

## Item 7 - Correspondence

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**Subject:** Update..with enclosure...-Re: Written Testimony for the 7/13/23 Pls. Bd. Hearing on Federal Plaza West  
**Date:** Friday, July 7, 2023 10:10:30 AM  
**Attachments:** [Fed. Plaza West Letter-From B. Lewis, Miramont Villas Condos Assoc..docx](#)

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Dear Sir/Madam:  
UPDATE-Here's the enclosure...I'm sorry for the delay.  
Thank you.  
Bruce Lewis

On Friday, July 7, 2023 at 10:08:21 AM EDT, [jazzy9667@aol.com](mailto:jazzy9667@aol.com) <[jazzy9667@aol.com](mailto:jazzy9667@aol.com)> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam: 7/7/23

Re: 7/13/23 Pls. Bd. Hearing on Federal Plaza West  
Sketch Plan: 320220100

Please find enclosed my written testimony concerning the planned building at Federal Plaza West. In a separate email, I will request to speak at this hearing, too.  
Thank you for considering my comments.  
Yours truly,  
Bruce Lewis  
Treasurer, Bd. member, Miramont Villas Condos Association  
encl.

**Notice of Application: 1776 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Md. 20852**  
**Re: Federal Plaza West, Sketch Plan: 320220100**  
**Prelim. Plan #: 120220140**

Montgomery County Planning Board

July 7, 2023

To: The Board:

My name is Bruce Lewis. I am a member of the Board of Directors, and Treasurer, of the Miramont Villas Condo Association, ("Association") which is adjacent to the Federal Plaza West building and parking lot. On behalf of the Association, I am sending you this letter.

Currently, there is a gate on the Federal Plaza West property which allows the public, including members of the Association, to walk between the Miramont Villas ("Villas") property and the Federal Plaza West property. I am sending you this letter requesting that this gate be preserved once the construction is completed for the new buildings at Federal Plaza West.

This gate now exists in the Villas parking lot, near the swimming pool, for pedestrian traffic crossing between the Villas and Federal Plaza West, so that people can walk to Trader Joe's and other stores in the Federal Plaza West property. Here are the reasons supporting my request:

First, this gate has been here for several years. We have relied on this gate entrance for many years. There are approximately 1,000 people served by this gate. (7 buildings in the Villas complex, 60 apartments each, plus people walking from the Jewish Community Center ("JCC"), which is adjacent to the Villas.) It is a great benefit to all these residents, and JCC users, to be able to walk to Trader Joe's, and other stores, rather than have to take more time and walk all the way to East Jefferson Street, and then all the way up to the stores at Federal Plaza West. This is an added burden to all these people.

Second, if we didn't have this open gate access, people may decide to drive over to these buildings, which would increase traffic, and increase the demand for parking spaces at Federal Plaza West.

Third, we have senior citizens, and disabled residents, living here, who would have to spend more time and effort to get to these stores if the gate wasn't open.

We would also like to have a temporary entrance there, i.e., a gate opened up to us, while construction is done, if that's possible. We request a temporary entrance, i.e., a gate, closer to Trader Joe's, during the construction phase of this project, if possible. If that's not possible, we request that the gate be reopened on a permanent basis, once the construction is done.

Thank you for considering my request. Together, we can help make the changes at Federal Plaza West a positive and useful change for all residents and users of this neighborhood.

Sincerely yours,

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