

Sayers, Margery

From: Joseph King <jckingmd@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2017 12:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: APFO Vote

Dear County Council Members

There cannot be a delay in any APFO legislation. CB61/62 need to be addressed to make sure our children do not continue to suffer in over crowded schools and the builders get away with some of the lowest fees in one of the most prosperous counties in our nation.

Take decisive action to fix 20+ years of bad practice. The school test should be 100% occupancy and needs to take into account Elementary, Middle and High Schools.

Joseph King
Howard County Resident since 1997
Allview Estate Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: JENNIFER SPIEGEL <jenallenspiegel@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2017 12:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB61 & 62

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Sincerely,
Jen Spiegel
12475 Triadelphia Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042
(District 5)

Sayers, Margery

From: Noel Ward <noelward@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2017 1:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: #HoCoParentsVOTE #NoDelayVoteNOW!

It must have been more than a year ago – maybe 2, you were invited to attend a PTA meeting at Manor Woods Elementary School. You didn't show, but Jon Weinstein did. It was before I ever heard about APFO. All I knew is that houses were going up and schools were getting crowded. I raised my hand, and without any pomp or circumstance, I asked why the developers didn't have to contribute sufficient money or land to provide for a new school? It seems a simple concept – common sense; but apparently, it isn't in Howard County. That's when I heard about the policy that guides development. Well, I wanted to let you know that although I haven't been present at the meetings, I have watched the testimony online and on TV. The testimony of the non-developers, the ordinary citizens that you represent, is consistent. You have heard the message. It's time to act and it is your responsibility to serve your county. Do not table CB61 & 62. You didn't know it because you didn't see me; but I've been watching, and I will vote. You should vote too.
#HoCoParentsVOTE #NoDelayVoteNOW!

Noel Ward
noelward@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: Alan Sellers <alan.sellers14@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 01, 2017 5:32 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB61&CB63

You need to vote these bill down please. These kids will be fine staying in the schools they have been planning to go to for years.
#Hocoparentsvote

Alan Sellers, 3801 Macalpine Road in the middle of Dunloggin
Phone 443-676-6645
My kids will not go to Wilde Lake High school period.

Sayers, Margery

From: Cristina Chaplain <chaplaincc@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 01, 2017 5:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: APFO bill

Please proceed with a vote on APFO and do not table the bill. It is time to get a hold on the unconstrained development in our county. My property value is about to drop considerably and my child is being redistricted to a different city, all because we have not better managed and planned for growth. My next vote for Council will be based on what happens with this bill. It's time to think more about our county's children and it's future, than short term gains. Thank you for your consideration,

Cristina Chaplain
3777 Plum Spring Lane
Ellicott City, MD

Sent from my iPad

which we know is coming and make trend and volume comparisons and say APFO worked, based on old and missing data. Speaking of missing data, it takes 3 minutes on google to find other county's recent impact fees and excise taxes.

I am thrilled the builders support the APFO task force recommendations. Therefore, please make CB61 reflect them, as there is plenty missing in there! :) There is no legal reason why the reduction to 110% cannot be in there now. Good luck with everything.

Thanks,

Lisa

This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.

<https://www.avast.com/antivirus>

Sayers, Margery

From: Lisa Markovitz <lmarkovitz@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 01, 2017 5:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Apples to Apples issues

Dear Council Members,

I have been in Scotland and am getting caught up on things. I watched the 9/18 extra APFO hearing testimony, and most of the work session thereafter. Some issues came to mind that I wish to share with you as you take on several tasks, including trying to compare apples to apples when looking at development fees in HoCo versus other counties.

I have asked Jeff Bronow and Carl Delorenzo to let me know if MIHU fees-in-lieu are paid on EVERY unit in a development or only those that would have been MIHU if provided. This is a big point. At first I thought, well sure that is a development cost; however, if they only pay the fees on the square footage of the units that are not being provided, then that's 10-15% of the total, and thus, inappropriate to add to the "list" on the "chart" of what fees they pay on them all. I don't know the answer though, so not sure, but something to ask.

Be careful which average square footage is used also, because one cannot just use an average for one type of unit. One needs to use an average square footage of ALL types of units, or break them all out. I asked Steve Breedan what was fair to use and he said 2000 for "all".

I also question the validity of including other costs, like transfer taxes, which have no place in comparing developer fees to other counties anymore than the cost of land acquisition would. I am sure other counties have similar costs anyway. Be sure to look at per unit charges. I am not sure why Mr. Greenfeld kept talking about "human beings" instead of units.

One last comparison point, it is VERY important to look at other counties that use State-rated capacity and see how LONG their waits are. Several other counties require much longer than 4 years. Their decisions were to balance higher capacity halts with longer waits. One has to watch for cherry-picking comparisons.

I did get a chuckle at the notion that increased developer costs would drive up housing costs. Maybe because I was an Economics major, and have a Masters in Finance, but that was funny. Supply and demand creates housing prices, and pretty much all prices. They can try to pass on higher costs, and the market will bear it or not. If they can get higher prices they would always, whether their costs are increased or not.

One other odd thing I heard was how new development pays for itself. It is a bit one-sided to take 20 years of income stream to the County into consideration when looking at a new home, but only take 1 year, or a 1 time expense of 1 public service, a "new" school seat, on the cost side. What about on-going costs K-12 of each added student every year thereafter? What about roads, fire, police, and other costs? It doesn't seem a relevant issue at all when discussing APFO needs. As for that 40% from new sales, a few years later that is considered a turnover anyway, so why keep the "new" house in the revenue mix so long? Let's keep the "new" house in all the calculations at 20 years and see what that looks like. :)

I am also concerned about the chart provided to you that gives 3 years of permitted development laid over school areas, which causes analysis of closed areas not having much development. This does not include THOUSANDS of units coming and coming soon. I don't see how it makes sense to call that analysis planning, and ignore everything after 2016,

Sayers, Margery

From: Kris Maciorowski <komaciorowski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 01, 2017 9:17 PM
To: Weinstein, Jon; CouncilMail
Subject: APFO

Dear Mr Weinstein,

Please do not table APFO. You need to stand with your constituents and not the developers. School capacity needs to be at 100% not 120%. Developers need to pay their fair share towards schools, roads, emergency services, water and sewer. Howard County parents vote!

Thank you,
Kris Maciorowski
3708 Mesa Ct
21042

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: DIANE BUTLER <politicodiane@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 01, 2017 10:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Table

To the Council,

After so many great suggestions by the citizens of Howard County, I would like it if you table the APFO bills to try and make them better for the citizens of the county, through some amendments. In the grand bargain with the developers the cap was lowered to 110%, and I did not see this in the legislation. There were many other suggestions that I believe are worth looking at.

Thank you,
Diane Butler

Sayers, Margery

From: lmarkovitz <lmarkovitz@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 12:27 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: MiHu fee

Carl Delorenzo told me it is paid on all the units in the development, so for the single family detached it makes sense to add that cost, as you may already have known. Thanks for considering other issues raised. Thanks.

Lisa

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE smartphone

Sayers, Margery

From: Forrest Family <forrest_121@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 8:54 AM
To: Kittleman, Allan; CouncilMail
Subject: CB61 & CB62 needs a VOTE

Council Members and Mr. Kittleman

I urge you to move forward with a vote on CB61 and CB62, by doing nothing you are **failing** your community. I hope you have heard loud and clear that what we have in place now is not working. Listen to what we are saying about our schools, our roads, our quality of life.

#HoCoParentsVOTE #NoDelayVoteNOW!

Laura Forrest
10305 Greenbriar Ct
Ellicott City MD 21042

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: usf1998 <usf1998@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 10:20 AM
To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Strengthen APFO Now

Dear Mr. Kittleman, and Council Members:

I am writing, yet again, to express my dismay in how the APFO legislation is being handled. Our current APFO guidelines are woefully and shamefully inadequate.

A vote on CB61 and CB62 is being dragged out continuously and unnecessarily. Your constituents remain active and engaged on this issue, and have not wavered in their determination to strengthen APFO. School capacity at 115% is wholly unacceptable. High schools need to be included in APFO tests.

Stalling the vote on CB61 and CB62 is unfair to each and every one of your constituents. We all have families and jobs and responsibilities that may prevent us from showing up to every meeting and work session. It is outrageous to continue to table the legislation and delay your votes. These tactics have not escaped our attention. Each and every one of you will be on record with your vote and we are watching. Howard County parents vote.

Do you know the latest that has occurred as a result of inadequate APFO regulations? Manor Woods Elementary School has to cancel their traditional, annual Halloween parade. They had to cancel the parade because the portable classrooms take up too much room on the property for the kids to safely all parade at once. The county's poor planning has caused a fun, much-anticipated event to be canceled for a group of CHILDREN. Shameful, indeed.

Do not delay your vote any longer. Vote now. Strengthen APFO now.

Sincerely,
Kelly Balchunas
President, Waverly Elementary PTA
10930 White Dahlia Drive
Woodstock, MD 21163

Sayers, Margery

From: Sarah Cheng <sarah.cheng1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 10:41 AM
To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Strengthen APFO Legislation

Hello council members,

I have 3 children in Howard County public schools. It is critical that we get stronger APFO legislation to prevent any further over crowding of our schools. I am closely watching your discussions and how you will vote on this issue. If you vote with parents and citizens I will support each of you in the future. If you vote with developers I most certainly will not support you in the future. Please choose the right side of this topic!

Sarah

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Sarah Cheng
sarah.cheng1@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Hmd3010 <hmd3010@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 10:53 AM
To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan
Subject: CB 61 and 62

Good Morning Council Members,

I am emailing again to urge you to please ammend APFO and not table these bills. You have heard from so many constituents and you know it's the right thing to do

Please help our children and stop helping the developers!!
The children are more important than your kickback from developers.

I have twin sons in 3rd grade at Manor Woods and we received a very upsetting email from Mrs. Debord this morning.
Our national blue ribbon students are now losing their highly anticipated Halloween parade around the car loop because there is no room for us parents and our cars. This has always been one of the highlights of the school year for the children. Just like there was no room for us to participate in the blue ribbon ceremony that you were all able to join in, in the severely overcrowded, against fire code regulations cafeteria.
When my sons ask why there is no parade, they will hear the truth- our county government is failing us and doesn't have the best interest of children in mind when voting on important items.

We will remember your actions when we vote and won't be voting for those who don't help us.

Respectfully,
Heather DeVito

Sayers, Margery

From: Kalpana Bacon <kalps_b@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 10:55 AM
To: Weinstein, Jon; CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Vote for CB61 & 62 tonight

Dear Council Members:

You have heard from concerned citizens since early this summer about the need for stronger APFO. We have testified at County Council meetings. We have held rallies. We have emailed you and spoken with you in person. The media has done stories on TV and in the newspapers. Please do not waste this opportunity to ensure our county has the proper APFO in place for schools and infrastructure. Please do not table or withdraw these bills. You know what we are asking for - you've heard it many times now. You were elected by us to serve us — not the developers or MBIA. HoCo Parents Vote - and we are watching and waiting.

Kalpana

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Xiaotang Jiang <xtjiang2001@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 11:30 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: vote for CB61 & 62

Dear Howard County Councils,

I am a resident of Howard County.

Please don't table or withdraw bill CB62 & 62. Vote for the bills NOW!. Our schools are too crowded! Our kids and schools cannot wait any more. So Vote Now!
#HoCoParentsVOTE and #NoDelayVoteNOW!

Sincerely,

Xiaotang Jiang

Sayers, Margery

From: Debbie <debmckay@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 12:07 PM
To: CouncilMail

HoCoParentsVOTE and #NoDelayVoteNOW!

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Tracie O'Connell <Tracie.Oconnell@boc.us.com>
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 12:37 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY

Hello,

I have lived in Howard County for over 20 years. I have 2 children-one in college and another a freshmen at Centennial. I have been a small women owned business for 8 years in Howard County.

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

Our award-winning county schools are facing a dire overcrowding situation due to lack of political leadership and planning. County Council members need to show the community that their first priorities are the schools by not delaying the vote on APFO. Do not allow public trust in the process to erode further by deferring or tabling this bill.

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- Increase transfer tax percentage on resales to help off-set the costs of new seats being added from resales.
- Add measures for public safety, roads, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.
- Review and update APFO every 4 years.

Do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue. Howard County votes.

Tracie O'Connell
3709 MacAlpine Rd
Ellicott City MD 21042

President/CEO
Business Operational Concepts

Sayers, Margery

From: Opel Jones <opel.t.jones@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 2:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: APFO

Greetings Mr. Chairman and Councilmembers!

I am Opel Jones, Howard County resident, and I am writing to first thank you for all you've done for the county; late night meetings, countless hours of reading through bills and amendments, dozens of meetings over the past few months, etc. The community appreciates what you do.

With regard to APFO, I know you may vote on the bill tonight, along with other very important bills, however I've grown increasingly concerned (along with several other Howard County residents I've spoken to) about the bill. I've heard hours of testimony, and you've sat through days of testimony, so I won't belabor the point. I just wanted to share my concerns with you.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

- Opel Jones

Sayers, Margery

From: Bacon Gnanaboopathy <bacong@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 5:07 PM
To: Weinstein, Jon; CouncilMail
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Best Regards
Bacon

Mobile: (410) 877-5060

Sayers, Margery

From: Nancy Rowe <Nancy_Rowe@hcpss.org>
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 6:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: schools

Please reconsider and do not divide Dunloggin. This area has been in the Centennial District for over 40 years. Splitting a neighborhood right down the middle is not considering the students' well being. Taking a small group of students away from their community of Ellicott City, their friends and community support is unwise. You are tearing the children from their community which is suburban/county like area to a city like high school in Columbia. Their parents sacrificed to buy homes in this area of Ellicott City selecting it because it met their children's needs like a parent helping to select a college for their children. Dunloggin is a diverse neighborhood with older **modest** homes that has helped to make Centennial a more diverse and caring high school for over 40 years.

Several families were directly impacted by the flooding in Ellicott City which strengthens the children's bond to their community of Ellicott City. Students are also being taken from a Centennial High School with top achievement scores to a high school where achievement scores are at the lowest end.

Two high school buses in this neighborhood is also dangerous. The streets are **very narrow** because it is an older development. Route 29 is also Not a safe route for buses to regularly travel.

As the county grows, it is still important to recognize the important of community ties especially to children. Taking a small group of students and tearing them from their community is NOT KNOWING THE LEARNER OR COMMUNITY. Even though there are new developments in the county, **we should still respect the older communities in this county.**

Please keep Dunloggin together at Centennial. Thank you

Nancy & Ron Rowe

Please consider the children and communities who are the consumers of Howard County. Builders will always want to build in Howard County, especially if we keep it a GREAT place to live. Lets take some time (years) to sit back and assess what we really need NOW. Howard County has grown so fast that the basics to what makes a community have been lost and now the children are living the consequences.

Jessica Hicks
7468 Merrymaker Way
Elkridge MD 21075

Sayers, Margery

From: Jessica Hicks <jessica.hicks1@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 6:30 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Re: Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!

Please do not table these bills to improve and strengthen APFO regulations for Howard County. New development needs to be regulated based on current capacity limits in infrastructure (roads, hospitals, fire, police, water/sewer) and SCHOOLS, this only makes common sense. Please do not sacrifice education and community life for new development. APFO needs updated immediately!

Jessica Hicks
7468 Merrymaker Way
Elkridge MD 21075

Hello,

I have lived in Howard County since 2002 and have 2 kids in the Howard County Public school system, 5th and 8th grade. We live in Elkridge and have been through 2 different redistricting events already. My son is about to enter Long Reach High School next year - he is hearing impaired. (Both of my kids are hearing impaired, so I'm thinking long term solutions here since we have 8 more years of schooling.) I'm very concerned that with the current APFO standards that have allowed for substantial overcrowding that their needs/requirements for an organized, well structured classroom environment are going to be compromised. If the teachers have too many kids in their class this means increased noise, increased distractions, less time for the teacher to repeat information or answer questions that my kids may have because they missed what the speaker said. These accommodations are provided to us under the 504 plan, this is the part of the federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against public school students with disabilities. My children, and many others, will be at a disadvantage in an over crowded school. I'm also concerned about the roads and lack of thought put into the total number vehicles that will actually travel them during rush hour. We build keep building homes/town homes/condos and the roads are not adequate for the cars, bikers and joggers that want to utilize them.

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- 6) Review and update APFO every 4 years

Do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.

During the afternoon of the 31st, children will have the opportunity to dress for Halloween and take part in classroom games and snacks. They will be given the opportunity to share their costumes with the other students within the building. Unfortunately, this is going to be a MWES student event only. It is our hope that families will have the opportunity to parade around the local neighborhoods and participate with their children as they travel from house to house for treats on Halloween evening.

The staff at MWES would like to thank you in advance for your support with our difficult decision. Again, we would like to stress that our decision was based solely on the safety of our school campus and the limited parking we have available for you to use.

We will continue with our parent party volunteers as we have in the past. Information and sign up for party volunteers is forthcoming.

Thank you,
Carol DeBord
Principal

Manor Woods Elementary School | [11575 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042](https://www.mwes.hcpss.org) | [\(410\) 313-7165](tel:4103137165) | mwes.hcpss.org

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Sayers, Margery

From: jyoutzgrams@gmail.com on behalf of Jennifer Y. Grams <jygrams@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 8:32 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB61 and CB62 are Imperative

We learned today that the Manor Woods annual Halloween parade is cancelled this year due to the overwhelming number of children in the school - nearly 800 in a school built for 647.

This situation will continue to get worse and it CANNOT be fixed by adding more trailers.

It needs to be fixed by changes to APFO and better planning and coordination between the county and the schools. This is not the educational environment that an award-winning school district in the 5th wealthiest county in the U.S. should be providing for our children.

Please vote NOW on CB61 and CB62. Demonstrate to the citizens of Howard County that you are protecting our interests, not the developers.

Jennifer Grams
3050 Terra Maria Way, Ellicott City MD 21042

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Manor Woods Elementary School <no-reply@hcpss.org>
Date: Mon, Oct 2, 2017 at 9:30 AM
Subject: Halloween Information
To: jygrams@gmail.com

MWES IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Halloween Information

Halloween is coming and we will celebrate on Tuesday, October 31st.

Halloween has been part of the Manor Woods culture over the years and continues to be a largely anticipated event by many of our students. This year, we are going to continue with a class party in which children can dress in costume and celebrate with their classmates. To err on the side of safety and limited parking, we have decided to omit our community parade. We will however continue our tradition of costume parties in our classrooms.

Sayers, Margery

From: Badri Shirgur <bshirgur@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 10:34 PM
To: Weinstein, Jon; CouncilMail
Subject: Vote on CB61 & 62

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Thanks
Badri Shirgur
Ellicott City MD
240-304-4448

Sayers, Margery

From: Jahantab Siddiqui <Jahantab_Siddiqui@hcpss.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Jahantab Siddiqui
Cc: Brianna Hartley
Subject: Proposed redistricting recommendations

Dear Elected Officials,

As you may know, Dr. Martirano will be presenting his redistricting recommendations to the Board of Education this evening at 7:30pm. We are preparing a summary document that outlines his recommendations and I will share that with you by email this evening. If you have any questions – either now – or once you’ve received these recommendations, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Jtab

Jahantab Siddiqui
Chief Communication, Community & Workforce Engagement Officer
Howard County Public School System
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Cell: 443-355-7562

Sayers, Margery

From: Jeff Plank <jplank@baybankmd.com>
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 11:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support Council Bill 61 as Drafted

Dear Howard County Council,

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard Council,

I am one of the over 100,000 employee members of the Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA) representing over 1,000 business members. I write in support of Council Bill 61 as drafted and without ANY substantive amendments related to the County's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance. This bill represents hundreds of hours of work over the course of an entire year by the APF Task Force including 23 county residents from a broad cross section of stakeholders. The bill as presented is a reasonable and responsible compromise that effectively protects the County's valuable public resources while respecting the rights of private property owners and implementing the County's growth goals in PlanHoward 2030.

Specifically, I am opposed to any potential amendment to lower the school capacity test, add a high school capacity test or increase school impact fees. Howard County's total development fees are already among the highest in the State when taken together with the MIHU fee and the building excise tax which are generally not present in other counties. Any of these potential amendments which have been introduced during recent testimony will drastically limit the County's ability to meet its Plan Howard 2030 residential and commercial development goals as well as its goals related to job growth and economic development. Failing to meet these goals may have devastating impacts on the County's budget through loss of permit fees, impact fees, MIHU fees, property tax revenue and income tax revenue causing significant budget shortfalls, decreases in vital public safety and health services and layoffs to Howard County staff, teachers, and first responders. They would also undermine the substantial efforts of the APFO Task Force and all of the County's resources that were devoted to establishing a fair and reasonable compromise between the goals and interests of all stakeholder groups. If any of these amendments are introduced, they must not be acted upon until a full fiscal analysis of the negative impacts to the County budget and economy is completed.

Please do not move forward with any policy that results in job loss, cuts to vital County services or limited growth in the County. Please vote for Council Bill 61 as drafted.

Thank you for consideration of this important bill and for your service to the County.

Sincerely,

Jeff Plank
3020 Southview Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21042
jplank@baybankmd.com

Sayers, Margery

From: DIANE BUTLER <politicodiane@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 08, 2017 12:30 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendments for APFO legislation

Things I would like to see:

1. Greatly increasing the developers impact fees 2. Leave the open/closed designation 3. Cap the schools closed percentage at 100% (We won't get this, but maybe we can compromise at 106%) 4. Drop the 5 year max for builder hold up and leave it where it currently is. If a builder has to wait longer due to closed schools, so be it. 5. Add a High Schools test 6. I agree with the part of the legislation that deals with roads projects, and the timing. I would leave that alone. 7. Move high density projects to areas with more open school seats. (Probably cannot be put in as an APFO amendment, but should be somewhere in our planning documents. This would also solve the FARM numbers that they are so fond of quoting.) I would also ask for transparency from each council member. What amendments are you considering? We need to know now instead of waiting until Nov. 2 to find out, and then the final vote is on Nov. 6. Four days is not a lot of time for us to see where we are at, with each council person, and to respond.

Thank you,
Dian Butler

Sayers, Margery

From: DIANE BUTLER <politicodiane@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 08, 2017 11:35 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB61

Recommendations:

Section 16.1105 #7. I would remove part (ii) and (iii). If the schools are still closed, the development needs to wait, even if they already waited for allocations. This is why we have planning. Take out the 5 year max.

Section 16.1107 #8. MIHU's should always have an allocation. We do our student generation rates using all of the citizens of Howard County. When you remove any of these groups from allocations, you have destroyed our careful planning. The mathematical statistics used for all of these calculations are no longer relevant when you remove different portions of the numbers from the equations. The MIHU's will be built, but they will not destroy the planning, if they have allocations. They are units, they need allocations. Every time we remove something from the planning, we overcrowd another school.

The same goes for removing senior housing from APFO. You have just moved an older person to a smaller different type of housing and opened up their larger house to a family with new students, for the schools. This is a direct result of the building of the 55 and up housing. Leave everything in the planning stats and we will not have the school overcrowding we are experiencing. I know this doesn't apply to CB61, but the MIHU allocations does.

Thank you,
Diane Butler

Sayers, Margery

From: DIANE BUTLER <politicodiane@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 08, 2017 11:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB62

Recommendation:

I would vote against CB62 in its entirety. This was predicated on the removal of the shared pools of allocations, as well as any old allocations removed from use by developers. I do not see that in the legislation. This just allows the builders another way to move out of the growth areas without the caveats that the APF Task Force put in place for this move.

Thank you,
Diane Butler

Sayers, Margery

From: DIANE BUTLER <politicodiane@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 08, 2017 11:49 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: addendum to CB62

Don't forget that we have the Green Allocation units that can be built anywhere in the county also, that continues to mess with our school planning.

Sayers, Margery

From: stephanie jean Hawtof <sjhawtof@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2017 4:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: APFO

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There is nothing more important than the health and well being of our children. Please make them your highest priority when considering and voting on CB-61.

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Sayers, Margery

From: Danielle Register <danielle.register@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2017 8:14 PM
To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan
Subject: APFO

Dear Members of County Council,

I spent the greater part of this federal holiday reviewing the AAC and the Howard County Superintendent's proposal for redistricting. To say that I feel defeated is an understatement. I am sad that I live in a place where development comes first and children come second. I am sad that even with redistricting 19 elementary school will be at over 100% capacity next year.

The Northern part of the county is growing at such a pace there are not enough seats. This is being pushed West for now, but where do you go after that? The Western schools will now all be overwhelmed. We need stricter rules in place to pace development.

We take pride in Howard County Schools, but if we do not give them the resources they need we will no longer have a strong school system. The elementary school for the North is 10 years away. This is not going to work.

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Posted by: stukohn@verizon.net

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Sayers, Margery

From: Heather Urner <heather.urner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Official Tesitmony

Good Evening All,

My address is 10212 Hickory Ridge Rd, I am a District 4 resident. I am a Running Brook PTA parent. My involvement is for my child, for Howard County's children. As of October 2nd, I am aware of the possibility of tabling, I say make the vote, don't want for a new community council, stand by the community, make the vote to strengthen APFO. BOE's recommendations are only the beginning APFO is not a magic fix everything. Holding developers actually responsible to give the full value of what they are due instead of let them pay underneath the owed amounts that's what should be a function of APFO. APFO that is strong, our current isn't, strengthening it says we value our community needs more than developer needs, more than worrying about repealing plans that were harmful to the community in the first place. Thank you.

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Posted by: "Susan Scheidt" <psscheidt@verizon.net>

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Sincerely,

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Stu,

Wouldn't these new categories be better served in their own bill than as amendments to this one?

Diane

Posted by: DIANE BUTLER <politicodiane@msn.com>

From: HOWARD-CITIZEN@yahoogroups.com [mailto:HOWARD-CITIZEN@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 12:27 PM
To: HOWARD-CITIZEN@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [HOWARD-CITIZEN] Some Encouragement AGAIN Regarding APFO

Thanks Stu, This is long over due and so important for the quality of life in Howard County. Susan Scheidt

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All,

First, I want to thank Susan Scheidt for her posting on the Listserve (below) that she too is encouraged our Council Members might be in favor of getting some long overdue Quality of Life categories in our Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance, APFO.

Secondly, I would like to respond to Diane Butler's question (below) which is very much appreciated. We, the Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA, would hope the proposed new Quality of Life categories such as Fire, Police and the Hospital will be a part of the Howard County APFO. However, if they are incorporated as Bills this would be okay so long as whatever measurements established are strictly enforced to ensure our Quality of Life concerns are fully executed in an attempt to control growth. All we ask is that this major issue be fully recognized and acted upon. The good news is that some of our elected officials are seeing the need for some action.

The major question our elected officials should be asking is what really has precedent the "Economy" or "Quality of Life" issues. Being that when it comes to the category of "Fire" there are 8 of the 14 counties in Maryland who use "Fire" as a measurement in APFO. Howard is not one of them and we find this to be unacceptable and by no means "Adequate." Being there are three other counties that have the "Police" as a means to measure growth which are Carroll, Montgomery, and Prince George's, then why can't Howard County be one of them. Lastly, when the "Hospital" has admitted they are very concerned as to the future to handle the anticipated future growth something needs to be done in this area as well. This is especially true when in Fiscal Year 2016 their website shows the Hospital evaluated and treated 78,072 patients in the Emergency Rooms, provided services to approximately 220,000 people, admitted to or observed in the hospital 25,205 patients, and performed 12,390 surgeries; of these, 3,360 were performed in the hospital and 9,030 were performed as outpatient procedures, delivered 3,597 babies, provided outpatient services to 68,680 patients (including laboratory / excluding outpatient surgery), and provided outreach and wellness programs to more than 40,000 people. These numbers are very impressive, but how much will these statistics increase as the County grows in population and are we or will we be prepared to more than adequately handle the workload.

We just simply need to be very open to potential changes and not be satisfied with the continuation of business as usual. Too much is at stake not to try and do something very