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Mr. Kevin Young
President, Berwyn District Civic Association
By Email: president@myberwyn.org

Dear Kevin:

First, please accept my apology for the length of time it has taken to respond to your letter dated March 12, 2013. I very much appreciate your writing to express your disappointment that Berwyn was left out of the proposed concurrent police jurisdiction. We have reallocated funds to allow the hiring of five new police officers. While a good number, five is not enough to extend the police concurrent jurisdiction to Berwyn. The City of College Park is looking into the possibility of obtaining State or other funds to install more cameras. If/when that happens, we may be able to further extend police concurrent jurisdiction.

The good news is that Berwyn is included in the extension of the University's Code of Student Conduct. The Code extension was passed by the University Senate on May 3, 2013, and it does not have set boundaries. Therefore, it will cover all of the communities surrounding the University. We hope to have some of our staff attend a City Council meeting this summer to explain our Code of Student Conduct and the process for referring students to the Conduct Office. This should allay some of the community concerns that Berwyn will become a "free conduct zone" to which all the parties will move.

We look forward to learning the results of the City's planned exploration of special taxing districts and/or State funds to defray some of the costs of cameras and other costs associated with the further expansion of concurrent police jurisdiction. Thank you again for writing, and please feel free to continue to stay in touch with my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wallace D. Loh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W" and a stylized "Loh".

Wallace D. Loh
President