







Mayor & City Council Annual Report FY 2019

## **NEW STAFFING**



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – CINDY STEWART** 

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#### **DEPUTY DIRECTOR – RYAN GANDY**

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## REDI BOARD



























Ahmed Ali – President and Founder **Tista Science and Technology Corporation** 

Richard Alvarez – President Brand Development Brand Institute

Becky Briggs – Founder OurGiftBiz

Scot Browning – President Capital Bank

Angela Chaney – Partner, Tax Services – Aaronson LLC

Dale Cyr – CEO and Executive Director Inteleos

Jennifer Hester - Vice President Human Resources EMMES

Dr. Kimberly Kelley – Vice President and Provost, Rockville Campus Montgomery College

Craig Kwiecinski – Partner/Senior Consultant The Caliguiri Group

Paul Newman – Associate Director (retired) Westat and Chair of the Board

Jose Ochoa – Chief Business Officer Altimmune

Todd Pearson – Senior Vice President B.F. Saul Company

Susan Prince – Lead Communications and Outreach Strategist The MITRE Corporation at NCCoE

Nancy Regelin – Partner Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker

Morgan Sullivan – Managing Director Jones Lang LaSalle

Bridget Donnell Newton – Mayor City of Rockville

Rob DiSpirito – City Manager City of Rockville

Marji Graf – President/CEO Rockville Chamber of Commerce

Carla Merritt – Senior Business Development Maryland Department of Commerce

Bill Tompkins – Chief Operations Officer Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation

## Rockville Business Leaders

## **BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT**



### REDI BOARD COMMITTEES

Executive

**Finance** 

**Education/Workforce** 

Marketing

**Small Business Impact Fund** 

Ad Hoc Hiring

## INPUT ON CITY TOPICS

- School Capacity Task Force
- Economic Development Element/2040
   Comprehensive Plan
- Technical Assistance Panel for the Urban Land Institute
- Wayfinding Signage
- King Farm Farmstead Property RFI Red Gate Golf Course
- Creative Industries as a Targeted Industry Sector
- Parking in Rockville Town Center



## **BUSINESS ATTRACTION**









### MOVE/EXPANSION INCENTIVE FUND

Dan Ryan Builders – Headquarters

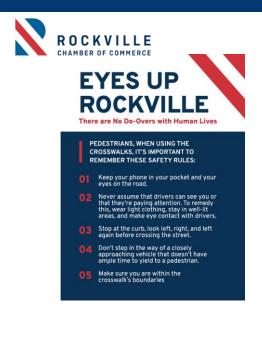
OJC Consulting – French Software Company
Innovative Cellular Therapeutics – Chinese Technology/Lab Space

- Biohealth
- IT & Cybersecurity
- Financial Services
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Government Contracting & Related Services
- Entrepreneurs & Entrepreneurial Support
- Creative Industries
- Retail



# BUSINESS RETENTION

Workforce Amenities
Small Business Impact Fund
Traffic Safety
Town Center Vibrancy
Local Tourism
<a href="https://www.kockvilleParking.com">www.kockvilleParking.com</a>
Why Rockville Video Campaign





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Retain and Create Jobs
Retain and Expand Key Businesses
Encourage Positive Social Impact
Support Business To Community Engagement

## **Support Local**

## SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS





- 78 New Business Starts
- 1,076 Jobs created/Retained
- \$2 million in Capital







#### Rockville Pop-Up Shop Highlights Four Women-Owned Businesses

Store will be open at Town Square for three weeks

BY CHARLIE WRIGHT| Published: 2019-05-10 12:52

Just in time for Mother's Day, a popup shop combining four womenowned businesses opened at Rockville Town Square on Thursday.

Venezuelan chocolatier Arcay
Chocolates, skin-care product
company Aroma by Anette, pet
supplies outlet Durango Dog Co. and
women's clothing producer Saints
Valley Shop are sharing a space at









## STRATEGIC PLANNING

### Vision

Rockville is a welcoming, diverse community with a strong workforce

#### Mission

Change the perception that Rockville is not business friendly

#### JONES LANG LASALLE RESEARCH

- Importance of research data for decision making
- Trend that companies locate near desired workforce
- Proximity to bio and health focused agencies and educational institutions makes us a top place for biohealth and tech/cyber
- Rockville population 17% millennials/ DC 34%
- Look at displacement opportunities



### Focus on the Future

## ROCKVILLE REAL ESTATE

REDI Report Ryan Gandy, REDI Deputy Director



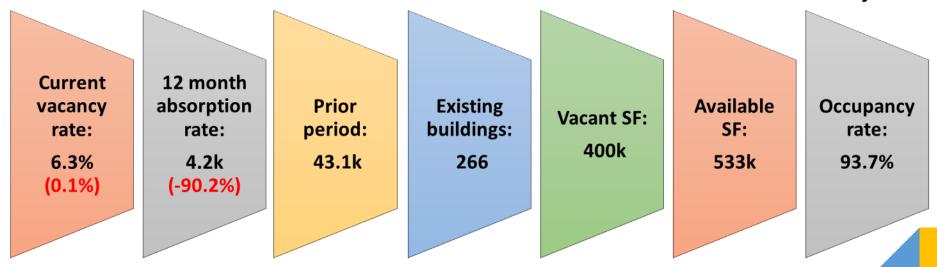
### State of the Current Market

# Commercial Office

Office Type	Vacancy Rate	12/mo Absorption Rate	Prior Period Absorption Rate	Existing Buildings	Vacant SF	Available SF	Occupancy Rate
Α	14.4% (-1.1%)	162k (-57%)	377k	89	2M	3M	85.6%
В	13.3% (0.3%)	75.1k (-197.4%)	77.1k	202	1.4M	1.7M	86.7%
С	11.5% (1.7%)	44.6k (-154.5%)	17.5k	142	300k	390k	88.5%

# Industrial Properties

- While the office sector plays a substantial role in the local economy, the Industrial sector is also significant in its role of creating higher than average jobs per business from both a regional and national perspective (JLL Market Report - April 2019)
- The industrial sector has a business multiplier of 4, which indicates that each industrial business that opens in Rockville creates 3 other non-industrial business.
- The industrial sector has an employment multiplier of 2.36, which indicates that each industrial job that Rockville attracts or creates then creates another 1.36 non-industrial jobs.



# Rockville pricing & the millennial population

- Despite the lower asking rents in the city of Rockville, millennials have demonstrated a willingness to pay more for additional amenities and convenience
- Millennials comprise around 17% of Rockville's population compared to around 35% for DC
- JLL recommends more amenity options for Class A multifamily housing for Rockville to continue attracting the millennial population
- As older millennials transition from renters to homeowners, the city of Rockville becomes more attractive as the barrier to entry is lower compared to other suburban markets
  - Average 3 bedroom townhome in Rockville is \$535k
  - Average 4 bedroom detached house is \$581k

## LOOKING FORWARD

#### **GOALS**

- Market Rockville
  - business friendly location
  - available ready workforce
  - desirable environment to attract employees
- Strengthen conversation
  - between business and educational institutions
  - between CEO level/senior executives
  - With local businesses to develop relationships and provide support
- Gather and communicate data useful to businesses making location decisions
- Assist City to strengthen environment for workforce
  - Support selected ULI recommendations
  - Support renovation of the Rockville Station metro
  - Support locating cultural institutions in Rockville
  - Support locating a downtown anchor





# THANK YOU!



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