

## THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Nick J. Mosby, President City Council City Hall, Suite 400 100 North Holliday St. Baltimore, MD 21202 August 13, 2021

Dear President Mosby,

On behalf of Maryland's 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District and are writing you in support of The League for People with Disabilities that is located in Baltimore City's Council District 3.

Due to incredible growth in programs that serve residents across all City districts, The League has come to us in the Legislature to support essential campus improvements and expansion. Over the past three legislative sessions we have been able to secure \$1.25M in State capital grants to help The League meet its mission of helping residents gain independence, increase their self-sufficiency and improve the quality of their lives.

One significant problem The League has and urgently needs to address is the lack of accessible parking due to the limited number of total spaces for vehicles on their current parking lot. There is simply not enough accessible space due to the number of clients, staff, visitors and League vans on the current lot. This is having a tremendous impact on the accessibility and visibility of our facility, and the resulting spillover into the surrounding community is not sustainable.

The League is a flagship institution – one that has been serving the Baltimore Community for 94 years. Their parking facilities have remained largely unimproved for the past 57 years at the Cold Spring Lane and the Alameda site and it is imperative that they be able to continue to develop their campus in order to carry out their important work.

The League has been a leader in the provision of accessible programing for residents with all types of disabilities and we feel they have a solution in hand that deserves the City's support. They purchased three dilapidated properties next to the facility and have plans to construct a parking lot for staff and League vehicles to free up space for clients (with and without disabilities) and visitors.

They have committed that the new lot will be built to meet or exceed all Baltimore City regulations including storm water management, sediment and erosion control, reforestation and other environmental engineering and landscaping considerations. This ensures that the final project will reflect environmental concerns as well as being an enhancement to the neighborhood where dilapidated houses previously stood.

The properties purchased by The League are zoned R<sub>5</sub>. This means that the Baltimore City Council and the Mayor must approved the conditional use for a parking lot.

We are coming to you united as the 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District Delegation and ask your support to pass any required City legislative action to approve the use of these properties

In partnership,

Senator Mary Washington, PhD District 43, Baltimore City

Chairwoman Maggie McIntosh District 43, Baltimore City

Delegate Regina T. Boyce District 43, Baltimore City

Delegate Curt Anderson District 43, Baltimore City