

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE
Mayor



THOMAS J. STOSUR
Director

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Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: FY15 Pimlico Area Local Impact Aid and Racetrack Impact Funds

Dear Mayor Rawlings-Blake:

As Chair of the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA), I hereby submit PCDA's recommendations regarding the City's proposed spending plan for FY 2015 Video Lottery Terminal (Slots) Revenue, released on December 4, 2013.

Prior to the release of the proposed spending plan, PCDA and the Planning Department held two public meetings to gather information about community priorities. I am pleased to say that PCDA finds the spending plan extremely responsive to the priorities expressed by the community and in neighborhood plans.

PCDA is pleased to see proposals that will make significant progress towards implementing the Park Heights Master Plan, including visible progress on Park Heights Avenue within the Major Redevelopment Area.

PCDA is also pleased that the percentage of funds allocated for human services was increased from 10% to 15%. To further support Park Heights human services, PCDA has determined that any FY15 Racetrack Impact Funds received will be allocated to human services, as recommended in the spending plan.

PCDA also supports the spending plan proposals for the 1-mile radius. The proposals are reflective of the priorities identified in neighborhood master plans and by community leaders and will improve the quality of life for neighborhood residents. PCDA recommends that at least 10% of any funds awarded to organizations conducting public safety activities, including citizens on patrol, must be dedicated to the completion of community relations and diversity training.

I hope you will give full consideration to PCDA's recommendations as you finalize the spending plan. The entire Greater Pimlico community looks forward to seeing the final spending plan and moving forward with implementation of the recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas J. Stosur". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Thomas J. Stosur
Chair, Pimlico Community Development Authority

cc: Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Deputy Chief, Economic and Neighborhood Development