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Presents: Washington Adventist Hospital

Background:

In April 2018, both the City and representatives of Holy Cross Hospital sent letters to the Maryland Healthcare Commission in response to Adventist HealthCare's request to change their previously approved project and request an exemption from the Certificate of Need process. The request from Adventist HealthCare came as a great surprise in light of the previous (2015) Certificate of Need decision by the Commission. Copies of the letters are available below.

- [Takoma Park Letter to Maryland Health Care Commission regarding AHC's](#)
- [Request for Project Change After Certification \(April 10, 2018\)](#)
- [Holy Cross Letter to Maryland Health Care Commission regarding AHC's](#)
- [Request for Project Change After Certification \(March 29, 2018\)](#)

In response to community discussion and questions, staff prepared the following document to help the community understand the situation as it develops.

- [Washington Adventist Hospital Questions and Answers \(March 19, 2018\)](#)

As part of the relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital's main hospital to White Oak in Silver Spring, the hospital is required to maintain an urgent care facility at the Takoma Park campus, to be operated every day, 24 hours per day, beginning as soon as the hospital move takes place. The City and community has advocated for a Freestanding Medical Facility (stand-alone emergency department) on the Takoma Park campus. While Washington Adventist Hospital pledged to seriously consider requesting authorization to establish such a facility once State regulations were finalized, they have since determined that a freestanding medical facility is not financially feasible.

For more information, please see the blog piece: "[Hospital Considers Leaving Fewer Health Facilities in Takoma Park](#)", January 23, 2018.

Links & Notes

- [Maryland Health Care Commission Rules in Favor of Washington Adventist Hospital's Request to Move](#) (City Press Release, December 17, 2015)
- [Responses of Adventist Healthcare, Inc. to Exceptions of the Interested Parties and Participating Entity](#) (December 10, 2015)
- [Appeal by MedStar Montgomery Medical Center from Denial of Request for Evidentiary Hearing](#) (December 2, 2015)
- [City of Takoma Park Comments on the Reviewing Commissioner's Recommended Decision](#) (December 2, 2015)
- [Holy Cross Hospital of Silver Spring's Exceptions to Recommended Decision Approving the Modified Con Application Proposing The Replacement of Washington Adventist Hospital](#) (December 2, 2015)
- [Exceptions of Interested Party, MedStar Montgomery Medical Center, to Reviewer's Recommendation Decision](#) (December 2, 2015)

Links to Newsletter Articles

May 2007 – ["Hospital Headed for White Oak"](#)

December 2010 – ["Adventists Plan Sports and Fitness Center"](#)

July 2011 – ["Council Registers Concern Over Hospital Move"](#)

December 2011 – ["City, Hospital Await Decision on Move"](#)

October 2012 – ["Adventist Hospital Moved Delayed by Recommendation for Denial"](#)

September 2013 – ["Community Clinic Brings Services to WAH Property"](#)

December 2013 – ["Public Hearing Explores Hospital Move"](#)

October 2014 – ["Washington Adventist Hospital Emergency Facility Unlikely"](#)

March 2015 – ["City Weighs In on Hospital Move"](#)

December 2015 – ["Recommended Decision Issued on Hospital Move"](#)
