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Doug Perkins - CB9/CB16 Testimony

PK

Pruim, Kimberly

Today, 10:57 AM

Ball, Calvin B; Calvin Ball <philosopherpoet2@yahoo.com>; Bailey, Na +2 more

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CB16-2017

Doug Perkins called to offer testimony on both CB 9 and CB16. Here's a summary of his testimony:

- CB9. He requests Calvin to override the County Executive's veto. He thanked CB for sponsoring the legislation and would like him to continue supporting. Hopes that the rest of the Council will also vote to override
- CB16. Opposes. Talked about development in West Friendship and housing concerns. Said that if Mr. Kittleman owns property and if it impacted, that would be a conflict of interested. Said he tried calling the CE's office (and DPZ) to get an answer of whether any of the Executive's property or his family/relative's would be impacted by legislation but hasn't received a response back or any information.
 - Mr. Perkins also noted there are environmental concerns. There are areas out in the west that are classified by the State as "Tier 2" streams, which are some of the healthiest. If we permit development and housing to be built on Tier 2 streams, that means pollution will go straight into these streams.

Kimberly Pruim
Special Assistant to Vice Chairperson Calvin Ball
Howard County Council, District 2
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Please protect the Bay and vote no on CB16

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Today, 10:52 AM

CouncilMail

CB16-2017

Dear Council Members,

Thank you for your work to protect Howard County and all of its residents. Please remember that charge when you consider how to vote on CB 16, which would cause further stresses on our county resources and especially our soil and water quality. With the current federal plans to cut Chesapeake Bay funding by as much as 95%, the original reason for keeping western county land in rural zoning is more crucial than ever. Adding to the burdens of our water supply, including to the burdens of people who try to make their livings on the Bay, would always be a bad idea. Now, with the impending strangulation of Bay water quality funding protections, we must not add to the problems by allowing housing development on these important rural acres.

If there are ways to help the farm owners with additional tax breaks or some other support, that could be considered. But we must keep in mind the larger issue of maintaining a sustainable environment for everyone, now and in the future. Housing developments would cause a permanent burden and open the floodgates to more such actions, incessantly into the future—a potential disaster for the Bay and for our local economy.

Please vote no on CB 16!

Thank you. Julie

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CB-16

CM

Cathy Marron <camarron@comcast.net>

Today, 10:00 AM

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CB16-2017

Hello,

I live in zip code 21046. Please vote no on CB-16!

Regards,

Catherine Marron

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CB16-2017

Nick Yancich <nicholasyancich@hotmail.com>

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Wed 3/1, 12:40 PM

CouncilMail

Dear Councilmembers,

I do not support the proposed changes to PlanHoward 2030 that will allow major residential subdivisions in the most rural areas of the county. Allowing hundreds of new houses on septic systems in areas dominated by farmland, forest, and open space is contrary to the core principle of PlanHoward 2030: Sustainability.

Major residential developments on septic systems pollute local waters, fragment agricultural and forest land, undermine agri-business, and burden local governments with disproportionately high costs for providing services. This kind of development is environmentally and economically unsustainable.

I urge you to reject the proposed changes to PlanHoward 2030 and maintain the protections that limit residential development in areas dominated by farmland, forest, and open space to minor subdivisions. Howard County has long been a leader in smart, sustainable growth, and we should continue to lead.

Nick Yancich
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Today's vote on CB16

BW Barbara Winter Watson <bwinterwatson@gmail.com> Reply all |
Yesterday, 1:05 PM
Weinstein, Jon; CouncilMail

CB16-2017

Dear Councilmember Weinstein,

I have been an environmental consultant working with private sector clients for three decades.

I have been a resident of your district for 20 years.

Based on my professional experience and my day-to-day responsibilities as a resident of our great county, I strongly urge you to vote against CB16.

The proposed changes will have both measurable and qualitative negative impacts on our local environment and economic health.

I am concerned that we do not have the financial resources to provide the necessary infrastructure to support increased development in western Howard County.

If we are to continue to work towards saving the Bay, we need to be vigilant in controlling and preventing nitrogen pollution: this is not possible if we expand the number of septic systems in the county.

I support farming in Howard County with my pocketbook and actively encourage others to do the same.

My son works on a farm in another state, and I am aware of the complex challenges facing small farmers. However, without the budget resources to properly address and safely manage roads, schools, and other county services, we are jeopardizing the quality of life for our citizens.

Please, look beyond the short-term gains of development in western Howard County and craft alternative legislation that supports our farmers while preserving the environment and building a more sustainable future for everyone in the county.

Respectfully,

Barbara Watson

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No on CB-16

Leah And Mike <leahandmike28@gmail.com>

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Yesterday, 1:16 PM

CouncilMail

I am writing to urge you to vote no on CB-16 tonight. Your no vote is critical for protection of Howard County's high value waterways.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,
Leah Miller
10873 Braeburn Rd
Columbia, MD 21044

MBIA Support for CB16 - Tier Maps

J james.m.fraser.pe@gmail.com on behalf of James Fraser <jamie@i-s-land.co

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MBIA Letter of Support...

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Action Items

Council Members,

As a follow-up to our letter of support for the Tier Legislation bill (below and attached) and on behalf of MBIA's members, I would like to request that the bill be tabled for 30 days if there is a feeling that it cannot be passed tonight in its current form.

It has recently come to our attention that there may be some specific concerns with the bill and we would very much appreciate an opportunity (and a little time) to more fully understand those concerns because we believe amendments can be made to fully address them and achieve a final draft that would be acceptable to all stakeholders.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to have an opportunity to continue working with you to refine this bill over the next couple of weeks if it cannot be passed tonight.

As always, please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
- Jamie

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President, Howard County Chapter

On Mon, Feb 20, 2017 at 12:22 PM, Joshua Greenfeld <jgreenfeld@marylandbuilders.org> wrote:

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard County Council:

Please find attached a letter of support for CB16-2017, which restores property rights to 36 properties in the Rural West, that have major subdivision potential, consistent with legislation passed by this County Council in 2012 as Council Bill 37-2012. In all this bill restores property rights to 36 parcels with the potential to create 215 additional housing units.

In recent years, the County's growth, both residential and commercial, has not kept pace with its PlanHoward 2030 goals. It is vital the County continues to grow and gets back on track to meet its PlanHoward goals to provide residents with the economic opportunities and public services they want and need. Allowing roughly 200 additional housing units in the Rural West will help create the housing stock necessary to attract businesses and their employees to help reach the County's growth goals. The MBIA urges you to support this legislation.

Thank you for your support of this legislation and the home building industry in Howard County.

If you have any questions about these comments and would like to discuss our position further, please do not hesitate to contact me at jgreenfeld@marylandbuilders.org or [443.515.0025](tel:443.515.0025).

Best regards,

Josh Greenfeld, Esq.

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February 21, 2017

Re: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CB16 – TIER MAPS

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard County Council:

The MBIA writes in support of CB16-2017, which restores property rights to 36 properties in the Rural West, that have major subdivision potential, consistent with legislation passed by this County Council in 2012 as Council Bill 37-2012.

In all, this legislation restores property rights to 36 parcels and creates the potential to add only 215 housing units if every property were developed to its maximum capacity. The County has preserved 22,000 acres in the Rural West over the past 35 years and has already met its PlanHoward 2030 agricultural preservation goals. This legislation will not adversely impact the County's agricultural preservation goals in any way. Additionally, it is highly unlikely every property will be developed to its full potential due to environmental features like steep slopes, wetlands and septic requirements as well as the likelihood that some of these property owners will sell their development rights through the Density Exchange Option. Finally, the pace of development will continue to be governed by the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) ensuring growth does not outpace any added strained on public facilities.

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Best regards,

Josh Greenfeld, Vice President of Government Affairs

Cc: County Executive Allan Kittleman
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Councilmember Jen Terrassa
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Oppose CB16-2017

Alexandra Hursky <alexandraohursky@yahoo.com>

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Yesterday, 6:11 PM

CouncilMail

I am a constituent of District One in Howard County, living on Bonnie Branch Road. I strongly oppose bill CB16.

Sincerely,
Alex Hursky