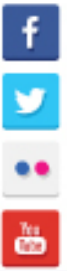


DISTRICT SIX NEWS



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A VERY GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL OF YOU! PROBABLY THE BEST AFTERNOON WE HAVE HAD IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY IN 50 YEARS!

I AM ALWAYS FOCUSED ON THE GREAT FUTURE OF OUR COUNTY, SO I AM ABSOLUTELY THRILLED ABOUT THE GREAT NEWS WE HAVE TO SHARE WITH YOU TODAY AS OUR FUTURE NOW STANDS ON THE EDGE OF BECOMING A VERY EXCITING REALITY.

AFTER A LOT OF PATIENCE AND INCREDIBLE PERSISTENCE, LEADERSHIP, FORESIGHT, AND CAREFUL PLANNING, WE WILL SOON BREAK GROUND ON A NEW HOSPITAL! THIS GREAT DAY BELONGS TO US.

IT BELONGS TO THOSE LEADERS WHO HAVE COME TOGETHER WITH A VISION AND ASPIRATION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION, AND REMAINED STAUNCHLY DEDICATED TO GETTING THE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER BUILT AND IMPROVING HEALTHCARE DELIVERY. NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TOOK. NO MATTER HOW HARD IT GOT.

THIS PARTNERSHIP IS AN AMAZING STORY OF CARING. I AM PROUD OF THE WORK OF THIS COUNCIL ON THIS CRITICAL PROJECT, AND ON BEHALF OF MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES, I EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO EACH OF THE STAKEHOLDER GROUPS REPRESENTED HERE TODAY.

THIS DAY BELONGS TO OUR RESIDENTS. THANK YOU FOR STANDING BY FOR THIS DAY. OUR WORK TOGETHER WILL INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION OF PRINCE GEORGIANS TO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES AND FIGHT WITH A PASSION FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THEIR COMMUNITY.

THE IMPACT OF THIS NEW FACILITY WILL BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY 'BEYOND THE BEYOND'; TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE WITH A STATE OF THE ART TEACHING HOSPITAL AND TRANSFORMING OUR ECONOMY WITH NEW JOBS, NEW BUSINESSES, THE CLOSURE OF A PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY, AND ULTIMATELY, THE END TO THE YEARS-LONG DEPENDENCY OF THE CURRENT HOSPITAL ON TAXPAYER DOLLARS.

THIS DAY IS PROFOUNDLY PERSONAL FOR ME. NOT JUST BECAUSE OF ITS IMPACT ON PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY OR THE STATE OF MARYLAND; BUT EVEN CLOSER TO HOME....BECAUSE OF ITS IMPACT ON THE PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES IN MY BELOVED DISTRICT SIX.

I AGREE THAT LARGO IS AN "EXCELLENT LOCATION CHOICE" FOR THIS HOSPITAL. WE ARE A COMMUNITY ON THE MOVE! AND THIS LONG AWAITED PROJECT IS JUST PART...A VERY BIG PART...OF AN EVEN LARGER REVITALIZATION PLAN.

SO AS WE PREPARE FOR THAT NEXT, GREAT CELEBRATION....THE GROUNDBREAKING...STAY FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND THIS COMMUNITY WHERE WE STAND--THERE IS SO MUCH MORE TO COME!

THANK YOU.