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CA Board of Directors
Lakey Boyd, CA President/CEO
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Dear Board Members,

The Oakland Mills Community Association was pleased when CA passed a one-time policy to invest village surplus FY21 revenue in excess of the 20 percent cash cap in environmental projects. We believe this was a responsible approach to using funds gained through the cap as environmental projects provide public benefit beyond their immediate area and over long periods of time if planned and executed properly. For example, addressing a runoff issue in one neighborhood contributes to improvement in sediment and flooding issues in streams and rivers that flow not only through Columbia, but through Howard County and into other jurisdictions.

Our Village Board is aware that the CA Board is considering altering the one-time policy for disposition of overage funds. We feel that the original policy of using the overage on an environmental project is a very appropriate use of the funds and encourage you to follow through with the original policy minus any alterations.

The Oakland Mills Village Board is collaborating with John McCoy to implement this CA policy to use the overage on an environmental project in the village. Mr. McCoy has presented one possible project to our Board, and our Board has asked him to prepare a list of all possible projects in the village for Board consideration. We are awaiting his response.

While there are many potential uses for excess revenue, we feel the CA Board made a wise decision and should stand by it. While we hope this one-time policy will not be altered, we also request that you alert us to any change in the policy before we commit to a project with Mr. McCoy.

Sincerely,

Jonathan L. Edelson, Chair
Oakland Mills Board of Directors