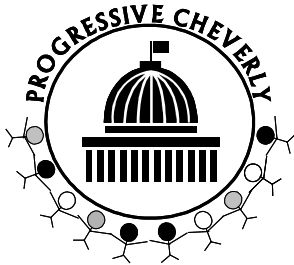


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**Testimony to public
hearing on the location for
the new regional medical
center – 2/28/13**

Public hearing sponsored by the University of Maryland Medical System, the State of Maryland, Prince George's County and Dimensions Healthcare System.

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To: County Executive Rushern Baker and others:

Thank you for holding this hearing and allowing for community input.

The planning, siting, and design of this regional medical center must be tied to a vision for the future of this County. We at Progressive Cheverly believe that this vision should include at least the following:

- 1) **The new regional medical center should serve as the hub for developing a world class integrated health care system.** Therefore, wherever the hospital is located it must take this into consideration. We are not just building a hospital; we see this hospital as an opportunity to look at developing a county-wide system that in addition to an acute care facility with a trauma center inpatient and outpatient services, also includes a program of integrated health promotion, disease prevention and primary care including community-based care/clinics, community outreach programs and relationships with other private primary care providers, specialists and other hospitals.
- 2) **The location of the new hospital must be seen as part of a county-wide economic development plan that promotes strong growth while building liveable, financially sustainable communities.** This means connecting a hospital center to a larger mixed-use environment where people can work, shop and live, which will attract and retain highly sought-after skilled healthcare workers, as well as benefiting local residents. This also means that the hospital should be located at a metro station that also offers frequent bus/shuttle service and easy access to the Beltway to maximize accessibility for patients and staff. Locating at a Metro station will help realize the goal of expanding transit oriented development, creating jobs for Prince George's residents both at the facility and at other ancillary businesses that are sure to follow. Although building at a metro site may cost more upfront, it should be evident from other metro sites in the region that have supported substantial transit oriented development, that in the long-run it will be more economically beneficial.
- 3) **The location of the new hospital must be seen as central to a strong, sustainable environmental plan which includes reduced transportation costs, greater energy efficiency, and**

regulated air quality and storm water management. By placing the hospital at a metro site, we are reducing the need for cars and expanding the use of mass transit.

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