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Choose Civility to Host Maryland's first *The Longest Table*
to Connect and Build Community Through Conversations

*We provide the dinner; you provide the conversation.*

ELLICOTT CITY, MD-- *The Longest Table*, a first of a kind event for Maryland, will be held on
Wednesday, June 28 from 6 to 8 pm on the grounds of Howard County Community College
(HCCC) located at 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia. *The Longest Table* is a unique
endeavor where up to 350 participants will gather to share a meal and conversation with new
acquaintances to discover common ground and build a better community.

*The Longest Table* organizers seek to bring people together from across Howard County for
facilitated discussions in a welcoming environment that purposely places people with friends
they’ve not yet met. Table runners with questions relevant to the community will serve as
collection starters to encourage dialogue that will foster new relationships.

The premiere of *The Longest Table* is being held in conjunction with Columbia’s 50th birthday to
embrace Jim Rouse's original vision for the planned community to be a welcoming place for
people of all backgrounds. *The Longest Table* celebrates that vision and will encourage guests to
talk about what it means to be a community and how to move forward over the next 50 years.

Tickets for the event are $15 each for adults (limit 2/adult) and $10 each for high school and
college students (limit 1/student). In case of rain the event will move inside to HCC's Cafe on
the Quad.

Tickets, menu, and more information available at [thelongesttablemd.eventbrite.com](http://thelongesttablemd.eventbrite.com).

*The Longest Table* is presented in partnership with Downtown Columbia Arts and Culture
Commission, Howard County Community College, Howard County Chamber of Commerce,

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Howard County Economic Development Authority, Howard County Government #OneHoward, Howard County Library System, Howard Hughes Corporation, and Leadership Howard County. Promotional partners include Columbia Association and Downtown Columbia Partnership.

Event sponsors include Downtown Columbia Arts and Culture Commission, Howard County Community College, Institute of Museum and Library Services, Columbia 50th Birthday Celebration, Friends of Howard County Library, System, Howard County Government #OneHoward, United Way, BrightView, and Columbia Association.

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