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From: Jeffrey Grasty <jeff.grasty@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 9:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Opposition to CB60 Without Major Amendments

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Jeni King Deuber
Concerned Woodbine Citizen

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Tab E, an AT&T 4G LTE tablet

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Margaret Schanne

13516 Argo Drive

Dayton, MD

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From: Richard Tufts <tuftsdaissy@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 9:02 AM
To: Terrasa, Jen
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: Fwd: Opposition to CB 60-2017

Jen,

Thank you very much for your response and forwarding the comparison charts below. They help explain the Council's direction and "plugging loop holes." I do not see, however, the issues I respectfully pointed out to you and your colleagues in my testimony, July 27 of this year, to wit: **"According to the American Cancer Society International Agency for Research on Cancer wood dust is a carcinogen and could cause cancer in humans."** This is concerning!

How will you ensure a mulching facility of ANY size does not locate within range of public buildings, such as schools, playgrounds, parks, etc.? Parents whose children attend schools, play, recreate and live within proximity of a mulching facility should be somewhat concerned of the potential of wood dust clouds. There is technology that filters wood dust clouds. As a preventative, I respectfully suggest the Council consider this or other appropriate filtering technology and legislate restrictions on cancer-causing wood dust.

Additionally, I have not seen consideration of the danger posed by large feeder trucks transporting logs over our tertiary roads. These large, 18-wheeler and similar, large vehicles currently find it difficult navigating roads' curves and corners especially in the west. And it is easy to see the danger they pose to slow moving farm equipment, bicyclists, pedestrians, etc. May I respectfully request the Council take into consideration the serious impact these vehicles currently have or certainly will have if allowed unrestricted access to our increasingly crowded roads in the west.

In summary, we again urge the Council to consider and take appropriate action on these two very important, potential hazards to our population and our roads, rather than permitting them to get lost in other equally important issues of CB 60.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Respectfully,
Richard G. Tufts
Daisy

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Terrasa, Jen" <jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: RE: Opposition to CB 60-2017
Date: September 8, 2017 at 8:22:37 PM EDT
To: Richard Tufts <tuftsdaisy@verizon.net>

Greetings,

Thank you for sharing your concerns with me on [Council Bill 60-2017 \(ZRA 180\)](#) regarding mulch/natural wood recycling and composting. We have received a lot of feedback on this bill, and I want you to know I take your concerns very seriously. Since you took the time to contact me regarding this legislation, I wanted to make sure to remind you that on Monday, September 11, 2017, the County Council will hold a Special Public Hearing beginning at 6pm to continue hearing testimony on CB60-2017 (ZRA 180) as well as CB61 and CB62 (our APFO legislation).

On Monday, July 17, 2017, the County Council held a public hearing on all [current legislation](#), including CB 60. Unfortunately, we had a very full agenda that evening and only got to the Administration's presentation of the bill and the testimony of the first 15 people, even though there were many more who had signed up. Because we were not able to hear from everyone who wanted to speak, we tabled CB 60, CB61, and CB62 and will continue hearing testimony at our Special Hearing on Monday, September 11, 2017 at the George Howard Building, 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043 beginning at 6pm. If you signed up to testify at the July 17 hearing but did not get to provide your testimony, you are automatically signed up to testify on September 11. If you haven't signed-up yet, you can still *sign-up using the [electronic sign-up](#) before the hearing. And as always, if you can't join us in person, the session will be televised on GTv or you can watch the sessions live or at your convenience online at [Watch Us](#).*

For your convenience, I have included information that was presented to the council regarding CB60 below.

- Presentation to the County Council on CB 60 at the County Council Monthly Meeting on Monday, July 10. To view the presentation or see the power point, click below:
 - [Watch the presentation](#)
 - [View the power point](#)
- Chart's comparing existing law on mulch and composting to what is being proposed:



Comparison – Natural Wood Waste

Natural Wood Waste Recycling				
	Current		CB 60	
	MDE Permit Not Required	MDE Permit Required	MDE Permit Not Required	MDE Permit Required
RC & RR	Accessory to a principal Farm	Conditional Use	Accessory to a principal Farm	Conditional Use - Up to 5 acres or 10 %
ALPP	Accessory to a principal Farm	Not Permitted	Accessory to a principal Farm	Not permitted unless accessory to a principal Tree Farming Use Only (Conditional Use) - Up to 2 acres or 15% of area actively farmed
M-1	By-Right	By-Right	By-Right	By-Right
M-2	By-Right	By-Right	By-Right	By-Right



Comparison- Composting

Composting						
	Current			CB 60 *		
	MDE Permit Not Required	MDE Tier I	MDE Tier II	MDE Permit Not Required	MDE Tier I or Tier II Small Permit	MDE Tier II Large Permit
RC & RR	Accessory to principal use	Conditional Use - only yard waste composting	Not Permitted	Accessory to principal use	By Permit - 3 acres accessory to a farm All Other - Conditional Use - Up to 5 acres or 10 %	Conditional Use - Up to 5 acres or 10 %
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M-1	Accessory to principal use	Conditional Use - only yard waste composting	Not Permitted	Accessory to principal use	By-Right	Conditional Use
M-2	Accessory to principal use	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Accessory to principal use	By-Right	By-Right
SW	Accessory to principal use	By-Right	Not Permitted	Accessory to principal use	By-Right	By-Right

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- Administration's presentation and testimony on CB60 from July 17, can be seen by clicking [here](#). (To see the discussion of CB 60, scroll down in the index until you see CB 60 and then click on it or go to about 3:13 on the recording).

The work session for September legislation is Monday, September 25, 2017 at 4:30pm, and CB60 will most likely be on the agenda. Following this work session, a vote on September legislation, as well as tabled August legislation including CB 60, CB 61, and CB 62, is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7pm.

Throughout the various discussions on CB60 since its introduction, a number of amendments have been discussed. I look forward to hearing more details about these and to hearing the rest of the testimony on September 11. Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me. I will be sure to keep them in mind as we move forward on this issue.

All the best,

Jen

Jennifer Terrasa
Councilwoman, District 3
Howard County Council
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"Like" my page on [Facebook](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#)!

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Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 8:37 PM
To: CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>
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Council Members,

My wife and I oppose mulching in Howard county for the following, single reason: **According to the American Cancer Society International Agency for Research on Cancer wood dust is a carcinogen and could cause cancer in humans.**

As you are aware, scientific evidence has been presented by Doctor Victor Veculesco, MD, PhD, Director of Oncology at Johns Hopkins Medical Center, during testimony before the Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board, the County Council and the Mulch Task Force proceedings. These presentations reflect the wealth of evidence-based data further supporting that wood dust is a cancer-causing substance. And yet in the wake of this, here we are again wrestling with the same issue, which seems to indicate that either no one believes or wants to believe hard, scientific, medical evidence... or worse, thinks, "It can't happen to them."

But what if you are a cancer survivor striving to control risks to known threats, such as certain foods, wine, alcohol, etc.,... those things you can control to continue being cancer-free? Now you are faced with a known carcinogen that you CAN NOT control, short of moving out of your home.

Moreover, would you want to live across the road/street or or have your children playing down wind from a mulching operation knowing that it produces Wood Dust that a reputable organization, the American Cancer Society, has determined can cause cancer? This as a simply answered question - either yes or no. If 'yes,' then obviously you do not consider it much of a risk. It can not happen to you, your spouse, your children or other family members, right?

We say, "It can happen" and therefore, do not want mulching permitted or allowed in our county... anywhere, especially given it will probably will not be monitored or controlled. For we are aware our county traditionally DOES NOT monitor its own laws and regulations.

Additionally, large, 18-wheeler trucks are associated with mulching operations. They have to travel over our narrow, tertiary roads, competing with farmers moving large equipment from field to field, residents in inherently large vehicles, plus a recently introduced, new vehicle on our roads... bicycles. I submit this conglomeration cannot safely compete on our narrow, Scenic roads. It is absolutely unsafe!

As our elected officials, you are not only responsible for carrying out duties governing our county, but just as importantly, protecting the citizens of Howard... your constituents. We, therefore, urge you to act RESPONSIBILITY and protect everyone from the dangers of mulching. Remember it has been demonstrated, wood dust can cause CANCER.

In summary, we urgently request that you recognize the very real threat mulching can have on the health of our citizens. As our trusted legislators, we ask that you do the right thing!! Vote NO TO ALL MULCHING!!! Make Howard a safe county to live in.

Very respectfully,
Mr. & Mrs. Richard G. Tufts
Daisy

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From: Martha Hicks <admin@masmelas.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 8:57 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Industrial Milchin Opppose

Fellow Supporters,

We are fast approaching the continuation of our testimony to strongly oppose CB60 as it currently stands. As of right now, CB60 allows for both industrial mulching and industrial composting, with food waste, animal mortality, and manure, on all RR and RC farmland throughout the County. What would be allowed under CB60, which also applies to State of MD ag preserve farmland, is 5 acres of mulch processing plus 5 acres of compost processing, for 10 total acres with no tie to farming. It also allows product to be trucked off for commercial sale or sold onsite for retail sale. How anyone can argue that this is anything but limitless industrial processing is beyond our comprehension. Feel free to email County Executive Kittleman to see if he can explain this to us since CB60 is his bill.

In the meantime, the public hearing continues on Monday September 11, at 6pm in the Banneker Room, with a possible further extension to Sept 18 should it be necessary in order to hear all citizens signed up to testify. The vote will not be easy for us and as such we need our strongest turnout ever that evening. Mary Kay Sigaty and Greg Fox, co-authors of CB60 presented on behalf of County Executive Kittleman, will place 2 of 5 important votes against us for the bill they crafted, which will allow for industrial mulching and industrial composting on RR and RC land in Howard County.

Let's take a trip down memory lane to when then-candidate Kittleman was running for the County Executive seat back in 2014. We gave him a platform to spread his message against industrial mulching on ag preserve farmland, which we believe helped him secure the win over a tightly contested race against Courtney Watson who failed to take as strong a position opposing industrial mulching. In the article referenced below, then State Senator Kittleman condemns DPZ, which under *his* leadership is now incapable of taking enforcement action against even the clearest violators of CB20 without pressure from the community.

The full article appearing in the Baltimore Sun/Howard County Times on Aug 13, 2014 can be accessed directly through the following weblink:
<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/howard/lisbon-fulton/ph-ho-cf-political-notebook-0814-20140812-story.html>

Please read the following excerpt and shake your head given the irony of it all and where we find ourselves again now after working hard to succeed with passage of CB20:

Republican county executive candidate Allan Kittleman had strong words for Howard County's Department of Planning and Zoning Monday night at a town hall in Glenwood.

In what would become a theme throughout the night, Kittleman, a state senator from West Friendship, first broached the topic while answering a question about mulching on preserved farmland in the county, a practice he says he opposes when it's done on a large scale.

"I don't think industrial mulching is a proper use on a preserved farm," he told the audience of about two dozen people gathered at the Glenwood Library, but, "I think this is a bigger issue than just that. ... Here, we have a problem with the Department of Planning and Zoning. Here, we have a situation where the leadership of the county has allowed the Department of Planning and Zoning to be controlled by a few people."

I would hope that County Executive Kittleman recognizes that ALL farmland needs to be protected from industrial mulching and composting, not simply the farmland that is in ag preserve. CB60 needs to be amended to prohibit NWWR and any food waste/animal mortality in compost on ALL farmland in Howard County. The farmland doesn't know the difference. Industrial mulching/composting poses the same health risks to all, and the same safety risks to children waiting for school buses whether the land is in ag preserve or not. Let's not forget the two young children struck and killed by a tractor-trailer full of mulch while trying to board their school bus just five months ago.

Please make every effort to attend the public hearing on Sept 11, again in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building. It will be a long night of testimony, but it is a certainty we don't win without you to get major amendments included in CB60 to protect the health and welfare of your children and your families. Please spread the word to send more emails to Council Mail and to County Executive Kittleman. Also, please consider signing up to testify in opposition to CB60. Let's show in force with a thousand voices standing together to oppose CB60. We finish strong, together.

With much appreciation for your continued support as we work hard to protect our families,

Best,
John Tegeris, PhD
President, DRPS

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Dr. Susan G. Lathrop

Sincerely,
Susan J. Gromacki, OD, MS, FAAO
Diplomate: Cornea, Contact Lenses, and Refractive Technologies
The American Academy of Optometry
Contributing Editor, *Contact Lens Spectrum*

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Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 8:19 PM
To: CouncilMail; Terrasa, Jen; "mksigaty,"@howardcountymd.gov; Fox, Greg
Subject: CB60+

Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Ball -Calvin, Ms. Terrasa -Jen, Ms. Sigaty, and Mr. Fox,

All of you know the serious concerns so many of us have regarding this CB60 proposal, Health, Safety, the total disruption of our lives. There is one major concern that has received too little mention and clarity, our home and property values.

I extended an invitation to visit. Something that many of our national politicians do. I regret that it was not accepted. Had it been accepted you could more clearly realize exactly what you are voting for and against. A passing vote for CB60 is a near death knell for many of our affected communities. Most assuredly for those of us here in Dayton and the immediate Dayton area.

Our area is wonderfully mixed, ethnically, racially, and in income. For those of us, however, not among the wealthy our homes and properties are the foundations of our retirements. With a commercial industrial mulching enterprise in our midst, our property values will drop precipitously. In fact we may not be able to sell at all.

Before you scoff consider switching places. Let's assume each of you lives in a community much like Columbia. Supposing an influential group, and one in the minority, approaches its governing body and says, 'We really need to have some ATV tracks to help us boost our competitive edge. And toward this end our community has open space between much of our community's housing.'

And now suppose that your governing body and your DPZ decides to pass this. Think about it. Your days filled with the roar of ATVs, the gasoline polluting the air, the noise pollution, the loss of usage of your open space, the safety issues for children and pets. How would you feel? And you can't move because who would buy your home.

This decision that each of you will be making is a decision that will significantly alter the comfort, health, and peace we now enjoy and for many of us the financial security we'd hoped for and planned on for our retirement.

Surely there are other enterprises that can be considered that will not so disastrously affect entire communities and the people who live in these communities. Please do not allow commercial industrial mulching in the midst of residential communities. It hurts so many.

Thank you.

Corliss Glennon

Triadelphia Mill Road

Dayton, MD

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PS: DO NOT discount this message because you believe text provided by our movements leaders has less value than individually written text. That is a specious argument recently used by the FCC to discount testimony. Believe it or not, citizens holding jobs, raising families, participating in charitable work and resistance work, and/or facing illnesses may not have the time or ability to re-write every message to oppose the myriad affronts to our democracy happening now. MY OPINION COUNTS! I would also like to state that I am affronted that emails I sent to Mr. Fox and Ms. Sigaty shortly after the last hearing on CB60 went unanswered. At that hearing, Mr. Fox's attack of constituent John Tegeris was inexcusable, and Ms. Sigaty's support of CB60 stating that Mr. Orndorf called her and assured her he did not plan to put a mulch facility on the Greenbridge land was ridiculous. Both made it absolutely clear in whose pocket they reside!

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From: Steve Caffey <sscaffey@gmail.com>
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Steve Caffey (and 3 other voting members in our family)

Sayers, Margery

From: J&K Equipment, Inc. <jkequipment@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 9:32 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Industrial mulching

Subject: Opposition to CB60 Without Major Amendments
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Kathleen McKissack

Sayers, Margery

From: Joseph Cana <josephcana@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 8:46 AM
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From: Paul Shoffeitt <drivinghorses@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 7:02 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Re Opposition to Industrial mulching on farm land

CB60 puts families at risk for many health, safety and environmental concerns. The bill will allow for industrial mulching/composting on Howard County farmland (these industrial facilities belong on M1/M2 with appropriate control measures, i.e., covered piles). This bill would put neighbor at considerable risk in terms of health and safety.

Please, NO NWWR on RR and RC, NO food waste/animal mortality for compost and NO commercial sale of compost (for use on the farm only).

Paul Shoffeitt
2560 Jennings Chapel Road
Woodbine, Md 21797

Sayers, Margery

From: C M <coco_maple@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 5:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Opposition to CB60 Without Major Amendments

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We love Dayton and Howard county, we hope it becomes a more beautiful and safer area.

Thank you!

Coco Lorr & Family

Sayers, Margery

From: Cynthia Nickel <ctnickel@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 5:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Jim Nickel
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Thank you.

Cynthia Nickel

4904 Green Bridge Rd.

Dayton, MD 21036

P.S. I have a particular personal reason to oppose this bill. I have had a tracheostomy for the past four years. As a result, I am especially vulnerable to airborne particulates, which could cause me to succumb to pneumonia or other pulmonary issues. I am a 30-year Dayton resident but, for the sake of my health, I would be forced to move if confronted with a nearby mulching/composting operation. I just can't live in such a situation—literally!

Sayers, Margery

From: Charles Stirrat <stirrcr1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 3:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
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Thank you.

Charles R. Stirrat
13318 Hunt Rdg
Ellicott City, MD 21042-1155

PS I am also opposed to building new family residences in districts where schools are already filled to over 100% of their capacity as permitted by CB61 and CB62.

Sayers, Margery

From: Donna Smeins Howard <daeva77@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 11:42 AM
To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan
Subject: CB 60

Dear County Executive and Council Members,

Thank you for taking the time to further listen to the members of the community. I remain opposed to CB 60 as currently written. First, let me state that I am not an opponent of farming/farmers. My father was born and raised on a working farm in South Dakota, my maternal grandfather owned several farms in Washington County, MD, my son has a degree in plant sciences and is currently pursuing his Master's degree in next generation farming at UMD.

I am an opponent of mulching/composting on farmland for monetary purposes. I believe the original intention of the task force was to make certain that legitimate farm related mulching/composting was allowed on the farm, by the farm, for the farm. As currently written, CB 60 allows for loopholes which would provide the means for mulching/composting for profit to occur. Additionally, I am concerned that it took DPZ seven years to move forward on the Bonner issue in a meaningful way. What changes in procedures, reporting, investigating by DPZ are being made so that violators of any zoning regulations will have real consequences and be addressed in a more timely manner?

I am not going to delve back into the health and safety issues that were put forth in testimony as you are all aware of them and will chose to hear and act on those issues or not. I would like to tell you a bit about our family. I am fortunate to be in a multi-generation home as my mother and my children live with me. My concerns for their health and safety far outweigh my concerns for my own and I would like for you to truly consider what it would mean to you if your loved ones lived, played, and traveled in the area where mulching/composting for profit occurs. While I would prefer no mulching/composting, I understand that my farm neighbors may have need to mulch on the farm, by the farm, for the farm. I would be willing to compromise to see mulching/composting on the farm, by the farm, for the farm capped at one acre as was proposed by some members of the council in 2014.

During testimony, Dr. T was asked, "What is the difference between one acre and two acres?" but did not have the opportunity to answer. While I cannot answer this question as a scientist, I can answer it as a math teacher. Please do not get caught up in thinking that this is just a change of plus one – that is kindergarten understanding of basic numbers. The difference between one acre and two acres is 100%. In mathematics, a gain of 100% is generally considered significant. When was the last time you had a 100% salary increase? For me, it was never, but I am a teacher and that might explain it. However, if you had a 100% weight increase, that would be significant as you would most likely face health consequences. If I hired a personal trainer and he told me to run 1 mile on day one and 2 miles on day two, I would have to fire him as this type of increase is more than my body could handle. An increase in mulching from one acre to two acres is quite significant because it is an increase in volume, not just area. You have to take into consideration the magnitude of the units involved.

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Very truly yours,

Donna Smeins Howard
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Dayton, MD 21036
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Meredith Brittain & Bill Fagan
Howard County Voters

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From: Cook, Joe <joe_cook@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 3:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Opposition to CB60
Attachments: CountyExec ltr 9817.pdf

To All Concerned:

I am a resident of Dayton, MD, and wish to make my opposition to CB60 known by virtue of the attached letter addressed to County Executive Allen Kittleman.

4435 Linthicum Road

Dayton, MD 21036

September 8, 2017

Dear County Executive Kittleman:

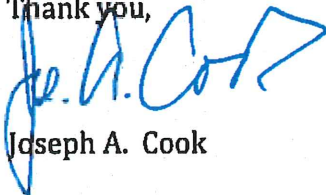
I am writing in regard to pending legislation known as CB60. I am adamantly opposed to this initiative as it is harmful to rural communities throughout Howard County, on several levels.

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There is no hiding the fact that operations associated with composting facilities or wood waste recycling facilities are industrial in nature, and have no agricultural basis. To introduce these kinds of facilities, and their associated environmental and public safety risks, into residential communities is misguided.

Rather than argue the numerous shortcomings of the draft legislation, such as the complete lack of any reasonable controls as to the content and amount of the materials being brought to these "facilities," or mitigation measures required to protect neighboring residences from the potential dust, groundwater contamination, noise and odors these facilities generate, lets rethink where these types of operations really belong. I know we can do better than CB60.

Thank you,



Joseph A. Cook

Sayers, Margery

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Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 12:09 PM
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Yi Zhang

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From: Victor Velculescu <velculescu007@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 10:15 AM
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Sofia Velculescu

Sayers, Margery

From: LOU JORDAN <louisjordan@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 8:49 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: OPPOSITION TO CB60 WITHOUT MAJOR AMENDMENTS!!!

DEAR "ELECTED" COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,

I AM VERY CONCERNED and **SEVERELY PERTURBED!** with CB60 which will allow for **INDUSTRIAL MULCHING** and composting on ag preserve farmland and on all of RR/RC **THROUGHOUT HOWARD COUNTY**. The current zoning language contained in CB60 is **TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE** and not only puts the **RURAL COMMUNITIES** at risk for well-documented safety and health concerns from **INDUSTRIAL MULCHING**, but now also makes this **A COUNTYWIDE ISSUE!!!**

As it currently reads, there are clear loopholes that will allow those **POSING AS TREE FARMERS** to conduct **INDUSTRIAL MULCHING** activities on plots as small as 2 to 5 acres, depending on whether on Howard County ag (ALPP), RR or RC parcels. This will result in **TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE RISKS TO ENSURING THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES and ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE AFFECTED AREAS**. Furthermore, DPZ has demonstrated a clear inability to enforce clear violators of CB20. We now ask, how can DPZ protect our families when loopholes in CB60 will allow for **INDUSTRIAL MULCHING** to occur, making enforcement even more challenging if not **IMPOSSIBLE?**

County Executive Kittleman, through CB60 introduced on his behalf, has simply not kept his campaign promise to ensure that there is **NO POSSIBILITY of INDUSTRIAL MULCHING** on both Howard County and State of MD ag preserve parcels, despite his recent claims to the contrary. There is no separate section in CB60 that deals with State of MD ag (MALPF) restrictions (only Howard County ag). We worked hard to get State of MD ag restrictions included in the current zoning language for CB20 and are **OUTRAGED!** that it has been omitted from CB60.

There are many other key amendments needed in CB60 to make it acceptable to the health and well-being of **THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES THROUGHOUT HOWARD COUNTY**. We are counting on **YOU, OUR COUNTY COUNCIL** to course correct with amendments added to CB60 to clearly prevent **ANY CHANCE** of **INDUSTRIAL MULCH FACILITIES** from operating throughout farmland in Howard County, other than in M1/M2 commercially zoned land. This is the only way that **YOU, OUR COUNCILMEMBERS** can ensure **EVERYONE** in potentially affected areas continues to be protected by current zoning regulations defined in CB20.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS MATTER SERIOUSLY AND ADD NEEDED AMENDMENTS TO CB60,
WHICH IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE AS IT NOW STANDS!**

**WE THE VOTERS WILL NOTE AND REMEMBER YOUR POSITION ON THIS IMPORTANT
MATTER AND WE VOTE!!!**

Thank you in advance,

Sayers, Margery

From: Vidit Majmudar <vidit.majmudar@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 8:13 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: jigna
Subject: Opposition to CB60 Without Major Amendments

County Council,

We are very concerned with CB60 which will allow for industrial mulching and composting on ag preserve farmland and on all of RR/RC throughout Howard County. The current zoning language contained in CB60 is unacceptable and not only puts the rural communities at risk for well-documented safety and health concerns from industrial mulching, but now also makes this a countywide issue.

As it currently reads, there are clear loopholes that will allow those posing as tree farmers to conduct industrial mulching activities from 2 acres up to 5 acres, depending on whether on Howard County ag (ALPP), RR or RC parcels. This will result in unacceptable risks to ensuring the well-being of children, families and all individuals living in affected areas. Furthermore, DPZ has demonstrated a clear inability to enforce clear violators of CB20. We now ask, how can DPZ protect our families when loopholes in CB60 will allow for industrial mulching to occur, making enforcement even more challenging?

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Thank you
Jigna & Vidit Majmudar
4011 Candle Light Dr,
Dayton, MD 21036

Sayers, Margery

From: cmar2@md.net
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 9:33 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Opposition to CB60

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Sincerely, John and Carol Raley, Morning Star Drive, Dayton, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: pmj tsang <pmjtsang@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 2:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
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Peter Tsang

15021 Oak Ridge Ct, Dayton, MD