A Resolution Supporting the Construction of a New Parking Lot

WHEREAS the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the governing body for all on-campus students, and

WHEREAS the RHA has priority influence regarding issues within the Department of Transportation Services (DOTS) through the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and

WHEREAS the construction of the Purple Line has been delayed indefinitely, and

WHEREAS the construction of Cole Field House, among other projects, will cause resident sophomores and freshmen to lose on-campus parking in Fall 2017, and

WHEREAS the proposed lot will provide roughly 1,000 spaces, thus supplying on-campus parking for at least all resident sophomores as early as Spring 2018, and

WHEREAS the proposed site for the lot is a floodplain, prohibiting the future construction of any buildings on that area, and

WHEREAS the proposed site has a creek, flora, and indigenous wildlife, and

WHEREAS while the Director of DOTS David Allen, his department, and TAC recognize and understand the environmental impact, they have decided to prioritize immediate student need,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that RHA provides its full support in the construction of a new lot running parallel to Paint Branch Road, north of the existing Lot 4j, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that RHA, through the means of TAC and the Sustainability Committee of Maryland (SCOM), will continuously works to ensure DOTS proceeds with construction with minimal environmental impact, including the use of porous asphalt and possible use of solar panels, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that RHA, through TAC, will continue to support and work with DOTS in the construction of this new lot.

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