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February 25, 2018 Garry Meus, Urban Design Planner Coordinator 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: AHCA/AHHG FEB. 22, 2018 Lindsay Ford Team Meeting

Dear Mr. Meus,

Thank you so much for taking the time and making the effort to attend the Feb. 22nd discussions between the the representatives of the AHCA and AHGH Community organizations and the Lindsay Ford Team. Clearly, the development of a positive relationship between the Aspen Hill community and Lindsay Ford is as important to you as it is to us. We are convinced your presence at the meeting encouraged a fruitful dialogue. Thank you! During our discussions, we asked that you ensure the correct Montgomery County departments and employees receive copies of this letter endorsing Lindsay Ford's requests as described below:

The official address for Lindsay Ford should be Connecticut Avenue.

The Aspen Hill Road Entrance to the Lindsay Ford site should be used exclusively for authorized emergency vehicles and Lindsay Ford employees on assignment. Employees work-shift arrivals and departures will use the Connecticut Avenue Entrance.

Sidewalks should not be installed along the existing drive from the Aspen Hill Road sidewalk to the Lindsay Ford showroom or repair facility. The community is convinced sidewalks along this on-site drive will encourage the use of Aspen Hill Road as an entrance to the business. We agree with Lindsay Ford representatives that everything possible should be done to ensure customers use the premises' primary entrance off of Connecticut Avenue.

Thank you again for your support of our community, we are truly appreciative.

Sincerely,

Jane Ford Salzano President, Aspen Hill Civic Association Co-Chair Aspen Hill Homeowners Group

Cc. Michael Lindsay William Kominers Sent from my iPad

Aspen Hill Civic Association Aspen Hill, Maryland May 9, 2018

Mr. Garry Meus, Planner Coordinator Area 2 Division C/O M-NCPPC, Montgomery County Planning Board 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Lindsay Ford Dealership's Relocation

Dear Garry:

Regarding the relocation of the Lindsay Ford Dealership from Wheaton to Aspen Hill, the Aspen Hill Civic Association (AHCA) wants to thank you again for your diligence, commitment and efforts to ensure successful negotiations between our Association and the Lindsay Ford Dealership's staff. Your voluntary participation in our multiple evening meetings was unexpected and appreciated. Thank you!

As you know, at Mr. Lindsay's request, a small group representing the AHCA has met and has been communicating with Michael Lindsay and his staff since January 2018. The Lindsay Ford staff met with the entire community in November 2017 and again in early 2018. During those meetings, community members expressed significant reservations about accommodating a car dealership in what is predominantly a residential neighborhood. Moreover, the dealership's location is one church parking lot away (on Aspen Hill Road, approximately 100') from a completely residential, non-commercial neighborhood of single family homes.

Our discussions were respectful and cordial on both sides resulting in compromises and accommodations that worked for Lindsay Ford as well as the Aspen Hill community. The results of these negotiations include, but are not limited to:

- A Connecticut Avenue Post Office address;
- Customer and employee use of Connecticut Avenue as the primary entrance to the Lindsay Ford property;
- The restricted use of Aspen Hill Road supporting only emergency vehicles and Lindsay Ford on-task employees during business hours;
- A keyed gate on the Aspen Hill Road entrance ensuring the dealership patrons and employees will not add to Aspen Hill Road traffic issues;
- The removal of the sidewalk from Aspen Hill Road to the Lindsay Ford building;
- Increased landscaping along the southwest border of the property;
- A promise to exclude from their business options outdoor microphone use, widespread music, and loudspeaker announcements;
- Community availability of the dealership's conference room;
- The relocation indoors of large truck services;
- Lindsay Ford street side signage exclusive to Connecticut Avenue;
- A non-industrial looking fence and landscaping along Aspen Hill Road;

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- A promise not to use the public street for overflow dealership or customer parking; and
- A promise to discourage customers from using neighborhood streets for test drives.

Additionally, at the request of the AHCA committee during our final May 1st get-together, Lindsay Ford is considering:

- Extending the non-industrial looking fence around the corner on Aspen Hill Road between the dealership and the church parking lot, and
- Adjusting the parking lot lighting to further minimize light pollution, glare, spill and their impact on the residential neighbors' homes, and to reduce the environmental impact of 5000K color temperature lighting on pollinators and birds.

Conversations between the AHCA and Mr. Lindsay and his staff were frank and cordial. In appreciation of Mr. Lindsay's willingness to accommodate our community, we hope this letter will expedite the Lindsay Ford Dealership's planning process. Please be kind enough to share this letter with all the Montgomery County Councilmembers, the Planning Board members, and their respective staffs.

Sincerely,

Jane Salzano, President AHCA

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cc: Michael Lindsay William Kominers