerely,

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