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Dear Corcoran Community:

Good afternoon! Since our [April 3 announcement](#) of the proposed partnership with the University of Maryland, both our institutions have been exploring new ideas on how we can work together in a dynamic and collaborative way.

I am delighted to report on the progress we have made.

To date, we have formed:

- A task force comprising leaders from both UMD and the Corcoran
- Many Corcoran and UMD working groups from both the College and the Gallery
- Several Corcoran and UMD operation teams to determine areas for achieving economies of scale
- A facilities and master planning process, with both UMD leaders and the Corcoran curatorial and facilities teams, for a renovation for the Seventeenth Street building

As we work out the terms of the UMD partnership, Corcoran Chairman Harry Hopper, the Trustees, and I remain committed to safeguarding the legacy and reputation of our institution and to promoting the vitality and sustainability of our passion for art, design, and education. We are incredibly thankful for your continued support of the Corcoran as a member, and we look forward to an exciting year of exclusive member events, engaging public programs, and national-caliber exhibitions.

If you would like to share your ideas on the planning or implementation of this partnership, please don't hesitate to e-mail me at [director@corcoran.org](mailto:director@corcoran.org). Thank you again for your enthusiasm and support. Getting to know you and the Corcoran community as we begin this adventure together has been such a great pleasure, and I sincerely look forward to the creative work we will engage in these coming weeks.

Best regards,

Peggy