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Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2007 11:31 PM
To: Dagley, Tom
Cc: Firestine, Timothy; Hanson, Royce; Joyner, Carla; Crawford, Bruce
Subject: FW: Need For An Independent Investigation - Confidential

Tom, I have received your March 29th email to Mr. Tim Firestine, Dr. Royce Hanson, and me requesting an independent investigation of conduct by DPS and M-NCPPC employees.

By law, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) independently determines which issues it should investigate and which issues it should refer to another agency, such as the State's Attorney or the Attorney General. That is how OIG has operated from its inception.

It seems to me that OIG should operate in the same way with respect to the issue you are now raising. If an investigation is in fact warranted, I would expect both the Executive branch and M-NCPPC to cooperate with whatever agency conducts it.

Marilyn J. Praisner
Council President

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From: Dagley, Tom
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2007 7:06 PM
To: Firestine, Timothy; 'Royce.Hanson@mncppc-mc.org'; Praisner, Marilyn
Cc: Joyner, Carla; 'Crawford, Bruce'
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Tim Firestine, Chief Administrative Officer
Royce Hanson, Chairman, Planning Board
Marilyn Praisner, Council President

Pending issuance of a formal memorandum, I am using this email to request an independent investigation of credible allegations of improper conduct by MCG Department of Permitting Services (DPS) and MNCPPC employees brought to our attention over the past several months by Mr. Steve Kanstoroom.

I also recommend that DPS and MNCPPC consider the results of the independent investigation as part of any further County or State matters involving active site work on the Palmeiro property and contiguous Brigham property, Ashton, Maryland. I have concerns that employee breaches of ethical behavior may have occurred and, if so, the breaches continue to adversely affect development review and permitting decisions.

My request for an independent investigation is consistent with other similar requests, including a March 1, 2007 request by Delegate Herman L. Taylor, Jr. to MNCPPC General Counsel Adrian Gardner.

I request the opportunity to discuss the need for an independent investigation with you.

Tom

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