



SOUTH BALTIMORE 7
UNITED COMMUNITIES

May 3, 2020

The Honorable Bernard C. "Jack" Young
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Mayor Young:

The **South Baltimore 7 (SB7) Community Coalition** would like to offer its support for the planned Middle Branch Fitness and Wellness Center, the entire site plan, the parking lot as noted in the map provided at your community meetings. Originally located within Cherry Hill proper, the center was moved to lower end of the community at the end of the Gwynns Falls Trail so that its reach extended beyond the Cherry Hill community could be more accessible to neighborhoods and entities that comprise the SB7 Community Coalition.

We, the SB7 Community Coalition, believe that our objective to support projects that will advance our communities, such as the new center, will help further transform the southern end our City and will provide assets critical to both the physical and emotional wellbeing to the surrounding communities. We feel that the resulting master plan for the site incorporates a large part of our of community ' s recreational needs. We hope that alternative means of transportation such as enhanced MTA bus service and/or a Circulator for the southern end of South Baltimore are provided for those in surrounding neighborhoods that would prefer not to drive or do not own personal transportation.

The **SB7 Community Coalition** is delighted to endorse the redevelopment of Reedbird Park and looks forward to the opening of the new Middle Branch Fitness and Wellness Center.

Thank you for time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Middleton, Chair
SB7 Community Coalition