

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Joan Shea <joaneve@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 7:59 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB70-2017

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I own Joan Eve Classics & Collectbles in historic Ellicott City.

I am writing in support of Council Bill 70 (CB70-2017) which would exempt businesses in Howard County historic districts from personal property taxes (PPT) for five years. There are three main reasons for my support.

1. This Bill would substantially benefit businesses still recovering from the 2016 flood. Its passage would help with business retention as well as new business recruitment. Many returning business owners have expressed that re-opening has been extremely difficult enough but staying in business after such a long interruption and capital outlay has been even harder. For newly opened businesses this Bill would give them a better head start, as well as act as an incentive for potential new businesses deciding if they want to invest in the historic district.
2. Many business owners and even their accountants often find the personal property tax confusing. Keeping lists of all of the applicable furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) is burdensome and accurately calculating the depreciation and requisite PPT leads to concern regarding penalties for mistakes.
3. Acknowledging that sales taxes and personal property taxes go to two different entities, it still appears that businesses are being taxed multiple times for the same FF&E. After paying sales tax when purchasing those items, one then has to keep remitting PPT on them year after year just to use them in the course of doing business which in turn generates sales taxes.

I respectfully request that you pass this bill and give struggling businesses an extra incentive to remain invested in the historic district.

Sincerely,

Joan Eve Shea-Cohen

410-370-8966

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**From:** Angelina Brannigan <angelbadbtq@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 11:07 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support for CB70-2017

Statement of Support for CB70-2017

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I own \_\_\_\_A Divaz Boutique\_\_\_\_ business in historic Ellicott City.

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\_\_\_\_Angelina Brannigan\_\_\_\_(Name of Business Owner)

\_\_\_\_410-696-1333\_\_\_\_(Contact Phone Number)

Fashionably Yours,

Angelina Brannigan  
Owner of A Divaz Boutique  
8141 Main Street  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
410-696-1333

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**From:** Angie Tersiguel <thetersiguels@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 6:44 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support for CB 70-2017

Dear Howard County Council Members,

We own Tersiguel's French Country Restaurant in historic Ellicott City.

We are writing in support of Council Bill 70 (CB70-2017) which would exempt businesses in Howard County historic districts from personal property taxes (PPT) for five years. There are three main reasons for my support.

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Angela & Michel Tersiguel  
410-499-5205

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**From:** Susan Whary <swhary04@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 5:04 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support for CB70-2017

Dear Howard County Council Members,

My name is Susan Whary, owner of Sweet Cascades Chocolatier in historic Ellicott City.

I am writing in support of Council Bill 70 (CB70-2017) which would exempt businesses in Howard County historic districts from personal property taxes (PPT) for five years. There are three main reasons for my support.

1. This Bill would substantially benefit businesses still recovering from the 2016 flood. Its passage would help with business retention as well as new business recruitment. Myself, as well as other returning business owners, have expressed that re-opening has been extremely difficult enough, but staying in business after such a long interruption and capital outlay has been even harder.
2. The personal property has also been very confusing. Keeping lists of all of the applicable furniture, fixtures, and equipment is burdensome and accurately calculating the depreciation and requisite personal property tax leads to concern regarding penalties for mistakes.
3. Acknowledging that sales taxes and personal property taxes go to two different entities, it still appears that businesses are being taxed multiple times for the same furniture, fixtures, and equipment. After paying sales tax when purchasing those items, one then has to keep remitting personal property tax on them year after year just to use them in the course of doing business which in turn generates sales tax.

I respectfully request that you pass this bill and give struggling businesses an extra incentive to remain invested in the historic district.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Whary, Owner  
Sweet Cascades Chocolatier  
8197-A Main Street  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
410-750-8422

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**From:** Angela <kittiesarenice@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 4:52 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Ref: CB70-2017 Personal Property Tax – exemption – historic district – terminating June 30, 2022

I support CB-70-2017 for Personal Property Tax Exemption for the Historic District.

I believe this is important and worthwhile because it will help save the district and in the long run lead to more value, and subsequently more taxes for the County. Tourism is important, including 'local tourism' by residents of the surrounding area. My husband and I spend a lot of time in Historic Ellicott City, patronize its businesses, and support its museums and historical society.

Angela Floyd  
2115 Cedar Barn Way  
Windsor Mill MD 21244

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**From:** Sally Tennant <sallyfoxt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 4:37 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Weinstein, Jon; Smith, Gary; Keller, Jessie; kbesson@aol.com  
**Subject:** Please Pass the Historic District Business Property Tax Credit

Dear Ho Co Council,

Although I was unaware of this bill until a few minutes ago, I am compelled to write a quick note in support of the business tax credit for the historic district. I am one of the business owners who lost almost everything in the flood which I have worked for in the past 37 years. I hope the council fully supports this tax credit. Even though on the surface the town looks as though it has gotten past the flood, I can guarantee you that the losses will burden us for years, if not decades as we try to recoup. Some will not make it long term without contribution from the county, etc. Behind the facade of this rebound miracle is the fact that it was due mostly to the many volunteers who helped in EC, we still need direct financial help from our county. Without assistance of multiple types, the facade of EC as a healthy model community after a flood is likely to crack and crumble. We need help to sustain the shops with the huge financial burden which will continue to haunt us for a long time to come. The community stepped up big time with volunteer muscle and provided financial donations which helped put a dent in the massive bills. However, I am sure that the business community needs to see our county government step up with direct financial assistance as well. Also, this is a historic district with a duty to preserve it. Please pass Bill 70 (CB70-2017). Historic Ellicott City needs and deserves this assistance to recover and to increase the odds that this town can maintain viability.

Sincerely,

Sally Fox Tennant

Owner of Discoveries Gallery LLC

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**From:** garyrobbins6@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 4:05 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Personal Property Tax Exemption

Sample Statement of Support for CB70-2017

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I own 8052, 8056 Main Street and 3700 Mullican Hill Lane in historic Ellicott City.

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Gary Robbins  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Business Owner)

\_\_(410) 461-2054\_\_\_\_\_ (Contact Phone Number)

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** garyrobbins6@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:04 PM  
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\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Business Owner)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Contact Phone Number)

Sent from my iPad



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**From:** Main Street Oriental Rugs <mainstreetrugs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 2:41 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** support of bill 70(CB70-2017)

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I own \_main street oriental rugs business in historic Ellicott City.

I am writing in support of Council Bill 70 (CB70-2017) which would exempt businesses in Howard County historic districts from personal property taxes (PPT) for five years. There are three main reasons for my support.

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\_\_\_\_\_mojan bagha\_\_\_\_(Name of Business Owner)

\_\_\_\_\_410 313-9090\_\_\_\_\_ (Contact Phone Number)

mojan bagha

Main Street Oriental Rugs  
8290 Main Street  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
410-313-9090

Main Street  
Oriental Rugs



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**From:** Jon L. Sandler <[jsandler@lawyersadvantage.com](mailto:jsandler@lawyersadvantage.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 2:40 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Council Bill 70 (CB70-2017)

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I own LAWYERS ADVANTAGE TITLE GROUP, INC., which is located at 8000 Main street in historic Ellicott City.

I am writing in support of Council Bill 70 (CB70-2017) which would exempt businesses in Howard County historic districts from personal property taxes (PPT) for five years. There are three main reasons for my support.

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4. As for us, personally, the recovery from the FLOOD on July 30, 2016 has been very difficult in spite of the fact that we had flood insurance which had a very high deductible. Candidly, it was only because of luck, hard work and help from our friends and the wonderful Howard County government and Community volunteers that we have survived.

I respectfully request that you pass this bill and give struggling businesses an extra incentive to remain invested in the historic district.

Jon L. Sandler, Esq.,



Jon L. Sandler, Esq.  
President & General Counsel  
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**From:** Randolph Hoenes <randolph\_hoenes@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:13 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Historic district no tax

Hi,

I support:

Title: AN ACT establishing a personal property tax exemption for property of a business located in a historic district or a National Register District, under certain conditions; providing for an application procedure and administration of the exemption; and generally relating to personal property tax exemptions.

8198 Main Street

Ellicott City,

Randolph Hoenes

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Sent from my iPhone