

March 13, 2009

Mayor Sheila Dixon
100 N. Holliday St.
Baltimore, Maryland 21203

Dear Mayor Dixon:

On behalf of Keswick, I am writing to thank you for offering us a window of opportunity in which to explore revisions to our proposed CCRC project. You and other elected City officials have been most helpful with suggestions and recommendations as to how we might work with the community to engage in open dialogue.

We brought this project forward to continue our mission to serve seniors in the community, most particularly in Baltimore City. In order to move the project forward a Planned Unit Development (PUD) is required for a multi-care living facility to be built on the Baltimore Country Club property. We have been advised by the appropriate individuals that the requested PUD ordinance will not be introduced into the Baltimore City Council for consideration and therefore the project cannot move forward. With this latest information and the significant opposition to our project from the neighborhood we now see that it is not possible for us to achieve our goal. Keswick wants to be a good neighbor and continue to provide services in Baltimore City. To do so requires that we recognize and acknowledge the wishes of our community.

To this end, we respectfully withdraw from pursuing this project. We extend our best regards to the Roland Park Civic League, Roland Park Community, and City officials who worked with us through this process.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bowerman
Chief Executive Officer

cc:

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