



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Written Testimony for Council Bill No. ____ (General Plan Amendment 2021-01)

To: Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, Department of Administration

From: Amy Gowan, Director
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AG

Date: May 27, 2021

The Department of Planning and Zoning supports Council Bill No. -2021. This bill allows a two year timeline extension to a General Plan amendment as adopted in Council Bill No. 59-2018. CB59 amended the 2030 General Plan by adjusting the Planned Service Area (PSA); Growth Tier Map; and Designated Place Type for approximately 61 acres of land consisting of two adjoining parcels located in Clarksville for the purposes of establishing a Community Enhancement Floating District for Erickson Living.

The final version of CB 59 contained provisions that would cause the approved General Plan amendments to become null and void if certain conditions that required Zoning Board approval were not met on or before October 6, 2021. As the Zoning Board continues their proceedings into this calendar year, an extension may be needed to ensure there is adequate time prior to October 6, 2021 for the Zoning Board to complete deliberations and issue a Decision & Order.

Therefore, Erickson Living submitted a petition to the Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) on March 4, 2021 requesting this extension. DPZ prepared a Technical Staff Report and the Planning Board held a public meeting on April 15, 2021. The Board voted in support (5-0) of this General Plan Amendment.

Fiscal Impact Analysis:

This legislation will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Planning and Zoning's operations, revenues or expenses. While there will be fiscal impacts associated with the Erickson development project, it is too early to determine them since the project, and the enhancement associated with it, has not yet been approved.

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