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The Honorable Greg Fox
Howard County Council
3430 Courthouse Drive
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Dear Council Member Fox:

We are writing to you on behalf of the Howard County Autism Society to express our strong support for the appointment of Ananta Hejeebu to the Howard County Board of Education.

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There are several reasons we feel that Mr. Hejeebu is a great candidate for this position.

First, he has a track record of extensive, meaningful involvement in our local Howard County community. He is a member of the Howard County Commission on Transitioning Students with Disabilities; is a graduate and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for Leadership Howard County; serves on the Executive Committee of the Howard County Chamber of Commerce; and is an active member of Grace Church, participating in the special needs ministry there. He's volunteered with the Community Foundation of Howard County, the Baltimore Area Salvation Army and Howard County Youth Sports.

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Second, he brings years of business and leadership experience to this position as the founder of Howard Tech Advisors, a firm located here in the county. Prior to launching his own business, Mr. Hejeebu gained valuable experience in raising venture funding, developing marketing strategies and leading global sales efforts with Workspace.com. He rode the trail of Global Accounts with F5 Networks from a startup to a publicly traded billion-dollar firm. In the early days of his career, he worked with the Southwestern Company and as an officer in the US Army 18th Airborne.

Third, Mr. Hejeebu arrives well-versed in the HCPSS budget issues as a member of the Board of Education's Budget Review Committee, a position he was appointed to by the Howard County Council. His understanding of the budget process and business experience will be of great benefit to HCPSS.

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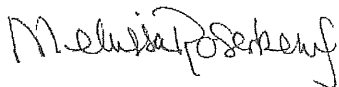
Finally, Mr. Hejeebu will bring a unique and much –needed perspective to the Board of Education as a parent, along with wife, Stacia, to a son with autism and two children without disabilities. Full disclosure; the Hejeebu’s have been members of HCAS since 2009 and have participated in our events, programs and in our 5K Run/Walks. As we work through our organization to advocate on behalf of individuals with autism and their families, we welcome the addition of a BOE member with a strong grasp of the challenges faced by HCPSS families who must navigate its special education system.

Since 1993, HCAS has served individuals on the autism spectrum, their families, and community by providing information, support, and advocacy; promoting awareness of autism that values the dignity and uniqueness of each individual; and working to improve the quality of and access to services and educational opportunities.

HCAS works to raise awareness and educate the general public about the complexities of autism, believing that people who understand autism are better equipped to welcome and support individuals living with autism into the community. And with the highest incidence of autism per capita in the State of Maryland – 8% in Howard County and 4% statewide – we must remain vigilant to maintain the quality of our special education and support services.

Mr. Hejeebu possesses the knowledge, compassion and caring that will make him an excellent servant for children of ALL abilities in HCPSS. We strongly encourage you to approve his nomination to the Howard County Board of Education.

Sincerely,



Melissa Rosenberg
Executive Director



Roger E. Thibodeau, Jr.
Chair, HCAS Education Committee

Sayers, Margery

From: Michelle Pelszynski <mcpelszynski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 9:02 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Letter in Support of Appointment of Ananta Hejeebu to HoCo Board of Ed

To Whom It May Concern:

Good morning! My name is Michelle Pelszynski and I have had the pleasure of knowing Ananta for nearly 12 years. Prior to working for him at Howard Tech Advisors, I have known him when I worked at The Community Foundation of Howard County and he served on the board. Since working with him at Howard Tech Advisors, I have learned a lot more about him professionally and personally, including his values, beliefs and perspectives. Undoubtedly, there is no-one I would recommend more to this position than him.

Being a parent myself, I admire him for his priorities - family first, community second, and business third. He promotes the same values of Howard County's vision - civility and philanthropy. His family is deeply involved in the community and his business was built to improve the community. In the organizations he supports, he whole-heartedly dedicates his time and energy. The fact that his business was not built to make him rich. Ananta genuinely wanted and continues to want to help businesses flourish and grow. They can't do that if they don't have proper IT network and security. He lives a modest life and enjoys it. His team, our team, feel the same. We all want to help our community and be involved in any way we can.

He has 3 children - two of which have already been through the public school system, one still there, and has a son with developmental disabilities. It doesn't get more "representative" than that. Him and his wife are the most humble, strong individuals and Team I have ever been blessed enough to know.

Hopefully, the politics of serving on the board - this side or that, this political affiliation or that - doesn't get in the way of the Council making a decision based on what would be the best for the community as a whole. We need to rise above Democrat vs. Republican, our kids need it. They don't need to witness more adult politics getting in the way of their PRECIOUS education.

I'll leave on this note - Ananta gave me some of the best advice I've ever been told. Last week, was the end of my Girls On the Run season. I was contemplating on whether or not I will return to coach in the Fall. I have coached for 7 years, 14 seasons, 4 different schools in Howard County. It's truly one of my passions - to help these young ladies blossom in ways they may not have thought they could. However, I know that there are other people out there who need to experience this program like I have. It's a tough decision. These ladies brighten my life, this program makes me want to be a better mother, wife, and woman. He asked me what difference I'd hope to make and see if there's another way I may serve - on the Girls On the Run board, a Mental Health & Wellness initiative for children, and others. It opened my eyes to the possibilities of helping my community. That's the best part of being able to work with Ananta every day - he has the ability to think about the limitless opportunities.

On his whiteboard in his office, it reads "Nothing Changes If Nothing Changes." That just about sums up his philosophy.

Hopefully, the Council will make the right decision and vote with their hearts.

Thank you for your time,

Michelle Pelszynski
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Sayers, Margery

From: Shaun Eddy <shauneddy@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 7:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu's appointment to Howard County Board of Education

Dear County Council,

I would like to make a formal recommendation in support of Ananta Hejeebu's appointment to the Howard County Board of Education. I have known Ananta for over 10 years and can say that he will be an asset to the County's board of education. Ananta is calm and thoughtful in how he handles matters. As a Howard County business owner and the parent of a special needs child Ananta is well versed in issues that represent the common good for the counties education system.

In addition to being a neighbor of Ananta's I have been a business owner in the county since 1991 and have been involved with the following community activities.

Past Chair of Howard County Housing and Community Development Board

Past Board member of Howard County Red Cross, HC Drug Free. Leadership Howard County Graduate 2004.

Member of Maryland Financial Planning Association and past president.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

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410-995-8711 office

Sayers, Margery

From: Greg Murach <greg.murach@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 11:45 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu

Hello Council Members,

I just wanted to take a second and write about the recent nomination of Ananta Hejeebu to the Howard County BOE.

As a Howard county resident, teacher, and community member, I am in full support of his appointment. I hope you are too!

Ananta makes an excellent mentor for others, he makes careful decisions, loves his friends, loves his family, and has always provided great direction for me and my peers. I also have the blessing of knowing his family well, and I love hearing his own kids boast about their Dad! His contributions to the BOE would be valuable and a great addition to the current team. He is very good at sifting through information and always digging deep to find the best- even when it hurts. He is very relational.

I am excited that you have the opportunity to consider his appointment, and appreciate your care for our community.

If you have any follow-up questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you!
Greg Murach

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410-530-1462 (cell)

Sayers, Margery

From: Adler, Alex <AAdler@BBandT.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2017 2:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu

Good afternoon Howard County Council,

I'm writing in full support of the County Executive's appointment of Ananta Hejeebu to fill the vacant position on the Howard County Board of Education.

I've known Ananta for several years, through work with the Howard County Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Howard County, and through various personal and business interactions. His background, work ethic, and values make him an excellent choice for the position. As a parent of two children in the school system, I've been less than pleased with the state of affairs, and I feel Ananta will bring a positive influence to the Board.

My sole hesitation in supporting him is the loss that Leadership Howard County will sustain, given Ananta's outstanding contributions to the organization.

Again, I fully and strongly support the appointment, and would encourage you to do the same.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alex Adler

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Sayers, Margery

From: Nancy Briguglio <nancy@bwwealth.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2017 1:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Ananta Hejeebu; Kittleman, Allan
Subject: In Support of Appointment of Ananta Hejeebu to HC Board of Ed

To the members of the Howard County Council:

I was delighted to learn that Ananta Hejeebu is to be appointed to the Howard County Board of Education.

Both of my children went through K-12 in Howard County public schools then on to college and productive careers. It's important that HC continues its focus on education and stays ahead of our changing demographics and technology needs.

I've served with Ananta on Leadership Howard County's board and can attest that he is particularly well suited to serve at this time, following the exit of HC's school superintendent.

Along with Ananta's collaborative and action oriented style, his deep understanding of technology and the unique needs of special needs kids makes him well qualified to help our great school system remain so.

Thank you for your service on behalf of our county and our kids.

Ananta Hejeebu is a fine appointment to the Board of Education!

Best,

Nancy



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Sayers, Margery

From: Kristi Simon <krsmediallc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2017 12:11 PM
To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Appointment of Ananta Hejeebu

I am writing to express support for Board of Education appointee, Ananta Hejeebu. I cannot think of a finer nominee for this important position.

Ananta is extremely qualified to fill this role, and is a well-respected member of the Howard County community. I know Ananta as a friend, but also as a business owner who supports and encourages his employees who adore and admire him. He has a positive outlook, is an incredible problem-solver and leads his life in the service of others. He is a respected board member, committee member, and volunteer to many organizations that benefit the residents of Howard County.

His personal story is one of overcoming obstacles and showing an incredible drive to succeed, while supporting, encouraging and bettering everyone around him. He is a role model for others in the community, and can bring a level head, diversity, and conflict resolution skills to the board. His experience as a business owner also provides budget, strategic planning, and overall management experience which could be useful to the BOE. With three children who have attended or are currently attending Howard County Public Schools, and one involved in special education programming, he has a unique perspective on HCPSS.

I encourage you to support the appointment of Ananta Hejeebu to the Howard County Board of Education.

Sincerely,

Kristi Simon

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Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Shelley Lombardo <sjlomar@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 5:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu for Board of Education

I am writing this letter of recommendation in regards to Ananta Hejeebu for appointment to the Howard County school board. I have known Ananta for 7 years as a father and leader in the business community.

His experience in business brings him the corporate and local knowledge that in this time of transition will be of great benefit to the system. He knows the district, the responsibilities of a board member, and in addition he is extremely articulate and a great listener. His own experiences with Special Education and his role on the transition committee provide valuable insight to the board that I do not believe exists today.

I appreciate your consideration of Ananta, and encourage you to contact me if there are any questions.

Regards,
Shelley Lombardo

Mom of two at Centennial High
Chief Operating Officer - Evergreen Advisors

Sayers, Margery

From: Catherina <catchlyu@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 4:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Comments in support of Ananta Heejebu's appt to Board of Ed

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in full support of Ananta Heejebu's appointment to the Howard County Board of Education. We know Ananta and his family through the school and church communities we enjoy together. Time and time again he has shown himself to be humble, honest, giving, encouraging and discerning - all traits that will be needed to be a trustworthy voice to represent many unrepresented voices in our county. Through his vast experiences with our school community, church community, and community at large, he has a keen understanding of the diverse needs of people and would put himself out as a bridge and bridgemaker in any situation he is passionate about, to help build deeper understanding in our community. Because he does not have the need to bring glory to himself because he lives for greater things, he will do whatever it takes to improve the lives of other people. I truly and fully believe we need Ananta to serve on the Board of Education to move this great county to even greater heights. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 443-204-6082 or catchlyu@yahoo.com Sincerely, Catherina Lyu

Sayers, Margery

From: Judy Smith <jlsborger@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 3:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fwd: ANANTA HEJEEBU

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Judy Smith <jlsborger@gmail.com>
Date: June 5, 2017 at 4:35:12 PM EDT
To: "stacia@hejeebu.com" <stacia@hejeebu.com>
Subject: ANANTA HEJEEBU

I have been a close friend of Ananta Hejeebu and his family for over 14 years. I am very blessed to know him. . Our family was unanimous in asking him to preside over my husbands funeral service. His words were a great comfort to us all. I have never met a man with more integrative. He is an an amazing father. When he is with his son with special needs, I am so impressed. Actually, he is amazing with all kids.

Judy L Rice
Para educator HCPSS
Sent from my phone

Sayers, Margery

From: Paul Grill <grillpa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 8:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu Board of Education Recommendation

I writing to recommend that the County Council approve Ananta Hejeebu's appointment to the Board of Education. As the Vice Chairman of the National Kidney Foundation of Maryland, I have known Ananta personally, professionally and through Grace Community Church for many years. His leadership experience, community service orientation, and integrity will make him an excellent addition to the Board of Education.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional background information.

Thanks, Paul Grill

Sayers, Margery

From: Ed Wasloski <ejwod@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 8:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu

Howard County Council,

I am a neighbor and friend of Ananta Hejeebu. Over the last 10+years have become to know him and his family,, good reliable thoughtful people.

Ananta is a small business owner and would be a great asset to the School Board. He cares greatly about education because he cares about our children, our greatest asset..

I strongly support Ananta for this position and would be happy to answer any questions the Council may have. My cell #[410.382.3890](tel:410.382.3890)

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Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Ellrich, Mike <Mike_Ellrich@gallup.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 6:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu re: board of education

Council Members,

I am writing to express my endorsement for Ananta Hejeebu in connection with his appointment to the Howard County Board of Education. I have known Ananta, Stacia, and their three awesome children for over 10 years. They are neighbors and close friends. Ananta would be a wonderful addition to the Howard County Board of Education and has my highest endorsement.

In addition to Ananta's strong commitment to education and deep roots in Howard County he would bring a unique and important perspective to the Board as the parent of and advocate for a child with special needs. Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Ellrich
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Sayers, Margery

From: Bruce Harvey <BruceHarvey@williamsburgllc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu

I believe Ananta Hejeebu is an outstanding selection for the Howard County School Board. I have known Ananta for nearly 8 years now and know him both as a parent and a business leader. During that time, I've seen Ananta's passion for delivering outstanding service at his company, Howard Tech Advisors. At the same time, I've seen his passion for children as a coach and as a parent, always willing to share ideas on parenting. He has excellent communication skills. His knowledge and understanding of technology and business systems will bring an important perspective to the Board.

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Sayers, Margery

From: Maida Johnson <mjohnson@catacominc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu

Good Afternoon – I am writing to tell you how happy I was to hear that Ananta Hejeebu has been given an appointment to serve on the Howard County Board of Education. I have known Ananta for more than 10 years. We have worked together on many projects—for my company, his company, and many charitable endeavors. Over the years, he has directed me and offered assistance as I worked to grow my business. And I am proud to say that my company was one of his first clients when he started HTA (and still is!). I know him to be honest, forthright, and intelligent ... with everyone's best interest at heart. With two children in the Howard County public school system, I am thrilled with his appointment.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thanks!

-Maida Johnson

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Sayers, Margery

From: Harry Schwarz <harry@bearsolutionsllc.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:06 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Ananta Hejeebu; Kittleman, Allan; Dennis@bearsolutionsllc.net
Subject: Nomination of Ananta Hejeebu for Howard County Board of Education

Dear Council Members,

Bearsolutions LLC supports the County Executive's nomination of Ananta Hejeebu to the Howard County Board of Education. My partner, Dennis Keilholtz (Clarksville), and I are long-time residents of Howard County. Both of our families have benefited from the Howard County Public School System and hope to see the County continue to have an education and library system second to none. Since 2007, Bearsolutions LLC has been consulting with nonprofits on organizational development, budgeting and financial reporting. For the last several years, we've been primarily working with charter schools and assisting a leading Public Charter School authorizer to design and implement an effective financial oversight strategy.

We got to know Ananta about 4 years ago when we retained Howard Tech Advisors to build CHARM. It's a relational database we designed on Salesforce.com to collate and analyze data from audited financial statements to evaluate charter school fiscal performance and financial health. Ananta was imaginative with creative solutions to our challenges, and painstaking in his pursuit of excellence. He has built a reputable firm in Howard County and he is a pleasure to work with. With a family that includes a special needs child, Ananta's advocacy for effective special education will be an asset to the Board. We recommend your support of his candidacy without reservation.

Thank you for your consideration,
{8-} Harry

W. Harry Schwarz



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Blog and website: <https://hocomd.cc/>

Sayers, Margery

From: Leonardo McClarty <leonardo.mcclarty@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 1:10 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: BOE Candidate Ananta Hejeebu
Attachments: Ananta Hejeebu Ltr of Support_6.05.17.pdf

Howard County Council Members:

Please find attached a letter stating my personal support for the nomination of Ananta Hejeebu for the vacate Howard BOE seat.

Thanks

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Leonardo McClarty *Chamber of Commerce / Economic Development Professional*
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June 5, 2017

Mr. Jon Weinstein
Howard County Council Chair
3430 Court House Drive
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Dear Councilman Weinstein:

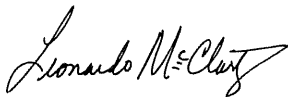
For decades, Howard County has been synonymous with quality communities, fiscally responsible government, and top notch schools. As of late, our beloved school system has been challenged with leadership instability and uncertainty. Fortunately a recent turn of events have things headed in the right direction. The system has an opportunity to further its positive advancements in the days ahead as you seek to fill a replacement on the Board of Education.

The County Executive has recently nominated Ananta Hejeebu to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Education. I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Ananta for nearly three years while serving as the President of the Howard County Chamber of Commerce. Ananta is known for getting the job done and has tremendous acumen for following through. I have personally found him to be strategic in thinking, compassionate in acting, and diligent in work ethic. I have also remained impressed by his intelligence, motivation, dedication, and pursuit of excellence.

Equally as important is his strong resolve and commitment to serve. He gets along well with people of different races, gender, and nationalities. Moreover, he values diversity and inclusion but not just in the racial and gender sense but also as it relates to people who are "differently abled." Beyond being a good person, Ananta is an astute business leader having co-founded Howard Tech Advisors, an Elkridge based IT consulting firm. Due to time demands, it is often difficult to get business people to volunteer for public service and elected office. Yet, we sorely need men and women that are used to accountability, critical thinking, and formulating and managing budgets. It is my opinion that Ananta would be a true asset to Howard County citizens and the Board of Education.

I thank you for your consideration and I can be reached at 404-759-4520 if there are any questions regarding my recommendation and experiences with Ananta Hejeebu.

Sincerely,



Leonardo McClarty

CC: Howard County Council

Sayers, Margery

From: Lynn Lacey <lacey.familyfive@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 11:48 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu for Howard County Board of Education

Howard County Council,

I am writing to express my approval of Allan Kittleman's appointment of Ananta Hejeebu to serve on the Board of Education. Ananta and his family have been neighbors for over 15 years and he has been nothing but a pleasure to speak with and work with in the community. I know he serves as an Elder at his church and in several other volunteer position and is dedicated to serving the community. He is extremely collaborative and has great ideas and lots of energy and would be an asset to the Board.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lynn Lacey
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Marriottsville, MD 21104

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Sayers, Margery

From: Chris Wolf <c.wolf@tomjames.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 10:18 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu

To whom it may concern,

I have known Ananta for almost 22 years, first as a boss then as a friend. What drew me to Ananta was his walk matched his talk and he was a man of integrity and honesty. What drew me to him as a friend was his loyalty to principles and believing in people. Both have never wavered in those years he only lived it out more and more.

I believe he will be a tremendous asset to the the board of education. You will be delighted how he seeks to do what is right. He has the ability to seek understanding and then be understood which will allow him to work with everybody and seek win/win solutions.

I know he will give respect and honor to the position.

Christopher S Wolf
Division Vice President
Tom James Co.

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From: Matt Guy <matt@hopecityhomes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 9:33 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Concerning Ananta's Potential Appointment

I recently saw that Ananta Hejeebu has been appointed to serve on the Howard County Board of Education. I just wanted to write and affirm I believe this would be a win for our county and our schools. I've known Ananta for twenty years, and can say that he has a man of wisdom, integrity, and truly seeks to put the interests of others above himself. He has been an incredible family man, servant of his church, and successful business man. If you have any specific questions please feel free to write or call me.

Thanks!
Matthew

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Sayers, Margery

From: Russ Dickens <rdickens@elmstreetdev.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 8:47 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu

Howard County Council Members,

I have known Ananta for a little over 15 years.

He has overcome adversity in his life, while never wavering from his principles and faith.

He has always stood out with his “quiet leadership” presence. By that, I mean that he commands respect from others not by talking over them, but by listening and offering sage advice in a soft and friendly manner. His intelligence is well respected, but he is never judgmental. With all of the recent turmoil within our School Board over the last few years, Ananta’s calming presence is exactly what we need.

As a 29 year resident of Howard County, I cannot think of anyone I would recommend with more confidence.

Thank you,

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Sayers, Margery

From: Hebner, Sally S. <shebner@enterprisecommunity.com>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan; teamhebner1@yahoo.com
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu Appointment

I am writing in support of the appointment of Ananta Hejeebu to serve on the Howard County Board of Education. I have known Ananta for a number of years, and find him to be an advocate for children and families, and a strong supporter of our community. He has been involved in many levels in improving the culture of our county, from coaching youth sports, to supporting leadership development. He would be my strong choice for serving in this role, and continuing to not only grow his leadership but move us toward a stronger education system.

Kind regards,

Sally Hebner

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From: Timothy D. Ward <tward@katzabosch.com>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 4:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu - Howard County Board of Education

Dear County Council,

I have known Ananta Hejeebu for over 15 years. Ananta is well-qualified to assist the Howard County Board of Education. His first-hand experience with our public schools, including special needs, as well as his business experience will be very valuable to the Board. Ananta is a devoted family man, well ingrained in the Howard County Community. Ananta takes service very seriously and I'm sure he will have a positive impact on the County Board of Education.

I am happy to answer any questions as a Howard County resident and business person. My office # is 410.290.3288.

Sincerely,

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From: Robert Degenford <bcdeg@me.com>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 4:05 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Support for Ananta Hejeebu Appointment

Dear Howard County Council,

We have been very encouraged lately by the current school board and all the good opinions we have heard regarding the new superintendent.

We are further delighted by the appointment of Ananta Hejeebu to the open seat on the school board and are writing to express our support for this appointment.

We have had three children come up through the Ho Co School System. Our oldest daughter just completed her junior year in college, our son his freshman year, and our younger daughter is finishing up her sophomore year in high school. We have gradually gotten to know the Hejeebus through the years as our son was in their son Jacob's grade since elementary school and our younger daughter is the same year as Samuel. The entire family is amazing. In our interactions with Ananta Hejeebu we have come to know him as a man of deep character and conviction, thoughtful and kind in his interactions. We have appreciated our conversations with him (and his wife) as he opened his home for our sons' youth group (no small thing with teenage boys involved) and cheered on the football team his son helped manage. We have also been humbled to watch the seemingly endless patience and kindness with which he cares for his son Samuel.

The list of accomplishments in the paper speaks for itself, but we also wanted to add our voices in support for Ananta's appointment to the school board. We are impressed with this thoughtful choice by Alan Kittleman.

Sincerely,
Robert and Carole Degenford

Sayers, Margery

From: Adam Nachlas <Adam.Nachlas@cushwake.com>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 3:55 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hajeebu

I have known Ananta Hajeebu for years in a business as well as social environments and feel his appointment to serve on the Howard County Board of Education is a fantastic choice.

His home and business interests are in Howard County and he is bright, efficient, and a good businessman. He also has strong character, is empathetic and will also be a god advocate for children with disabilities.

If you have questions or would like to know more about Ananta, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

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From: Peterson, Deborah <DPETERSON@AACPS.org>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 3:38 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: In support of Ananta Hejeebu

As one of Ananta Hejeebu's neighbors for many years, I can firmly attest to his strong leadership, positive interpersonal skills, and intense support of special education. He will be an incredible asset to Howard County's Board of Education, and I hope he will be able to serve for many years, not just until the end of Ms. O'Connor's term.

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"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Gandhi

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From: Sandy Hornor <shornor@bwfa.com>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 2:03 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu recommendation

Council Members:

Please accept this email to stand as a strong recommendation for Ananta Hejeebu to serve on the Howard County Board of Education. I have known Ananta both personally and professionally for years and there is no doubt in my mind that he would be a positive addition to the Board of Education.

Thank you for considering my endorsement of Mr. Hejeebu,

Sandy Hornor

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From: Tara Mulder <tara.mulder@gcconline.org>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 1:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu for the HC Board of Education

Dear County Council,

It is my privilege to recommend Ananta Hejeebu to the Howard County Board of Education. You are doubtless receiving many emails about his integrity, character, and experience as a father and community leader. I also put it to you that he is a leader with an uncommon degree of discernment. He has the increasingly rare ability to discern what is essential and hold it lightly but steadfastly in a given process or situation. This leadership quality will serve the Board well no matter what issues or responsibilities arise.

Peace,

Tara Mulder

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From: Freedman, Rob <Rob.Freedman@am.jll.com>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 12:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu

Just wanted to take a moment to let you know what an extraordinary person you have in Ananta. Great choice.

I have known Ananta for 10 years thru Leadership Howard County.

He is kind, generous, selfless, thoughtful and brilliant.
He cares about the County, and simply wants to serve.

This is a great choice, and I feel fortunate that he will be helping the County

Best wishes

Rob Freedman

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From: Bill Leishear <bleishear@printingimages.com>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 11:44 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu

I am writing to commend you on your choice of Ananta Hejeebu as the replacement for the vacant seat on the School Board. I have had the pleasure of knowing Ananta since 2007 through our volunteer activities with youth football. He is man of high integrity and character. I look forward to his confirmation.

All the best,

Bill Leishear

Ellicott City Resident

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From: Jeanie Perkins <Jean.Perkins@icatlogistics.com>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 11:42 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu Appointment to Howard County Board of Education

Dear Councilman:

Please accept this as my recommendation and excitement to see Ananta Hejeebu being considered as a member of the Howard County Board of Education.

I have had the pleasure of working with Ananta for over 5 years now. He is a highly respected individual in the business community. A very intelligent man of character, leadership and service.

His entire being is to serve others and he has intimate knowledge of children and their special needs.

Thank you so much for considering Ananta for this position.

Sincerely,

Jeanie Perkins

VP Administration

ICAT Logistics, Inc.

Sayers, Margery

From: tony sheng <tonytsheng@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 10:53 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm thrilled to give positive feedback regarding my friend Ananta Hejeebu and his appointment to the Howard County Board of Education.

Ananta and I have known each other for the better part of two decades after originally meeting at Grace Community Church. Through that time, I've seen him serve preschoolers in the church nursery, studied the Bible with him and his wife in a couple's small group, watched him strategize on the elder team for a large faith community, and most importantly, seen him sacrificially love and lead his wife and kids.

Ananta is a man of integrity. He can be trusted at his word and will do what he says, even when no one is looking. He is a servant and leader and thinks strategically and for the future. He is willing to work hard - you will see him roll up his sleeves and dig in as well as watch him lead a discussion to talk through tough and difficult issues. His ability to perceive and discuss sensitive topics in both a rational and empathetic posture is one of the things I most admire about Ananta.

Ananta will make an excellent member of the Board of Education and I'm both proud to call him a friend and excited for the impact he will make for the betterment of kids in our county.

Respectfully,

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From: S.Warren <warrenworks@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 10:25 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: recommend Ananta Hejeebu
Attachments: Hejeebu to council - 6-5-17.docx

Please include the attached in the public record in support of the appointment of Ananta Hejeebu.
Thank you

P.O. Box 6223
Columbia, MD 21045
June 5, 2017

Howard County Council

RE: Unreserved support of Ananta Hejeebu's appointment

Dear Council Members:

My husband and I have lived and been tax payers in the Hickory Ridge Village for over 25 years while raising children in the Howard County School system. As a partner at Manekin, I also served for two years on the 1st APFO task force concerned with school capacity so have both personal and professional insight into some of the strengths and challenges in the school system.

Given his business acumen and experience with special needs children, Ananta Hejeebu would be an excellent addition to the school board at any time. More importantly at this time of increased tensions and distrust, he is very much needed for his skilled but humble approach to reducing tensions and increasing partnering, for a demonstrated commitment to fiscal stewardship of the resources of others, and for a realistic approach to the complex needs of the disadvantaged.

I first met Ananta while serving on the Advisory Board for the Salvation Army in Baltimore over 20 years ago. We were all committed to helping to bring business advice, raising money, and getting out the word of the overwhelming needs of the inner city and environs. Some of us also added pro-bona work from our companies to supplement the needs. However, in the years we served together, I observed that Ananta not only offered technical support but took it a step further by working behind the scenes with the major- in-charge to provide encouragement amidst the vast array of political and personal challenges of the unrelenting work. Ananta Hejeebu was also the one of us at the annual luncheon fund raiser to stand at the podium to tell his story of growing up in Baltimore, being served by the Salvation Army, and to do "The Ask" to the hundreds of business people before him...not easy.

Through Grace Community Church, I continue to interact with Ananta as one of the most faith-filled servant leaders that I have known. Given the pro-active nature of Grace members, I am sure that his vast service for the Church (in the larger sense), is already well documented. I will just add that I particularly respect his willingness to ask the hard business questions to the elders, keeping ever before them that this is not budgeting but stewardship of God's money.

Thank you for considering my opinion.
Suzanne Warren

Sayers, Margery

From: Viola Grossmann <viola.grossmann@gcconline.org>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 10:22 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu

Dear Councilman,

I am delighted to hear of the appointment of Ananta Hejeebu to the Howard County's Board of Education.

Our experience with Ananta has been very humbling. Such a man of gentle spirit yet strong; caring for those in the community, in our neighborhoods and in our church community. He takes the times to hear our stories; hear our hearts. He is always responsive when I send him an email to ask for help, or have a question. He also makes time no matter how busy he is.

He serves with joy (he's always smiling) and a very humble heart. I have no doubt that he will care for the community in his role on the Board of Education. He will always look out for others -- that's the kind of person I want on my side!

Viola & Dan Grossmann
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Sayers, Margery

From: Dustin Youngstrom <dustin.youngstrom@gcconline.org>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 10:10 AM
To: CouncilMail; Terrasa, Jen
Cc: Kittleman, Allan; kristenyoungstrom@gmail.com
Subject: Citizen Support for Ananta Hejeebu's Appointment

Dear Ms. Jen Terrasa and other County Coucil Members,

We are proud members of and participants in the Howard County community (District 3), the daughter and son-in-law of two 30+ year HCPSS teachers (Peter and Suzanne Parlette), and parents of a future HCPSS. We would like to ask you, Ms. Terrasa and other council members, to confirm the appointment of Ananta Hejeebu to the vacancy on the Board of Education.

We have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Hejeebu in both peffessional and personal settings, and we could not be more adamant about his proven character and leadership over the long-haul. His diverse life-experience makes him a perfect candidate to provide equitable and fair perspective to the Board, while his years of business and community involvement gives him insight into the needs and desires of families in broader Howard County.

Please confirm Mr. Hejeebu quickly in order to give him ample time to work with the existing Board and the new superintendent on the pressing issues of budget, the next teacher's CBA, and the possible need for new schools and redistricting in the near future.

Sincerely,

Dustin Youngstrom, M.Div and Kristen Youngstrom, LCSW-C

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Dustin Youngstrom,
Family Teaching/Discipleship Coordinator



Sayers, Margery

From: Livingston, Patricia <plivingston@mtb.com>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:54 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: recommendation: Ananta Hejeebu

Dear Howard County Council members –

I am thrilled to hear that my dear friend, Ananta Hejeebu, has been appointed to serve on the Howard County Board of Education. I have known Ananta both professionally and personally for more than 10 years. During that time, I’ve observed ethics and integrity of the highest standard in his professional life, community outreach as well as in his family life as both husband and father.

One of Ananta’s greatest attributes is his keen ability to connect people to the many resources and needs within Howard county. Within just a few short weeks of meeting Ananta, he recommended me for a position on the Howard County Salvation Army board for Howard County. 10 years later, I still serve there.

His appointment during a definitive transition of our Board of Education is significant. Once appointed, I believe Ananta will bring fresh perspective to the many challenges facing our school system; prioritizing and advocating for the ever changing needs of our students and families while balancing them within the resources of this great county.

It is for this and many other reasons that I offer my unequivocal support of Ananta’s appointment to serve on the Howard County Board of Education.

Sincerely,

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From: Chip Doetsch <chip@appleford.com>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:38 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu

This note concerns Anantaa Hejeebu's appointment to serve on the Howard county Board of Education. I have worked with Ananta on several community and nonprofit projects over the years and have come to deeply respect his intellect, communication skills and values. We should be thrilled that someone with his leadership abilities is willing to serve in such an important role in our community. He has been able to pull from his personal experience as a parent and has also displayed a deep ability to compassionately identify with others who circumstances differ from his own. My opinion is that he will handle the responsibilities of this position extremely well. He has my complete support and endorsement.

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From: Kruger, Brian <BKruger@ngkf.com>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:12 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu

Howard County Council –

Good morning, I am writing today to endorse Ananta Hejeebu for Howard County Board of Education. As a lifelong Howard County resident who graduated from the Howard County Public School system, who has children enrolled today in system, and will have children enrolled in the system for the next 15 years I cannot think of a better candidate to fill the vacated seat on the Howard County Board of Education.

Ananta's involvement in the community ensures he has the pulse of the County. I am confident he will not only be an amazing asset to the Board and the citizens of Howard County, but also provide the stability our community needs right now. Thank you for considering Ananta, I'm looking forward to his involvement in my children's future.

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From: Mike Blair <Mike@howardtechadvisors.com>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:04 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu

County Council,

As an employee of Ananta Hejeebu I wanted to take a minute and let you know the person I know.

When I first interviewed for the job at Howard Tech Advisors I didn't need a job. I was working for Amazon and received a message from a friend that I should come meet with Ananta about an opening for a Project Manager. From our first meeting Ananta stressed how important Building Community was to him and to the company. This struck a cord with me as I have been an active board member on non-profits in my neighborhood and community since moving to Baltimore City in 2000. I took a leap of faith and am happy I did.

After almost 2 years with Ananta I can tell you that these were not just words, Ananta lives to build Community. His official titles and affiliations with organizations in Howard County are easy for one to see but what may not be seen is how Ananta shares Howard County's vision with his people. On a rotating basis Ananta offers his employees the opportunity to attend Howard County Chamber and Howard County Leadership events. This allows all of us to understand the vision and long term opportunities to live and work in Howard County. These events also introduce his people to other Howard County business leaders. I also witness a revolving door of people who meet with Ananta for advice in business, work, and life. Ananta is always looking to help others and to challenge us to be better people. We do not always agree but we treat each other's ideas and opinions with respect. I believe these discussions make both of us better more well-rounded people.

In these turbulent political times it is easy to dismiss others opinions and views, in fact it's easier to go through life with like-minded individuals. The more important role we can all take is to listen to those we don't agree with to understand why they see things differently. You will find yourself quick to jump back with a response based on bias but if you let someone talk and give a thoughtful response you have a chance to find common ground. Learning to not diminish how one feels and their personal experiences by labeling them has made me more thoughtful and passionate about what I believe. Again, Ananta and I do not agree on a lot of things but he has taught me how to be a more well rounded thoughtful person.

I believe the man I know, Ananta Hejeebu, will do his best to balance the needs Howard County's parents, teachers, and children to keep Howard County as one of the best education systems in our nation.

Sincerely,
Mike Blair



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Sayers, Margery

From: CHRISTOPHER OXENHAM <chris@oxenhamfinancial.com>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 8:34 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu Board of Education Appointment

We are writing in support of Ananta Hejeebu's appointment to the Howard County Board of Education. In knowing Ananta both personally and through business we feel he has the integrity, work ethics, and skill set to make an excellent BOE member. As a former Howard County public school teacher Nicole feels very strongly that Ananta has a full grasp of the issues facing our school system as well as the needs of our students. Furthermore, we feel that this is an excellent opportunity to add diversity to the board. The Indian-American population in our county is both growing and thriving here in Howard County. As a community they have been absolutely fantastic in embracing our school system. In talking with many of their local groups there is an excitement about this appointment as they feel representation on the BOE from one of their own would be a milestone event. I also think this would be a milestone event for Howard County further embracing diversity and showing that our community leaders reflect pockets of our entire community.

What a great opportunity for Howard County and after all the turmoil in the past couple years, things really feel like they are headed in the right direction.

Best Regards,

Chris and Nicole Oxenham

Sayers, Margery

From: Sherman, Caroline <csherman@uhy-us.com>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 8:27 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu

Good Morning,

I would like to whole heartedly endorse Ananta for School Board. He is brilliant, thoughtful , deliberative, compassionate and most importantly qualified to interpret and understand the issues that face the school board with forward and intelligent action. Please appoint him.

Caroline Sherman

Caroline Sherman

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Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 8:18 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Ananta Hejeebu

You could not choose a more perfect, humble, sincere and objective person to serve on the Howard County Board of Education as Ananta. As a father of three (including one child with special needs), Ananta has a personal investment in the system he is being appointed to serve. He will be a great addition to the Board and will no doubt make a positive contribution to the efforts of the Howard County Board of Education.

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