

**CR 102-2016: Columbia Association Letter of Support**

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Council Chairman Ball and County Council Members:

Attached please find Columbia Association's letter of support for CR 102-2016 regarding Howard County's real property at Long Reach Village Center. Thank you.

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July 15, 2016

Dr. Calvin Ball, Chairman  
Howard County Council  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Chairman Ball and County Councilmembers:

Columbia Association is pleased to support Council Resolution 102-2016, permitting Howard County Government to sell its holding in the Long Reach Village Center. Reinvestment is needed for the Long Reach Village Center to continue to serve the community into the future and Council Resolution 102-2016 is an important step in the redevelopment process.

As the owner of two major facilities, the Art Center and Stonehouse, which provide civic functions in the Long Reach Village Center, Columbia Association has a vested interest in the long-term viability and vibrancy of the village center.

We look forward to working with Howard County government and the community on the plans for the redevelopment of the village center and to a future when a reimagined Long Reach Village Center will again serve the local community as a vibrant gathering place.

Sincerely,



Milton W. Matthews  
President/CEO

c: Valdis Lazdins, Director of Planning and Zoning