



## GREENBELT HOMES, INC.

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Dear Member,

The Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes Inc. was briefed by the Legislative and Government Affairs Committee on February 15, 2018 about the proposed Superconducting Magnetic Levitation (SCMAGLEV) project. After discussion that evening, the Board voted to take the position of **supporting the “No Build” option**. This “No Build” option is one of three options which will be described below. The Board of Directors has taken this position because, while some of the route will be underground, construction impacts and accessory structures (i.e., tunnel access, ventilation shafts, and power facilities) will negatively impact our cooperative and historic community. This position is consistent with the City of Greenbelt’s letter of October 24, 2017.

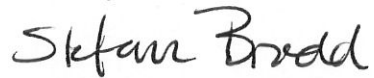
For background, the SCMAGLEV is a high-speed train that would travel over 300 miles per hour between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore with a stop at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport. The proposed plan is to continue to New York City. Most of the proposed project is to be underground while a portion would be above ground on guideways. The proponents have stated that they prefer to have as much above ground as possible to reduce costs. Maps for the proposed project can be found in a Legislative and Government Affairs report on [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop).

The MAGLEV project is currently in the “Environmental Impact Statement” (EIS) stage. This stage includes evaluating potential impacts from a variety of sources including noise, vibration, construction, land takings, wetlands, wildlife, and historic sites. A decision by the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Federal Railroad Administration to proceed will not be made until the EIS is completed, which is currently scheduled for December 2019. During this time, our Legislative and Government Affairs Committee will continue to collaborate with the City of Greenbelt and groups such as the City of Bowie, Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition, and the Glenn Dale Citizens Association in advocating the board’s position. These other entities have also chosen to support the “No Build” option.

The EIS is considering three options. Two of these options follow the east or west side of the Baltimore/Washington Parkway. The western alignment would more negatively impact GHI-owned land from construction and accessory structures (i.e., tunnel access, ventilation shafts, and power facilities). The Board of Directors also has concerns about the impact of this route on woodlands owned by GHI and the City of Greenbelt. The third option, the “No Build” option, would not impact GHI land. For more details on these and other issues, please review the Legislative and Government Affairs Committee report on [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop).

Again, the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes Inc. has chosen to support the “No Build” option within the SCMAGLEV Environmental Impact Statement. If you would like more information on how to support this position, including a list of elected officials, go to [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop).

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stefan Brodd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'S' at the beginning.

Stefan Brodd, Vice President on behalf of  
Steve Skolnik, President  
Greenbelt Homes Inc.