

Sayers, Margery

From: Danilsa <dmrstar22@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2017 9:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB30

Hello County Councilmembers!

Thank you very much for your service.

I am very grateful for all you do whether we agree or agree to disagree.

Today, I am writing you in support of CB30 sponsored by Jen Terrasa and Jon Weinstein. To them both, I say thank you.

My name is Danilsa Marciniak and I am a 25-year resident of Howard County.

I attended the hearing recently and bore witness to amazing testimony and statistics about who runs for office, how one runs for office and the costs associated with running for office. What I witnessed was very moving-- particularly from a young black woman who was raised poor and has made amazing strides in overcoming. More importantly, I was moved by her words and how she took the time to serve as a voice for many. For people like her and / or any individuals with the desire to run for office and continue to preserve and enhance all that makes Howard County great among all Counties, I hereby request your support for CB30.

This will take last November's election outcome to the next step.

Expanding opportunities for all to run for office affirms that your support lends to supporting opportunities for all your constituents.

Thank you for supporting CB30 and for all you do and continue to do for our Howard County Community.

Gratefully yours,

Danilsa

*"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."
~ John Bunyan*

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From: Chao Wu <superbwu@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2017 1:37 PM
To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan
Subject: My position on CB-30 bill (combining tax with voluntary contribution)

Dear County Councils and County Executive,

I was interviewed and then wrote to support the 2016 Howard County Election Fund System Amendment and got around 5000 views last year, see <https://chaowu.org/2016/10/06/2016-election-two-howard-county-charter-amendments-on-ballot/>. I believe I might help contribute several hundreds to several thousands supporting votes on this bill by my effort. The pass is not a huge margin (52.6%/47.4%, total 7500 out of 144524 total votes, around 5 percent). That means 3750 votes can flip the election result.

I still believe the election fund system will help create competition for county executive and county council seats.

Furthermore, I believe if we can combine the tax money (70%) with voluntary contribution (30%) for the whole fund, we will get much more broader support. It will reduce the tension among citizens. For those who actively support this measure, they can also help financially by contributing to the fund. That is one way for CB30 supporters to convince those CB30 opponents who claimed that CB30 supporters just want to spend others' money.

I wish in the future, any amendment should have a 66% threshold. A simple majority is too easy to be manipulated. For this local county bill, four college girls from (West?) Virginia came to promote this amendment at the Clarksville Middle School during my half day campaign for several BOE board members. That's a lot of effort thinking about more than 100 polling locations (I did not know the situations in other polling locations).

We need a more stringent threshold to pass laws, just like 51 votes for supreme court judge is not right. That is not good for the whole country. However, in this highly partisan period, everything can be justified by each side unfortunately.

Thanks.

Chao Wu
Clarksville

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From: Francesca Galbani <frankiegalbani@netscape.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 3:46 PM
To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan; Fox, Greg
Subject: CB-30 Citizen Elections Fund

Dear Howard County Council Members and County Executive,
my name is Francesca Galbani and I live in Mr. Fox's district. I am writing to ask you to please vote Yes on CB30.

I was happy in November to see the Howard county citizens voting Yes to question A: I believe that money have been influencing elections and consequently elected officials. Therefore, citizens believe they are not heard, their issue are not even looked at because the big donors have all the attention of our official. This is happening at the local, state and federal level and it is bipartisan. Howard County has the chance to set a good example, and level the field. For this reason, I believe that a Yes for CB30 is needed.

Thanks for you time

Francesca Galbani
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From: Alice Pham <alicekpham@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:32 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pass CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

I urge you to vote YES for CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund program, sponsored by Councilmembers Jon Weinstein and Jen Terrasa.

Howard County voters passed Question A, and we're counting on you to finalize the program to expand opportunities to run for office, encourage participation in Howard County elections, reduce the role of large and corporate donors, and lead the state and country in fixing our broken campaign finance system.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

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From: Omar Siddique <omars1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:01 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pass CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund!

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4517 Rebecca Court
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From: Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Jennifer Manning <Maryland@commoncause.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 10:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

To contact this constituent by email, please reply to this message.

Apr 25, 2017

Howard County County Council
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Dear County Council,

Thank you for sending the Citizens' Election Fund to the ballot. Now that it has passed, please move quickly to finalize a program that will:

Only be available to candidates who reject large donations and donations from corporations, unions, and PACs. Encourage candidates to fundraise from Howard County residents by providing limited matching funds for small donations from County residents.

Establish an independent commission to make funding and policy recommendations to the Council.

Thank you for making Howard County a leader in fixing our country's broken campaign finance system.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Manning
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From: Marlyn Johnson <marlynj9@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pass CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

Please vote YES for CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund program, sponsored by Councilmembers Jon Weinstein and Jen Terrasa.

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Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

My sincere thanks for all your efforts to ensure a more accountable local government.

Marlyn Johnson

Marlyn Johnson
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From: Randy Murbach <randymurbach@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 12:33 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pass CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

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Randy Murbach
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