

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND  
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-62**

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE WALDORF SITE  
SELECTED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES FOR  
CONSTRUCTION OF A REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER**

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2012, the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services (“DJS”) announced its intent to acquire property described as Charles County Tax Map 8, Parcel 12, Lot 5 of the Acton Lane Industrial Park in Waldorf for the construction of a regional juvenile detention facility, and

WHEREAS, the proposed site for the facility in Waldorf has generated widespread local opposition to the project, expressed over the past year in nearly unanimous testimony by numerous witnesses at public meetings and hearings organized by DJS; and

WHEREAS, the proposed site for the facility is located in close proximity to three residential neighborhoods known as White Oak Village, Meadows at White Oak, and Idlewood Trailer Park, and for the past year numerous residents and representatives of these and other Charles County communities have consistently expressed their concerns and opposition to the proposed location of the facility in Waldorf; and

WHEREAS, the proposed location for the facility does not meet the site selection criteria established by DJS, expressing a preference for sites which are not in close proximity to residential or industrial areas; and

WHEREAS, the proposed location for the facility also does not meet the site selection criteria emphasizing the importance of access to the necessary utility infrastructure, specifically “access to public water and sewer,” and the adjacent sewage collection system capacity needed for the proposed facility does not currently exist; and

WHEREAS, DJS has not demonstrated to the Charles County Commissioners that the adjoining roadways providing access to the proposed site are adequate to support the subject facility; and

WHEREAS, the Charles County Commissioners are pursuing the goal of bringing fixed-route, high-capacity mass transit to Waldorf, and the location of a juvenile detention center within a half-mile from the future Acton light rail transit station and 500 yards from the Waldorf Urban Design area would not be compatible with the County’s strategy of encouraging private sector investment in walkable, mixed-use, transit-oriented development and redevelopment in this area of Waldorf, and

WHEREAS, during the review and evaluation of 121 potential sites for this facility, it appears that DJS did not give sufficient consideration to the opportunity to co-locate the juvenile detention center near other existing State facilities in the region, such as the Southern Maryland Pre-Release Unit in Charlotte Hall, where suitable adjacent land is available for purchase; and

WHEREAS, the proposed site for the facility in Waldorf is located only nine (9) miles from the existing Cheltenham Youth Facility in Prince George's County, and is therefore not centrally-located in the four-County Region V service area composed of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Charles County and the members of the Charles County Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly requested in December, 2011 that DJS reject the Waldorf location and explore other sites for the facility; and

WHEREAS, it is very unusual, perhaps unprecedented, for a State cabinet agency to select the site for a State facility in Southern Maryland over the objections and concerns of the elected leaders of the affected community and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, DJS has announced that by September 1, 2012 it will proceed to negotiate the purchase of the proposed site in Waldorf, and then seek approval of the contract for purchase of the property from the Maryland Board of Public Works;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Charles County Commissioners hereby express our opposition to the Department of Juvenile Services' selection of the Acton Lane Industrial Park site in Waldorf for the construction of a regional juvenile detention center; and further

THAT the Charles County Commissioners request the assistance of the Charles County Delegation in taking appropriate measures to secure the State's rejection of this site; and further

THAT the Charles County Commissioners request that Governor Martin O'Malley, Treasurer Nancy Kopp, and Comptroller Peter Franchot, both individually and sitting as the Maryland Board of Public Works, reject the proposed site for a regional juvenile detention center in Waldorf, and further request the disapproval of any contract this is presented to the Board of Public Works for consideration of the purchase of the property at this location; and further

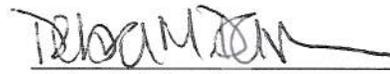
THAT in addition to the above officials, copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, the Secretary of the Department of General Services, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the Chairmen of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, for their urgent attention.

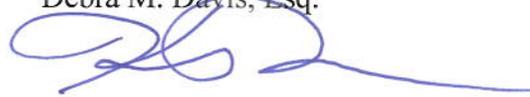
ADOPTED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2012

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

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