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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2017 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6

### Bill No. 30-2017

Introduced by Jennifer Terrasa and Jon Weinstein

AN ACT establishing a voluntary Citizens' Election Fund system for candidates for County Executive or County Council; regulating specified campaign finance activities of a candidate who accepts public funding; providing for the administration and enforcement of specified aspects of the Citizens' Election Fund system; providing certain penalties for violations of the Citizens' Election Fund system; creating a Citizens' Election Fund Commission and specifying its composition and duties; requiring the Director of Finance to take specified actions; providing for a certain voluntary contribution to the Fund; and generally related to elections for County offices.

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Introduced and read first time April 3, 2017. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.  
 By order Jessica Feldmark  
 Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on April 19, 2017.  
Tabled 5/1/17  
 By order Jessica Feldmark  
 Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on June 5, 2017 and Passed , Passed with amendments , Failed .  
 By order Jessica Feldmark  
 Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017 at 4 a.m./p.m.  
 By order Jessica Feldmark  
 Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

~~Approved~~ Vetoed by the County Executive June 13, 2017  
Alan H. Kittleman  
 Alan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1           **WHEREAS**, in November 2016, the voters of Howard County approved a charter  
2 amendment to require the County Council to create a Citizens' Election Fund system; and  
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4           **WHEREAS**, the Citizens' Election Fund system is intended to promote and encourage  
5 broader access to elected office in Howard County and to prevent large donations from having  
6 undue influence in government; and  
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8           **WHEREAS**, the Citizens' Election Fund system is intended to enable citizens of Howard  
9 County to run for office on the strength of their ideas, supported by small donations from  
10 ordinary people and matching funds from the Citizens' Election Fund;  
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12           **NOW, THEREFORE,**  
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14 *Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard*  
15 *County Code is amended as follows:*

16           *By adding:*

17                   *Title 10 - Elections and election districts.*

18                           *Subtitle 3. – Citizens' Election Fund.*

19           *By amending:*

20                   *Title 20 – Taxes, charges and fees.*

21                           *Subtitle 6 - Utility charges and assessments.*

22                                   *Section 20.605(d) – Billing.*

23           *By adding:*

24                   *Title 22 - General Provisions.*

25                           *Subtitle 8. - Governmental Transparency and Accessible Data.*

26                                   *Section 22.807 - Citizens' Election Fund System – Donations.*

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29                                   **Title 10 - Elections and election districts.**

30   **SUBTITLE 3. CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND**  
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1 SEC. 10.300. - DEFINITIONS

2 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

3 (B) "APPLICANT CANDIDATE" MEANS A CANDIDATE WHO IS SEEKING TO BE A CERTIFIED

4 CANDIDATE IN A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION.

5 (C) "CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE

6 ELECTION LAW ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND CODE.

7 (D) "CERTIFIED CANDIDATE" MEANS A CANDIDATE WHO IS CERTIFIED AS ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC

8 CAMPAIGN FINANCING FROM THE FUND.

9 (E) "CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT" MEANS A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACCOUNT INTO WHICH

10 ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE RECEIVED AND FROM WHICH MONEY MAY BE SPENT IN

11 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

12 (F) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND COMMISSION.

13 (G) "CPI" MEANS THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS: ALL ITEMS IN

14 WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE, DC-MD-VA-WV (CMSA) AS PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES

15 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

16 (H) "CONTESTED ELECTION" MEANS ANY ELECTION, INCLUDING A SPECIAL ELECTION, IN WHICH

17 THERE ARE MORE CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE THAN THE NUMBER WHO CAN BE ELECTED TO THAT

18 OFFICE.

19 (I) "CONTRIBUTION" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE ELECTION LAW

20 ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND CODE

21 (J) "COUNTY BOARD" MEANS THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

22 (K) "COUNTY RESIDENT" MEANS A NATURAL PERSON WHO RESIDES IN HOWARD COUNTY.

23 (L) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OR THE DIRECTOR'S

24 DESIGNEE.

25 (M) "ELECTION CYCLE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE ELECTION LAW

26 ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND CODE.

27 (N) "ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTION" MEANS AN AGGREGATE DONATION IN A 4-YEAR ELECTION CYCLE

28 FROM AN INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT RESIDE IN THE COUNTY, THAT

29 DOES NOT EXCEED THE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT SET IN THIS SUBTITLE.

30 (O) "FUND" MEANS THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND.

31 (P) "PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE" MEANS A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE WHO HAS RECEIVED A PUBLIC

1 CONTRIBUTION FROM THE FUND DURING THE CURRENT ELECTION CYCLE.

2 (Q) "PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION" MEANS MONEY DISBURSED FROM THE FUND TO A CERTIFIED  
3 CANDIDATE.

4 (R) "QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN  
5 APPLICANT CANDIDATE THAT IS:

6 (1) MADE BY A COUNTY RESIDENT;

7 (2) MADE AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE QUALIFYING PERIOD, BUT NO LATER THAN THE NEXT  
8 GENERAL ELECTION; AND

9 (3) ACKNOWLEDGED BY A RECEIPT.

10 (S) "QUALIFYING PERIOD" MEANS:

11 (1) THE TIME BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1 FOLLOWING THE LAST ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE THE  
12 CANDIDATE SEEKS AND ENDING 45 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION; OR

13 (2) FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION, THE TIME THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL SETS BY RESOLUTION.

14 (T) "SLATE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE OF  
15 THE MARYLAND CODE.

16 (U) "STATE BOARD" MEANS THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

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19 10.301. SCOPE

20 (A) *COVERED OFFICES.*

21 THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES TO ELECTIONS FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL.

22 (B) *IN GENERAL.*

23 A CANDIDATE WHO WISHES TO RECEIVE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS MAY APPLY FOR  
24 CERTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

25  
26 10.302. COLLECTING QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS.

27 (A) *PRELIMINARY STEPS.*

28 BEFORE RAISING A CONTRIBUTION GOVERNED BY THIS SUBTITLE, AN APPLICANT  
29 CANDIDATE SHALL:

30 (1) FILE NOTICE OF INTENT WITH THE STATE BOARD IN THE MANNER THAT THE STATE  
31 BOARD REQUIRES; AND

1 (2) ESTABLISH A CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

2 (B) *CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.*

3 (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN  
4 APPLICANT CANDIDATE SHALL NOT ACCEPT:

5 (I) ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS ~~FROM AN INDIVIDUAL~~ OF MORE THAN \$250 IN THE  
6 AGGREGATE DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE; OR

7 (II) A LOAN.

8 (2) AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE MAY ACCEPT UP TO \$12,000 IN CONTRIBUTIONS OR LOANS  
9 CONSISTING OF A COMBINED TOTAL OF NOT MORE THAN \$6,000 FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING  
10 FAMILY MEMBERS:

11 (I) THE APPLICANT CANDIDATE;

12 (II) A CHILD WHO IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD;

13 (III) A SPOUSE;

14 (IV) A PARENT; OR

15 (V) A SIBLING.

16 (C) *CPI ADJUSTMENT.*

17 (1) THE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
18 ADJUSTED FOR THE NEXT ELECTION CYCLE ON JULY 1, 2022, AND JULY 1 OF EACH SUBSEQUENT  
19 FOURTH YEAR BY THE INCREASE IN THE CPI FOR THE PREVIOUS 4 CALENDAR YEARS, ROUNDED UP  
20 TO THE NEXT \$10.

21 (2) THE DIRECTOR SHALL PUBLISH THIS AMOUNT NOT LATER THAN THE JANUARY 1 AFTER  
22 AN ADJUSTMENT IS MADE.

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24 10.303. REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION.

25 (A) *APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION.*

26 (1) AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE SHALL APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION.

27 (2) THE STATE BOARD MAY ONLY ACCEPT AN APPLICATION DURING THE QUALIFYING  
28 PERIOD.

29 (3) AN APPLICATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED ON THE FORM THAT THE STATE BOARD  
30 REQUIRES.

1 (4) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (6) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE MAY  
2 SUBMIT ONLY ONE APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR ANY ELECTION.

3 (5) AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE SHALL INCLUDE WITH THE APPLICATION ALL  
4 DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY THE STATE OR, IN THE ABSENCE OF STATE REQUIREMENTS, THE  
5 FOLLOWING:

6 (I) A DECLARATION FROM THE APPLICANT CANDIDATE AGREEING TO FOLLOW THE  
7 REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING THE USE OF A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION;

8 ~~(H) A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT THAT INCLUDES:~~ (II) A CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
9 REPORT THAT CONTAINS THE INFORMATION THAT THE STATE BOARD REQUIRES FOR A  
10 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT AND THAT INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

11 1. A LIST OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED;

12 2. A LIST OF EACH EXPENDITURE MADE BY THE CANDIDATE DURING THE  
13 QUALIFYING PERIOD;

14 3. A COPY OF THE RECEIPT ASSOCIATED WITH EACH CONTRIBUTION THAT  
15 IDENTIFIES THE CONTRIBUTOR'S NAME AND RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS; AND

16 4. A COPY OF THE RECEIPT ASSOCIATED WITH EACH EXPENDITURE; AND

17 (III) A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR COUNTY COUNCIL.

18 (6) IF AN APPLICATION IS DENIED, THE APPLICANT MAY REVISE THE APPLICATION ONCE IF  
19 DONE BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

20 (B) *QUALIFICATIONS.*

21 TO QUALIFY AS A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE:

22 (1) A CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE MUST HAVE COLLECTED FROM COUNTY  
23 RESIDENTS AT LEAST:

24 (I) 500 QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS; AND

25 (II) AN AGGREGATE TOTAL OF \$40,000; AND

26 (2) A CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COUNCIL MUST HAVE COLLECTED FROM COUNTY  
27 RESIDENTS AT LEAST:

28 (i) 125 QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS; AND

29 (ii) AN AGGREGATE TOTAL OF \$10,000.

30 (C) *CONTRIBUTIONS.*

1 (1) AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE SHALL DEPOSIT ALL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED INTO THE  
2 CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

3 (2) AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE SHALL DELIVER TO THE STATE BOARD A COPY OF THE  
4 RECEIPT FOR EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION THAT IDENTIFIES THE CONTRIBUTOR'S NAME AND  
5 RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND THAT IS SIGNED BY THE CONTRIBUTOR DIRECTLY OR BY A DIGITAL  
6 SIGNATURE USING A METHOD APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD.

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8 10.304. STATE BOARD DETERMINATION.

9 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

10 WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE STATE BOARD RECEIVES A COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR  
11 CERTIFICATION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL CERTIFY AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE WHO QUALIFIES FOR  
12 CERTIFICATION.

13 (B) *DECISION.*

14 THE DECISION BY THE STATE BOARD WHETHER TO CERTIFY A CANDIDATE IS FINAL.

15 (C) *AUTHORIZATION TO DISBURSE MONEY.*

16 IF THE STATE BOARD CERTIFIES A CANDIDATE, THE STATE BOARD SHALL SO NOTIFY THE  
17 DIRECTOR. AFTER NOTIFICATION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL DISBURSE A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
18 CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

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20 10.305. CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND ESTABLISHED.

21 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

22 THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH A CITIZEN'S ELECTION FUND AS A SPECIAL NON-LAPSING  
23 FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 611 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CHARTER.

24 (B) *COMPONENTS OF THE FUND.*

25 THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

26 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND;

27 (2) ANY UNSPENT MONEY REMAINING IN A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED  
28 CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT AFTER THE CANDIDATE IS NO LONGER A CANDIDATE;

29 (3) ANY PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION RETURNED TO THE FUND;

30 (4) ANY DONATIONS MADE TO THE FUND;

31 (5) ANY FINES COLLECTED UNDER SECTION 10.311 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

1       ~~(5)~~ (6) ANY EARNINGS ON MONEY IN THE FUND.

2       (C) *BUDGET ALLOCATION.*

3           EACH YEAR, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL INCLUDE IN THE CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET  
4       THE AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 907 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CHARTER.

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6       10.306. DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION.

7       (A) *IN GENERAL.*

8           (1) THE DIRECTOR SHALL DISTRIBUTE A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION FOR AN ELECTION ONLY  
9       DURING:

10           (i) THE TIME BEGINNING 365 DAYS BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE  
11       THE CANDIDATE SEEKS AND ENDING 15 DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION; OR

12           (ii) THE TIME THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL SETS BY RESOLUTION FOR A SPECIAL  
13       ELECTION.

14           (2) A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE MAY CONTINUE TO COLLECT QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS  
15       AND RECEIVE A MATCHING PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION UP TO A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION.

16           (3)     (i) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, WHETHER AN ELECTION IS CONTESTED  
17       SHALL BE DETERMINED ON THE FIRST TUESDAY IN AUGUST PRECEDING THE ELECTION.

18           (ii) THE DIRECTOR SHALL NOT DISBURSE A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TO A CERTIFIED  
19       CANDIDATE IN AN ~~UNCONTESTED~~ ELECTION IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS THE SOLE  
20       INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS FILED A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR THAT OFFICE; HOWEVER, A  
21       CERTIFIED CANDIDATE MAY COLLECT CONTRIBUTIONS DURING AN UNCONTESTED  
22       ELECTION.

23       (B) *RECEIPTS; DEPOSITS.*

24           (1) TO RECEIVE A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL SUBMIT A  
25       RECEIPT TO THE STATE BOARD FOR EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION.

26           (2) THE RECEIPT SHALL IDENTIFY THE CONTRIBUTOR'S NAME AND RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

27           (3) THE DIRECTOR SHALL DEPOSIT THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION INTO A  
28       PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT WITHIN 3 BUSINESS DAYS  
29       AFTER THE STATE BOARD AUTHORIZES THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION.

30       (C) *CONTRIBUTIONS OF LESS THAN \$5.*



1 AN INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION OF LESS THAN \$5 MAY BE CONSIDERED UNDER SECTION  
2 10.303 OF THIS SUBTITLE BUT SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED WHEN CALCULATING THE PUBLIC  
3 CONTRIBUTION UNDER THIS SECTION.

4 (D) *AMOUNT OF DISTRIBUTION.*

5 (1) FOR A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION  
6 SHALL EQUAL:

7 (I) \$7 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE FIRST  
8 \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION;

9 (II) \$4 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE  
10 SECOND \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION; AND

11 (III) \$1 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE  
12 THIRD \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION; AND

13 (IV) \$0 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED BEYOND THE  
14 THIRD \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION.

15 (2) FOR A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COUNCIL, THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION SHALL  
16 EQUAL:

17 (I) \$5 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE FIRST  
18 \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION;

19 (II) \$3 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE  
20 SECOND \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION;

21 (III) \$1 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE  
22 THIRD \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION; AND

23 (IV) \$0 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED BEYOND THE  
24 THIRD \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION.

25 (3) THE TOTAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PAYABLE TO A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE  
26 ELECTION CYCLE, INCLUDING THE PRIMARY OR A GENERAL ELECTION, SHALL NOT EXCEED:

27 (i) ~~\$750,000~~ \$700,000 FOR A CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE; AND

28 (ii) ~~\$95,000~~ \$85,000 FOR A CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COUNCIL.

29 (E) *LIMITATION.*

30 THE DIRECTOR SHALL NOT DISTRIBUTE A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION BASED ON:

31 (1) A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE CANDIDATE OR THE CANDIDATE'S SPOUSE; OR

1 (2) AN IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY, GOODS, OR SERVICES.

2 (F) *FUND INSUFFICIENCY.*

3 IF THE DIRECTOR DETERMINES THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION IN  
4 THE FUND IS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE ALLOCATIONS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, THE DIRECTOR  
5 SHALL REDUCE EACH PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION BY THE SAME PERCENTAGE.

6 (G) *DISBURSEMENTS AFTER PRIMARY ELECTION.*

7 WITHIN 3 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE COUNTY BOARD CERTIFIES THE RESULTS OF THE  
8 PRIMARY ELECTION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO CONTINUE TO  
9 DISBURSE THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO EACH  
10 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE WHO IS CERTIFIED TO BE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION.

11 (H) *RETURN OF UNSPENT FUNDS.*

12 (1) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE COUNTY BOARD CERTIFIES THE RESULTS OF THE PRIMARY  
13 ELECTION, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE WHO IS NOT CERTIFIED TO BE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE  
14 GENERAL ELECTION SHALL RETURN TO THE FUND ANY UNSPENT MONEY IN THE CANDIDATE'S  
15 CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

16 (2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION, A PARTICIPATING  
17 CANDIDATE SHALL RETURN TO THE FUND ANY UNSPENT MONEY IN THE CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN  
18 FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

19 (I) *CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY PETITION OR BY NON-PRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTIES.*

20 (1) "PRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTIES" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN SECTION 1-101 OF THE  
21 ELECTION LAW ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND CODE.

22 (2) A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE NOMINATED BY PETITION OR BY A PARTY THAT IS NOT A  
23 PRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTY MAY RECEIVE A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION  
24 IF THE CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION IS CERTIFIED BY THE COUNTY BOARD.

25 (3) A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MUST QUALIFY 45 DAYS BEFORE THE  
26 DATE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION.

27 (J) *CPI ADJUSTMENT.*

28 (1) THE TOTAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION LIMITS ESTABLISHED IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
29 ADJUSTED FOR THE NEXT ELECTION CYCLE ON JULY 1, 2022, AND JULY 1 OF EACH SUBSEQUENT  
30 FOURTH YEAR BY THE INCREASE IN THE CPI FOR THE PREVIOUS 4 CALENDAR YEARS, ROUNDED UP  
31 TO THE NEXT \$10.

1 (2) THE DIRECTOR SHALL PUBLISH THESE AMOUNTS NOT LATER THAN THE JANUARY 1  
2 AFTER AN ADJUSTMENT IS MADE.

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4 10.307. USE OF PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION.

5 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

6 (1) A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE MAY ONLY MAKE EXPENDITURES FROM THE CITIZEN  
7 FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT REGISTERED WITH THE STATE BOARD FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FOR  
8 THE ELECTION.

9 (2) A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL NOT PAY IN ADVANCE FOR PROPERTY, GOODS, OR  
10 SERVICES TO BE USED AFTER CERTIFICATION WITH NON-QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED  
11 BEFORE APPLYING FOR CERTIFICATION.

12 (3)(I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DIRECTOR  
13 SHALL REDUCE THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TO A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED  
14 CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT BY THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL EXPENDITURES MADE AFTER THE END OF THE  
15 PREVIOUS ELECTION CYCLE FROM THE CANDIDATE'S NON-PARTICIPATING CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

16 (II) EXPENDITURES MADE WITH CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE END OF THE  
17 PREVIOUS ELECTION CYCLE TOWARDS DEBTS ACCRUED BEFORE THE END OF THE PREVIOUS  
18 ELECTION CYCLE SHALL NOT REDUCE THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TO A PARTICIPATING  
19 CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

20 (B) *ALLEGATION OF IMPERMISSIBLE ACT.*

21 A COMPLAINT ALLEGING AN IMPERMISSIBLE RECEIPT OR USE OF FUNDS BY A PARTICIPATING  
22 CANDIDATE SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION.

23 (C) *ACCESS TO RECORDS.*

24 ON REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL PROVIDE THE  
25 COMMISSION WITH REASONABLE ACCESS TO THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE CANDIDATE'S  
26 CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

27  
28 10.308. WITHDRAWAL.

29 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

1 A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE MAY WITHDRAW FROM PARTICIPATION IF THE CANDIDATE  
2 FILES A STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL WITH THE STATE BOARD AND THE COMMISSION IN THE FORM  
3 THAT THE STATE BOARD REQUIRES AND:

- 4 (1) TERMINATES CANDIDACY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ELECTION COMPLETELY; OR  
5 (2) WITHDRAWS PRIOR TO RECEIVING ANY PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION.

6 (B) *TERMINATION OF CANDIDACY.*

7 A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE WHO WITHDRAWS UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS  
8 SECTION SHALL REPAY TO THE FUND THE FULL AMOUNT OF ANY PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED,  
9 PLUS INTEREST ACCRUING FROM THE DATE OF WITHDRAWAL AT THE SAME RATE AS ~~THAT IMPOSED~~  
10 ~~ON REAL PROPERTY TAXES IN ARREARS UNDER SECTION 20.102 OF THE COUNTY CODE~~ THE  
11 CURRENT BANK PRIME LOAN RATE AS REPORTED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL  
12 RESERVE SYSTEM.

13 (C) *PERSONAL LOANS.*

14 A CANDIDATE WHO WITHDRAWS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL REPAY THE FUND UNDER  
15 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION BEFORE REPAYING ANY PERSONAL LOANS TO THE CANDIDATE'S  
16 CAMPAIGN.

17 (D) *PERSONAL LIABILITY.*

18 IF THE FUNDS REMAINING IN THE CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT AT  
19 THE TIME OF WITHDRAWAL ARE INSUFFICIENT TO REPAY THE FUND UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS  
20 SECTION, THE CANDIDATE SHALL BE PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR REPAYMENT.

21 (E) *REDUCED REPAYMENT.*

22 THE COMMISSION MAY REDUCE ANY REPAYMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION  
23 FOR A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE WHO MUST WITHDRAW FOR HEALTH REASONS OR OTHER CAUSE  
24 NOT WITHIN THE CANDIDATE'S CONTROL AND MAY CONSIDER PERSONAL FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.

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26 10.309. APPLICANT AND PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE RESTRICTIONS.

27 AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE OR PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL NOT:

- 28 (1) ACCEPT A PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION FROM ANY GROUP OR ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING A  
29 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, A CORPORATION, A LABOR ORGANIZATION, OR A STATE OR LOCAL  
30 CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY;

1 (2) ACCEPT PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AN INDIVIDUAL IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
2 GREATER THAN \$250 DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE, OR THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF AN ELIGIBLE  
3 CONTRIBUTION, AS ADJUSTED BY SECTION 10.302(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

4 (3) AFTER FILING A NOTICE OF INTENT WITH THE STATE BOARD TO SEEK PUBLIC FINANCING,  
5 PAY FOR ANY CAMPAIGN EXPENSE WITH ANY CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACCOUNT OTHER THAN THE  
6 CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT;

7 (4) BE A MEMBER OF A SLATE IN ANY ELECTION IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE RECEIVES A  
8 PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION;

9 (5) ACCEPT A LOAN FROM ANYONE OTHER THAN THE CANDIDATE OR THE CANDIDATE'S  
10 SPOUSE, PARENT, OR SIBLING;

11 (6) TRANSFER MONEY:

12 (I) TO THE CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT FROM ANY OTHER  
13 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY ESTABLISHED FOR THE CANDIDATE; OR

14 (II) FROM THE CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT TO ANY OTHER  
15 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY; OR

16 (7) COORDINATE EXPENSES EXCEPT WITH ANOTHER PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE IF THE  
17 EXPENSES ARE SHARED EQUALLY AMONG THE COORDINATING CANDIDATES.

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19 10.310. CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND COMMISSION.

20 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

21 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 907 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CHARTER, THERE IS A  
22 CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND COMMISSION.

23 (B) *MEMBERSHIP.*

24 (1) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF 7 MEMBERS.

25 (2) EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL NOMINATE 1 MEMBER OF THE  
26 COMMISSION.

27 (3) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL NOMINATE 2 MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

28 (4) EACH NOMINEE SHALL BE CONFIRMED BY A SEPARATE RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY  
29 COUNCIL.

30 (C) *QUALIFICATIONS.*

31 (1) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY.

1 (2) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT BE A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE  
2 DURING THE PREVIOUS, CURRENT, OR NEXT ELECTION CYCLE.

3 (3) A MEMBER SHALL NOT BE A LOBBYIST REGISTERED WITH THE COUNTY.

4 (4) A MEMBER SHALL NOT BE THE CHAIR OR TREASURER FOR AN OPEN CAMPAIGN  
5 ACCOUNT.

6 (5) A MEMBER SHALL BE A REGISTERED VOTER.

7 (D) *TERM, VACANCIES.*

8 (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION IS 4 YEARS AND BEGINS ON THE MAY 1.  
9 THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION NOMINATED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE BEGINS  
10 DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF A COUNTY COUNCIL TERM. THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE  
11 COMMISSION NOMINATED BY A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL BEGINS DURING THE THIRD  
12 YEAR OF A COUNTY COUNCIL TERM.

13 (2) A VACANCY SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT  
14 AND FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

15 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, TO CREATE STAGGERED  
16 TERMS, THE TERMS OF THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WHO ARE NOMINATED BY A  
17 MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL BE 6 YEARS AND SHALL BEGIN ON THE MAY 1, 2019.

18 (E) *OFFICERS.*

19 THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT A CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON FROM AMONG ITS  
20 MEMBERS.

21 (F) *COMPENSATION; EXPENSES.*

22 A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE ON THE  
23 COMMISSION EXCEPT REASONABLE AND NECESSARY EXPENSES AS MAY BE PROVIDED IN THE  
24 BUDGET.

25 (G) *DUTIES.*

26 (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL CALCULATE THE AMOUNTS AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 907 OF  
27 THE COUNTY CHARTER.

28 (2) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADMINISTER THIS SUBTITLE.

29 (3) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET :

30 (i) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 90 DAYS DURING THE 12 MONTHS PRECEDING A  
31 PRIMARY ELECTION; AND

1 (II) AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR OTHERWISE.

2 (H) *STAFF.*

3 THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE  
4 COMMISSION TO:

5 (1) WORK WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO ADMINISTER THE SYSTEM;

6 AND

7 (2) PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SYSTEM TO CANDIDATES AND THE PUBLIC.

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9 10.311. *VIOLATIONS.*

10 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

11 A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS A CLASS A CIVIL VIOLATION UNDER TITLE 24 OF THE  
12 COUNTY CODE.

13 (B) *PAYMENT.*

14 A FINE MAY BE PAID BY THE CAMPAIGN BUT ONLY IF ALL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE  
15 BEEN REPAID TO THE FUND. OTHERWISE, THE CANDIDATE OR OFFICER FOUND TO BE RESPONSIBLE  
16 FOR THE VIOLATION IS PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE FINE.

17  
18 **Title 20 – Taxes, charges and fees.**

19 **Subtitle 6 - Utility charges and assessments.**

20 20.605. - Utility service charges.

21 (d) *Billing.*

22 (1) The water, reclaimed water, and sewer service charges shall be billed by the  
23 Department of Finance and shall be billed quarterly unless otherwise stipulated by the Director  
24 of Finance. Penalties for late payment of such charges shall be made in accordance with section  
25 20.316 of this subtitle. If only a portion of the service charge revenues are used to cover  
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27 system, the amount of the service charge dedicated to operation and maintenance costs shall be  
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29 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SHALL INCLUDE ON EACH BILL A CHECKBOX THAT,  
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9 (B) THE MECHANISM SHALL BE PROMINENTLY LOCATED ON EACH APPROPRIATE COUNTY  
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12  
13 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the*  
14 *Administrator of the Howard County Council shall submit this Act to the Maryland State Board of*  
15 *Elections for approval and the system established by this Act shall not be implemented until the approval*  
16 *is granted.*

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18 *Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that Section*  
19 *1 of this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

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21 *Section 4. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the*  
22 *Citizens' Election Fund System shall take effect for the 2022 election cycle.*



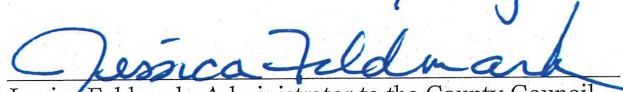
BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on July 3, 2017.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

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June 13, 2017

The Honorable Jon Weinstein, Chairperson  
Howard County Council  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Re: Howard County Council Bill No. 30-2017

Dear Chairperson Weinstein:

In accordance with Section 209(g) of the Howard County Charter, I have today vetoed Howard County Council Bill No. 30-2017 ("CB30"). I have always been in favor of public financing of elections, as long as donations are made voluntarily and not from taxpayer funds. For years, I have made these donations myself by checking off a box when filing my tax returns.

What the Howard County Council did in passing CB30 was different. The Council has authorized the funding of campaigns with money collected from taxes, diverting money from our collective priorities of education, public safety, infrastructure improvements and recreational facilities to finance someone's political ambitions, including candidates that a taxpayer may be diametrically opposed to supporting.

No one less than Thomas Jefferson agreed when he wrote that: "to compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

I ran for office on a platform of fiscal responsibility and to safeguard the money the residents entrusted to Howard County government. I don't believe this is how our residents' hard-earned tax dollars should be spent. Consequently, I have chosen to veto CB30.

Sincerely,

Allan H. Kittleman  
County Executive

cc: Howard County Council  
Jessica Feldmark, Council Administrator  
Gary W. Kuc, County Solicitor

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Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Greg Fox

Legislative Day No. 7

Date: May 1, 2017

Amendment No. 2

*(This amendment makes technical corrections.)*

- 1 On page 3, in line 16, strike one of the quotation marks preceding "HAS".
- 2 On page 4, in line 27, strike "FROM AN INDIVIDUAL".
- 3 On page 5, in line 7, strike the space preceding the period.
- 4 On page 7, in line 20, strike "(5)" and substitute "(6)".
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**DATE** as amended 6/5/17  
**FILED** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment 1 Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 30-2017

BY: Jennifer Terrasa  
Jon Weinstein

Legislative Day No. 9

Date: 6/5/17

Amendment No. 1

*(This technical amendment removes a redundancy.)*

- 1 After line 1 insert:
- 2 "On page 4, in line 27, strike "FROM AN INDIVIDUAL".
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**FAILED** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 30-2017

BY: Greg Fox

Legislative Day No. 7  
Date: 5/1/17

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Amendment 7 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Jennifer Terrasa and  
Jon Weinstein

Legislative Day No. 9  
Date: June 5, 2017

Amendment No. 7

*(This amendment provides for a voluntary donation to the Fund, clarifies that a County resident must be a human being and not a corporation or other kind of entity, provides for staggered terms, clarifies when the determination of a contested election is made, requires the Department of Finance to administer the system and provide information, clarifies when disbursements may not be made because an election is not contested, provides that members of the Commission must be registered voters, clarifies the information that must be included in campaign finance reports, sets a minimum meeting schedule for the Commission, and adds a candidate's adult children to those whose contributions or loans are subject to a separate cap)*

1 On the title page, in last line of the purpose paragraph after the semicolon, insert: "providing for  
2 a certain voluntary contribution to the Fund;".

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4 On page 2, after line 18, insert:

5 "By amending:

6 Title 20 – Taxes, charges and fees.

7 Subtitle 6 - Utility charges and assessments.

8 Section 20.605(d) – Billing.

9 By adding:

10 Title 22 - General Provisions.

11 Subtitle 8. - Governmental Transparency and Accessible Data.

12 Section 22.807 - Citizens' Election Fund System – Donations."

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15 On page 3, after line 13, insert:

16 "(K) "COUNTY RESIDENT" MEANS A NATURAL PERSON WHO RESIDES IN HOWARD COUNTY."

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18 Renumber the rest of the section accordingly.



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On page 5, in line 5 after “(II)”, insert

“A CHILD WHO IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD;  
(III)”.

Renumber accordingly in lines 6 and 7.

Also on page 5, strike line 30 and substitute “(II) A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT THAT CONTAINS THE INFORMATION THAT THE STATE BOARD REQUIRES FOR A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT AND THAT INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:”.

On page 8:

- in line 6, after “AUGUST” insert “PRECEDING THE ELECTION”.
- in line 8, strike “UNCONTESTED”.
- also in line 8, after “ELECTION” insert “IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS THE SOLE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS FILED A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR THAT OFFICE”.

On page 13:

- after line 12, insert:  
“(5) A MEMBER SHALL BE A REGISTERED VOTER.”
- in line 14, strike the third instance of “THE” and after “MAY 1” insert a period.
- in line 15, before “DURING” insert “THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION NOMINATED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE BEGINS”.
- also in line 15, after the period, insert “THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION NOMINATED BY A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL BEGINS DURING THE THIRD YEAR OF A COUNTY COUNCIL TERM.”
- insert after line 17:  
“(3) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, TO CREATE STAGGERED TERMS, THE TERMS OF THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WHO ARE NOMINATED BY A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL BE 6 YEARS AND SHALL BEGIN ON THE MAY 1, 2019.”

- 1 • after line 28, insert:

2 “(3) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET :

3 (I) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 90 DAYS DURING THE 12 MONTHS PRECEDING A  
4 PRIMARY ELECTION; AND

5 (II) AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR OTHERWISE.”

- 6 • at the end of line 30, before the period, insert:

7 “TO:

8 (1) WORK WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO ADMINISTER THE SYSTEM;

9 AND

10 (2) ..PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SYSTEM TO CANDIDATES AND THE PUBLIC”.

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12 On page 14, after line 9, insert:

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PASSED \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE Jessica Feldman

Amendment 8 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Jennifer Terrasa and  
Jon Weinstein

Legislative Day No. 9  
Date: June 5, 2017

Amendment No. 8

*(This amendment alters the public contribution cap.)*

1 On page 9:

- 2 • in line 13, strike "\$750,000" and substitute "\$700,000"; and  
3 • in line 14, strike "\$95,000" and substitute "\$85,000".  
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Jessica Feldman

Amendment 9 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Jennifer Terrasa and  
Jon Weinstein

Legislative Day No. 9  
Date: June 5, 2017

Amendment No. 9

*(This amendment deals with expenditures prior to participation in the system.)*

1 On page 10, after line 29, insert:

2 “(3)(I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL  
3 REDUCE THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TO A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE’S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN  
4 ACCOUNT BY THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL EXPENDITURES MADE AFTER THE END OF THE PREVIOUS  
5 ELECTION CYCLE FROM THE CANDIDATE’S NON-PARTICIPATING CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

6 (II) EXPENDITURES MADE WITH CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE END OF THE  
7 PREVIOUS ELECTION CYCLE TOWARDS DEBTS ACCRUED BEFORE THE END OF THE PREVIOUS  
8 ELECTION CYCLE SHALL NOT REDUCE THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TO A PARTICIPATING  
9 CANDIDATE’S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.”.

~~ADOPTED~~ as amended 6/5/17  
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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes the need for transparency and accountability in financial reporting.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and techniques used to collect and analyze data. It covers both qualitative and quantitative research approaches, highlighting their strengths and limitations.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the interpretation and presentation of results. It discusses how to effectively communicate findings to different audiences and how to draw meaningful conclusions from the data.

4. The final part of the document provides a summary of the key points and offers recommendations for future research and practice. It stresses the importance of continuous learning and improvement in the field.

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Amendment 10 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Jennifer Terrasa  
Jon Weinstein

Legislative Day No. 9  
Date: June 5, 2017

Amendment No. 10

*(This amendment changes the interest rate for public contributions that must be repaid to the Fund.)*

- 1 On page 11, beginning in line 18, strike "THAT IMPOSED" down through "COUNTY CODE" in line
- 2 19 and substitute "THE CURRENT BANK PRIME LOAN RATE AS REPORTED BY THE BOARD OF
- 3 GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM".
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ADOPTED

6/5/17

FAILED

SIGNATURE

*Jennifer Terrasa*

Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 30-2017

BY: Greg Fox

Legislative Day No. 7  
Date: 5/1/17

Amendment No. 1

*(This amendment clarifies what is voluntary and describes the funding sources for the System.)*

1 On the title page, in the purpose paragraph:

2 • in the first line, strike “voluntary”.

3 • in the third line, after “who” insert “voluntarily”.

4 • also in the third line, after “funding;”, insert “providing for funding sources such as tax  
5 dollars, donations and fines;”.

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PAILED 6/5/17  
SIGNATURE Jessica Aldman

Amendment 3 to Council Bill No. 30-2017

BY: Greg Fox

Legislative Day No. 7  
Date: 5/1/17

Amendment No. 3

*(This amendment removes governmental appropriations as a component of the Fund and removes the requirement that the County Executive include a certain amount in the Budget.)*

1 On page 7:

- 2 • Strike line 14 in its entirety. Renumber the subsection accordingly.
- 3 • Strike lines 21 through 23 in their entirety.

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FAILED 4/5/17  
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Amendment 4 to Council Bill No. 30-2017

BY: Greg Fox

Legislative Day No. 7  
Date: 5/1/17

Amendment No. 4

*(This amendment prohibits contributions from those who are not County residents and deletes a redundant figure.)*

1 On page 12,

2 • beginning in line 7 down through line 8, strike “IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT GREATER  
3 THAN \$250 DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE, OR” and substitute:

4 “THAT IS NOT A COUNTY RESIDENT;

5 (3) ACCEPT PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AN COUNTY RESIDENT GREATER  
6 THAN”;

7 • in line 22:

8 ○ strike “EXCEPT”;

9 ○ after “PARTICIPATING” insert “OR NON-PARTICIPATING”; and

10 ○ strike “IF THE”; and

11 • in line 23, strike “EXPENSES ARE SHARED EQUALLY AMONG THE COORDINATING  
12 CANDIDATES”.

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14 Renumber the rest of the subsection accordingly.

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~~SIGNATURE~~ Jessica Edwards

Amendment 5 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Greg Fox

Legislative Day No. 7  
Date: 5/1/17

Amendment No. 5

*(This amendment prohibits coordination with organizations.)*

1 On page 12:

2 • in line 21, strike “or”.

3 • In line 23, before the period, insert “; OR

4 (9) COORDINATE EXPENSES WITH ANY ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO PACS,

5 POLITICAL CLUBS, UNIONS, BUSINESS ENTITIES OR CENTRAL COMMITTEES”.

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FAILED 6/5/17

SIGNATURE Jessica Feldman

Amendment 6 to Council Bill No. 30-2017

BY: Greg Fox

Legislative Day No. 7  
Date: 5/1/17

Amendment No. 6

*(This amendment alters when the System takes effect.)*

1 On the title page, in the purpose paragraph, in the last line, after “actions;” insert “establishing  
2 when the Citizen Election Fund system will begin:”

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4 On page 14, in line 19, strike “*for the 2022 election cycle*” and substitute “for the first election  
5 for which a non-partisan Councilmanic redistricting commission will be establishing the  
6 Councilmanic districts”.

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FAILED 6/5/17  
SIGNATURE Jessica Feldman

Introduced \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Hearing \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Action \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Action \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_

## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2017 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 22

### Bill No. 30-2017

Introduced by Jennifer Terrasa and Jon Weinstein

AN ACT establishing a voluntary Citizens' Election Fund system for candidates for County Executive or County Council; regulating specified campaign finance activities of a candidate who accepts public funding; providing for the administration and enforcement of specified aspects of the Citizens' Election Fund system; providing certain penalties for violations of the Citizens' Election Fund system; creating a Citizens' Election Fund Commission and specifying its composition and duties; requiring the Director of Finance to take specified actions; and generally related to elections for County offices.

Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2017. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 at \_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.





1           **WHEREAS**, in November 2016, the voters of Howard County approved a charter  
2 amendment to require the County Council to create a Citizens' Election Fund system; and

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4           **WHEREAS**, the Citizens' Election Fund system is intended to promote and encourage  
5 broader access to elected office in Howard County and to prevent large donations from having  
6 undue influence in government; and

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8           **WHEREAS**, the Citizens' Election Fund system is intended to enable citizens of Howard  
9 County to run for office on the strength of their ideas, supported by small donations from  
10 ordinary people and matching funds from the Citizens' Election Fund;

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12           **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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14 *Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard*  
15 *County Code is amended as follows:*

16           *By adding:*

17                   *Title 10 - Elections and election districts.*

18                           *Subtitle 3. – Citizens' Election Fund.*

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21                           **Title 10 - Elections and election districts.**

22                                   **SUBTITLE 3. CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND**

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24           **SEC. 10.300. - DEFINITIONS**

25           (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

26           (B) "APPLICANT CANDIDATE" MEANS A CANDIDATE WHO IS SEEKING TO BE A CERTIFIED  
27 CANDIDATE IN A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION.

28           (C) "CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE  
29 ELECTION LAW ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND CODE.

30           (D) "CERTIFIED CANDIDATE" MEANS A CANDIDATE WHO IS CERTIFIED AS ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC  
31 CAMPAIGN FINANCING FROM THE FUND.



1 (E) "CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT" MEANS A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACCOUNT INTO WHICH  
2 ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE RECEIVED AND FROM WHICH MONEY MAY BE SPENT IN  
3 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

4 (F) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND COMMISSION.

5 (G) "CPI" MEANS THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS: ALL ITEMS IN  
6 WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE, DC-MD-VA-WV (CMSA) AS PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES  
7 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

8 (H) "CONTESTED ELECTION" MEANS ANY ELECTION, INCLUDING A SPECIAL ELECTION, IN WHICH  
9 THERE ARE MORE CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE THAN THE NUMBER WHO CAN BE ELECTED TO THAT  
10 OFFICE.

11 (I) "CONTRIBUTION" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE ELECTION LAW  
12 ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND CODE

13 (J) "COUNTY BOARD" MEANS THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

14 (K) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OR THE DIRECTOR'S  
15 DESIGNEE.

16 (L) "ELECTION CYCLE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE ELECTION LAW  
17 ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND CODE.

18 (M) "ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTION" MEANS AN AGGREGATE DONATION IN A 4-YEAR ELECTION CYCLE  
19 FROM AN INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT RESIDE IN THE COUNTY, THAT  
20 DOES NOT EXCEED THE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT SET IN THIS SUBTITLE.

21 (N) "FUND" MEANS THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND.

22 (O) "PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE" MEANS A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE WHO HAS RECEIVED A PUBLIC  
23 CONTRIBUTION FROM THE FUND DURING THE CURRENT ELECTION CYCLE.

24 (P) "PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION" MEANS MONEY DISBURSED FROM THE FUND TO A CERTIFIED  
25 CANDIDATE.

26 (Q) "QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN  
27 APPLICANT CANDIDATE THAT IS:

28 (1) MADE BY A COUNTY RESIDENT;

29 (2) MADE AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE QUALIFYING PERIOD, BUT NO LATER THAN THE NEXT  
30 GENERAL ELECTION; AND

31 (3) ACKNOWLEDGED BY A RECEIPT.



1 (R) "QUALIFYING PERIOD" MEANS:

2 (1) THE TIME BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1 FOLLOWING THE LAST ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE THE  
3 CANDIDATE SEEKS AND ENDING 45 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION; OR

4 (2) FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION, THE TIME THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL SETS BY RESOLUTION.

5 (S) "SLATE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE OF  
6 THE MARYLAND CODE.

7 (T) "STATE BOARD" MEANS THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

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9  
10 10.301. SCOPE

11 (A) *COVERED OFFICES.*

12 THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES TO ELECTIONS FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL.

13 (B) *IN GENERAL.*

14 A CANDIDATE WHO WISHES TO RECEIVE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS MAY APPLY FOR  
15 CERTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

16  
17 10.302. COLLECTING QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS.

18 (A) *PRELIMINARY STEPS.*

19 BEFORE RAISING A CONTRIBUTION GOVERNED BY THIS SUBTITLE, AN APPLICANT  
20 CANDIDATE SHALL:

21 (1) FILE NOTICE OF INTENT WITH THE STATE BOARD IN THE MANNER THAT THE STATE  
22 BOARD REQUIRES; AND

23 (2) ESTABLISH A CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

24 (B) *CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.*

25 (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN  
26 APPLICANT CANDIDATE SHALL NOT ACCEPT:

27 (I) ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AN INDIVIDUAL OF MORE THAN \$250 IN THE  
28 AGGREGATE DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE; OR

29 (II) A LOAN.

1 (2) AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE MAY ACCEPT UP TO \$12,000 IN CONTRIBUTIONS OR LOANS  
2 CONSISTING OF A COMBINED TOTAL OF NOT MORE THAN \$6,000 FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING  
3 FAMILY MEMBERS:

4 (I) THE APPLICANT CANDIDATE;

5 (II) A SPOUSE;

6 (III) A PARENT; OR

7 (IV) A SIBLING .

8 (C) *CPI ADJUSTMENT.*

9 (1) THE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
10 ADJUSTED FOR THE NEXT ELECTION CYCLE ON JULY 1, 2022, AND JULY 1 OF EACH SUBSEQUENT  
11 FOURTH YEAR BY THE INCREASE IN THE CPI FOR THE PREVIOUS 4 CALENDAR YEARS, ROUNDED UP  
12 TO THE NEXT \$10.

13 (2) THE DIRECTOR SHALL PUBLISH THIS AMOUNT NOT LATER THAN THE JANUARY 1 AFTER  
14 AN ADJUSTMENT IS MADE.

15  
16 10.303. REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION.

17 (A) *APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION.*

18 (1) AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE SHALL APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION.

19 (2) THE STATE BOARD MAY ONLY ACCEPT AN APPLICATION DURING THE QUALIFYING  
20 PERIOD.

21 (3) AN APPLICATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED ON THE FORM THAT THE STATE BOARD  
22 REQUIRES.

23 (4) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (6) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE MAY  
24 SUBMIT ONLY ONE APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR ANY ELECTION.

25 (5) AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE SHALL INCLUDE WITH THE APPLICATION ALL  
26 DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY THE STATE OR, IN THE ABSENCE OF STATE REQUIREMENTS, THE  
27 FOLLOWING:

28 (I) A DECLARATION FROM THE APPLICANT CANDIDATE AGREEING TO FOLLOW THE  
29 REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING THE USE OF A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION;

30 (II) A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT THAT INCLUDES:

31 1. A LIST OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED;

1                               2. A LIST OF EACH EXPENDITURE MADE BY THE CANDIDATE DURING THE  
2                               QUALIFYING PERIOD;

3                               3. A COPY OF THE RECEIPT ASSOCIATED WITH EACH CONTRIBUTION THAT  
4                               IDENTIFIES THE CONTRIBUTOR'S NAME AND RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS; AND

5                               4. A COPY OF THE RECEIPT ASSOCIATED WITH EACH EXPENDITURE; AND

6                               (III) A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR COUNTY COUNCIL.

7                               (6) IF AN APPLICATION IS DENIED, THE APPLICANT MAY REVISE THE APPLICATION ONCE IF  
8                               DONE BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

9                               (B) *QUALIFICATIONS.*

10                              TO QUALIFY AS A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE:

11                              (1) A CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE MUST HAVE COLLECTED FROM COUNTY  
12                              RESIDENTS AT LEAST:

13                                       (i) 500 QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS; AND

14                                       (ii) AN AGGREGATE TOTAL OF \$40,000; AND

15                              (2) A CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COUNCIL MUST HAVE COLLECTED FROM COUNTY  
16                              RESIDENTS AT LEAST:

17                                       (i) 125 QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS; AND

18                                       (ii) AN AGGREGATE TOTAL OF \$10,000.

19                              (C) *CONTRIBUTIONS.*

20                              (1) AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE SHALL DEPOSIT ALL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED INTO THE  
21                              CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

22                              (2) AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE SHALL DELIVER TO THE STATE BOARD A COPY OF THE  
23                              RECEIPT FOR EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION THAT IDENTIFIES THE CONTRIBUTOR'S NAME AND  
24                              RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND THAT IS SIGNED BY THE CONTRIBUTOR DIRECTLY OR BY A DIGITAL  
25                              SIGNATURE USING A METHOD APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD.

26  
27                              10.304. STATE BOARD DETERMINATION.

28                              (A) *IN GENERAL.*

29                              WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE STATE BOARD RECEIVES A COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR  
30                              CERTIFICATION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL CERTIFY AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE WHO QUALIFIES FOR  
31                              CERTIFICATION.





1 (B) *DECISION.*

2 THE DECISION BY THE STATE BOARD WHETHER TO CERTIFY A CANDIDATE IS FINAL.

3 (C) *AUTHORIZATION TO DISBURSE MONEY.*

4 IF THE STATE BOARD CERTIFIES A CANDIDATE, THE STATE BOARD SHALL SO NOTIFY THE  
5 DIRECTOR. AFTER NOTIFICATION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL DISBURSE A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
6 CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

7  
8 10.305. CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND ESTABLISHED.

9 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

10 THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH A CITIZEN'S ELECTION FUND AS A SPECIAL NON-LAPSING  
11 FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 611 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CHARTER.

12 (B) *COMPONENTS OF THE FUND.*

13 THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

14 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND;

15 (2) ANY UNSPENT MONEY REMAINING IN A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED  
16 CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT AFTER THE CANDIDATE IS NO LONGER A CANDIDATE;

17 (3) ANY PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION RETURNED TO THE FUND;

18 (4) ANY DONATIONS MADE TO THE FUND;

19 (5) ANY FINES COLLECTED UNDER SECTION 10.311 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

20 (5) ANY EARNINGS ON MONEY IN THE FUND.

21 (C) *BUDGET ALLOCATION.*

22 EACH YEAR, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL INCLUDE IN THE CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET  
23 THE AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 907 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CHARTER.

24  
25 10.306. DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION.

26 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

27 (1) THE DIRECTOR SHALL DISTRIBUTE A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION FOR AN ELECTION ONLY  
28 DURING:

29 (I) THE TIME BEGINNING 365 DAYS BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE  
30 THE CANDIDATE SEEKS AND ENDING 15 DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION; OR

1 (II) THE TIME THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL SETS BY RESOLUTION FOR A SPECIAL  
2 ELECTION.

3 (2) A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE MAY CONTINUE TO COLLECT QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS  
4 AND RECEIVE A MATCHING PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION UP TO A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION.

5 (3) (I) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, WHETHER AN ELECTION IS CONTESTED  
6 SHALL BE DETERMINED ON THE FIRST TUESDAY IN AUGUST.

7 (II) THE DIRECTOR SHALL NOT DISBURSE A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TO A CERTIFIED  
8 CANDIDATE IN AN UNCONTESTED ELECTION; HOWEVER, A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE MAY  
9 COLLECT CONTRIBUTIONS DURING AN UNCONTESTED ELECTION.

10 (B) *RECEIPTS; DEPOSITS.*

11 (1) TO RECEIVE A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL SUBMIT A  
12 RECEIPT TO THE STATE BOARD FOR EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION.

13 (2) THE RECEIPT SHALL IDENTIFY THE CONTRIBUTOR'S NAME AND RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

14 (3) THE DIRECTOR SHALL DEPOSIT THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION INTO A  
15 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT WITHIN 3 BUSINESS DAYS  
16 AFTER THE STATE BOARD AUTHORIZES THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION.

17 (C) *CONTRIBUTIONS OF LESS THAN \$5.*

18 AN INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION OF LESS THAN \$5 MAY BE CONSIDERED UNDER SECTION  
19 10.303 OF THIS SUBTITLE BUT SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED WHEN CALCULATING THE PUBLIC  
20 CONTRIBUTION UNDER THIS SECTION.

21 (D) *AMOUNT OF DISTRIBUTION.*

22 (1) FOR A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION  
23 SHALL EQUAL:

24 (I) \$7 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE FIRST  
25 \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION;

26 (II) \$4 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE  
27 SECOND \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION; AND

28 (III) \$1 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE  
29 THIRD \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION; AND

30 (IV) \$0 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED BEYOND THE  
31 THIRD \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION.



1 (2) FOR A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COUNCIL, THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION SHALL  
2 EQUAL:

3 (I) \$5 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE FIRST  
4 \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION;

5 (II) \$3 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE  
6 SECOND \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION;

7 (III) \$1 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE  
8 THIRD \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION; AND

9 (IV) \$0 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED BEYOND THE  
10 THIRD \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION.

11 (3) THE TOTAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PAYABLE TO A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE  
12 ELECTION CYCLE, INCLUDING THE PRIMARY OR A GENERAL ELECTION, SHALL NOT EXCEED:

13 (i) \$750,000 FOR A CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE; AND

14 (ii) \$95,000 FOR A CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COUNCIL.

15 (E) *LIMITATION.*

16 THE DIRECTOR SHALL NOT DISTRIBUTE A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION BASED ON:

17 (1) A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE CANDIDATE OR THE CANDIDATE'S SPOUSE; OR

18 (2) AN IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY, GOODS, OR SERVICES.

19 (F) *FUND INSUFFICIENCY.*

20 IF THE DIRECTOR DETERMINES THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION IN  
21 THE FUND IS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE ALLOCATIONS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, THE DIRECTOR  
22 SHALL REDUCE EACH PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION BY THE SAME PERCENTAGE.

23 (G) *DISBURSEMENTS AFTER PRIMARY ELECTION.*

24 WITHIN 3 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE COUNTY BOARD CERTIFIES THE RESULTS OF THE  
25 PRIMARY ELECTION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO CONTINUE TO  
26 DISBURSE THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO EACH  
27 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE WHO IS CERTIFIED TO BE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION.

28 (H) *RETURN OF UNSPENT FUNDS.*

29 (1) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE COUNTY BOARD CERTIFIES THE RESULTS OF THE PRIMARY  
30 ELECTION, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE WHO IS NOT CERTIFIED TO BE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE

1 GENERAL ELECTION SHALL RETURN TO THE FUND ANY UNSPENT MONEY IN THE CANDIDATE'S  
2 CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

3 (2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION, A PARTICIPATING  
4 CANDIDATE SHALL RETURN TO THE FUND ANY UNSPENT MONEY IN THE CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN  
5 FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

6 (I) *CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY PETITION OR BY NON-PRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTIES.*

7 (1) "PRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTIES" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN SECTION 1-101 OF THE  
8 ELECTION LAW ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND CODE.

9 (2) A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE NOMINATED BY PETITION OR BY A PARTY THAT IS NOT A  
10 PRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTY MAY RECEIVE A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION  
11 IF THE CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION IS CERTIFIED BY THE COUNTY BOARD.

12 (3) A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MUST QUALIFY 45 DAYS BEFORE THE  
13 DATE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION.

14 (J) *CPI ADJUSTMENT.*

15 (1) THE TOTAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION LIMITS ESTABLISHED IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
16 ADJUSTED FOR THE NEXT ELECTION CYCLE ON JULY 1, 2022, AND JULY 1 OF EACH SUBSEQUENT  
17 FOURTH YEAR BY THE INCREASE IN THE CPI FOR THE PREVIOUS 4 CALENDAR YEARS, ROUNDED UP  
18 TO THE NEXT \$10.

19 (2) THE DIRECTOR SHALL PUBLISH THESE AMOUNTS NOT LATER THAN THE JANUARY 1  
20 AFTER AN ADJUSTMENT IS MADE.

21  
22 10.307. USE OF PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION.

23 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

24 (1) A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE MAY ONLY MAKE EXPENDITURES FROM THE CITIZEN  
25 FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT REGISTERED WITH THE STATE BOARD FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FOR  
26 THE ELECTION.

27 (2) A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL NOT PAY IN ADVANCE FOR PROPERTY, GOODS, OR  
28 SERVICES TO BE USED AFTER CERTIFICATION WITH NON-QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED  
29 BEFORE APPLYING FOR CERTIFICATION.

30 (B) *ALLEGATION OF IMPERMISSIBLE ACT.*

1 A COMPLAINT ALLEGING AN IMPERMISSIBLE RECEIPT OR USE OF FUNDS BY A PARTICIPATING  
2 CANDIDATE SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION.

3 (C) *ACCESS TO RECORDS.*

4 ON REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL PROVIDE THE  
5 COMMISSION WITH REASONABLE ACCESS TO THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE CANDIDATE'S  
6 CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

7  
8 10.308. WITHDRAWAL.

9 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

10 A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE MAY WITHDRAW FROM PARTICIPATION IF THE CANDIDATE  
11 FILES A STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL WITH THE STATE BOARD AND THE COMMISSION IN THE FORM  
12 THAT THE STATE BOARD REQUIRES AND:

13 (1) TERMINATES CANDIDACY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ELECTION COMPLETELY; OR

14 (2) WITHDRAWS PRIOR TO RECEIVING ANY PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION.

15 (B) *TERMINATION OF CANDIDACY.*

16 A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE WHO WITHDRAWS UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS  
17 SECTION SHALL REPAY TO THE FUND THE FULL AMOUNT OF ANY PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED,  
18 PLUS INTEREST ACCRUING FROM THE DATE OF WITHDRAWAL AT THE SAME RATE AS THAT IMPOSED  
19 ON REAL PROPERTY TAXES IN ARREARS UNDER SECTION 20.102 OF THE COUNTY CODE.

20 (C) *PERSONAL LOANS.*

21 A CANDIDATE WHO WITHDRAWS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL REPAY THE FUND UNDER  
22 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION BEFORE REPAYING ANY PERSONAL LOANS TO THE CANDIDATE'S  
23 CAMPAIGN.

24 (D) *PERSONAL LIABILITY.*

25 IF THE FUNDS REMAINING IN THE CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT AT  
26 THE TIME OF WITHDRAWAL ARE INSUFFICIENT TO REPAY THE FUND UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS  
27 SECTION, THE CANDIDATE SHALL BE PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR REPAYMENT.

28 (E) *REDUCED REPAYMENT.*

29 THE COMMISSION MAY REDUCE ANY REPAYMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION  
30 FOR A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE WHO MUST WITHDRAW FOR HEALTH REASONS OR OTHER CAUSE  
31 NOT WITHIN THE CANDIDATE'S CONTROL AND MAY CONSIDER PERSONAL FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.

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2 10.309. APPLICANT AND PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE RESTRICTIONS.

3 AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE OR PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL NOT:

4 (1) ACCEPT A PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION FROM ANY GROUP OR ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING A  
5 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, A CORPORATION, A LABOR ORGANIZATION, OR A STATE OR LOCAL  
6 CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY;

7 (2) ACCEPT PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AN INDIVIDUAL IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
8 GREATER THAN \$250 DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE, OR THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF AN ELIGIBLE  
9 CONTRIBUTION, AS ADJUSTED BY SECTION 10.302(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

10 (3) AFTER FILING A NOTICE OF INTENT WITH THE STATE BOARD TO SEEK PUBLIC FINANCING,  
11 PAY FOR ANY CAMPAIGN EXPENSE WITH ANY CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACCOUNT OTHER THAN THE  
12 CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT;

13 (4) BE A MEMBER OF A SLATE IN ANY ELECTION IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE RECEIVES A  
14 PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION;

15 (5) ACCEPT A LOAN FROM ANYONE OTHER THAN THE CANDIDATE OR THE CANDIDATE'S  
16 SPOUSE, PARENT, OR SIBLING;

17 (6) TRANSFER MONEY:

18 (I) TO THE CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT FROM ANY OTHER  
19 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY ESTABLISHED FOR THE CANDIDATE; OR

20 (II) FROM THE CANDIDATE'S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT TO ANY OTHER  
21 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY; OR

22 (7) COORDINATE EXPENSES EXCEPT WITH ANOTHER PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE IF THE  
23 EXPENSES ARE SHARED EQUALLY AMONG THE COORDINATING CANDIDATES.

24  
25 10.310. CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND COMMISSION.

26 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

27 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 907 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CHARTER, THERE IS A  
28 CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND COMMISSION.

29 (B) *MEMBERSHIP.*

30 (1) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF 7 MEMBERS.

1 (2) EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL NOMINATE 1 MEMBER OF THE  
2 COMMISSION.

3 (3) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL NOMINATE 2 MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

4 (4) EACH NOMINEE SHALL BE CONFIRMED BY A SEPARATE RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY  
5 COUNCIL.

6 (C) *QUALIFICATIONS.*

7 (1) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY.

8 (2) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT BE A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE  
9 DURING THE PREVIOUS, CURRENT, OR NEXT ELECTION CYCLE.

10 (3) A MEMBER SHALL NOT BE A LOBBYIST REGISTERED WITH THE COUNTY.

11 (4) A MEMBER SHALL NOT BE THE CHAIR OR TREASURER FOR AN OPEN CAMPAIGN  
12 ACCOUNT.

13 (D) *TERM, VACANCIES.*

14 (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION IS 4 YEARS AND BEGINS ON THE MAY 1  
15 DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF A COUNTY COUNCIL TERM.

16 (2) A VACANCY SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT  
17 AND FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

18 (E) *OFFICERS.*

19 THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT A CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON FROM AMONG ITS  
20 MEMBERS.

21 (F) *COMPENSATION; EXPENSES.*

22 A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE ON THE  
23 COMMISSION EXCEPT REASONABLE AND NECESSARY EXPENSES AS MAY BE PROVIDED IN THE  
24 BUDGET.

25 (G) *DUTIES.*

26 (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL CALCULATE THE AMOUNTS AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 907 OF  
27 THE COUNTY CHARTER.

28 (2) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADMINISTER THIS SUBTITLE.

29 (H) *STAFF.*

30 THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE COMMISSION.  
31



1 10.311. *VIOLATIONS.*

2 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

3 A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS A CLASS A CIVIL VIOLATION UNDER TITLE 24 OF THE  
4 COUNTY CODE.

5 (B) *PAYMENT.*

6 A FINE MAY BE PAID BY THE CAMPAIGN BUT ONLY IF ALL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE  
7 BEEN REPAID TO THE FUND. OTHERWISE, THE CANDIDATE OR OFFICER FOUND TO BE RESPONSIBLE  
8 FOR THE VIOLATION IS PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE FINE.  
9

10 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the*  
11 *Administrator of the Howard County Council shall submit this Act to the Maryland State Board of*  
12 *Elections for approval and the system established by this Act shall not be implemented until the approval*  
13 *is granted.*

14  
15 *Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that Section*  
16 *1 of this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

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18 *Section 4. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the*  
19 *Citizens' Election Fund System shall take effect for the 2022 election cycle.*

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** julie dunlap <juliejdunlap@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2017 5:14 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Please overturn CB30 veto!

Dear Council Members,

Many thanks to you for supporting the will of voters and passing CB30. I was greatly dismayed with the County Executive dismissed the popular vote of his constituents and vetoed the bill. His action appears to reflect the basic message of the bill—money speaks louder than citizens to far too many politicians.

Please take tonight's opportunity to speak up against big money's outsized influence in local politics by overriding Mr. Kittleman's veto.

Thank you very much, Julie Dunlap

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Margaret E. Smith <mesmith73@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2017 5:09 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30 Fair Elections Howard

Dear Council Members,

Thank you for passing CB30. Please overturn Kittleman's veto to ensure that we have citizen funded elections in Howard County.

Best Regards,  
Margaret Smith

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Nancy McAlduff <nancy.mcalduff@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2017 5:01 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30

Dear County Council,

I am a resident of Howard County and I would like to thank you for passing CB30! Please overturn the veto and bring citizen funded elections to Howard County!

Thank you hearing my thoughts on this matter,

Nancy McAlduff  
7125 Morning Light Trail  
Columbia, MD 21044

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Td Lattimer <lattimertp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2017 4:59 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Please uphold veto CB30 and reaffirm the will of HoCo voters

Thank you for passing CB30. CE Kittleman's veto of the measure was an outrageous affront to Howard County voters. Please override his veto. The people want -- and voted FOR -- citizen funded elections to Howard County. Thank you.

Tim Lattimer  
Columbia, MD

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Chiara D'Amore <chiaradamore@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2017 4:29 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Please overturn the CB30 veto

Dear Councilwoman Sigaty,

Thank you for you for voting to pass CB30. I am disappointed in Executive Kittleman's instance on blocking this important bill and program. Please vote to overturn the veto tonight and bring citizen funded elections to Howard County.

Sincerely,

Chiara D'Amore  
Harper's Choice

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Lavern Myrie <pinklavern@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30 VETO KITTLEMAN

Greetings Howard County Council members.

I am a Ellicott City Resident in the Mt.Hebron Subdivision.

I want to THANK YOU FOR VOTING YES ON CB30 to bring back CITIZEN FUNDED ELECTIONS TO Howard County Elections!

I want to ask you tonight at our County meeting to take another Bold step and OVERTURN ALLAN KITTLEMAN'S Veto of CB30.

I want our beloved County to be the progressive leaders of Citizen funded Voting in Maryland.

Thank You,  
Mrs. Lavern Myrie

I Will Bless The Lord At All Times

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Francesca Galbani <frankiegalbani@netscape.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 01, 2017 1:12 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Fox, Greg  
**Subject:** Override the veto from council Kittleman on CB-30

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you all with the hope that you will override the very undemocratic veto on CB-30 from the Council Executive. If the county citizens were against such a law, then the referendum results would have been against it. That was not the case, and I believe enough citizens have spoken in favor of the law. Obviously, the county executive did not consider any of these facts and took the very undemocratic step of over riding the will of the majority of the county citizens. Please don't let him get away with this, and vote yes on Monday night.

Thanks  
Francesca Galbani  
District 5



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Frances Moore Lappé <frances@smallplanet.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 4:51 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Thank You for Passing CB30!

Thank you for passing fair elections in Howard County!  
This will give everyday citizens a stronger voice in local government.

Frances Moore Lappé

### **Frances Moore Lappé | Small Planet Institute**

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Kelley Keisch <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 1:54 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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

Jun 26, 2017

Howard County County Council  
MD

Dear County Council,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Ms. Kelley Keisch  
135 Cody Dr  
Troy, MO 63379-3968  
(314) 403-3843

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Celia Davis <catlvingirl@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 17, 2017 10:03 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30: Overturn the Veto!

Good evening!

Please vote "Yes!" to overturn County Executive Kittleman's veto on CB30! Establishing the Howard County Citizens' Election Fund will serve to amplify the voice of county residents over wealthy and corporate interests. It is also a way to expand opportunities to run for office, encourage participation in Howard County elections, reduce the role of large and corporate donors, and lead the state and country in fixing our broken campaign finance system.

I am thankful that Councilmembers Weinstein, Terrasa, Ball, and Sigaty all voted YES for CB30. Now, I'm counting on you to overturn the the County Executive's disappointing veto of this important bill. Thank you for doing your part to ensure the voters' voices in Howard County still count for something!

Warm regards,  
Celia Davis

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Mary Cahill <mary815@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 17, 2017 7:00 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30: Overturn the Veto!

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Thank you.

Mary Cahill

410 465 1492

Mary815@aol.com

Sent from my iPhone

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Al Liebeskind <liebeskind@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 6:16 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30: Please override the veto

Dear Councilmember,

Please vote yes to overturn County Executive Kittleman's veto of CB# 30, establishing the Howard County Citizens' Election Fund to amplify the voice of county residents over wealthy and corporate interests.

Thank you Councilmembers Weinstein, Terrasa, Ball, and Sigaty for voting YES for CB # 30.

Now, we are counting on you to overturn the veto.

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Thank you.

Al Liebeskind

Al Liebeskind  
6878 Happy Heart Lane  
Columbia, MD 21045

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Arlene Kerber <agkerber@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 6:10 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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\*\* We must start to act at the local level to get campaign financing under control. I was shocked at how much outside money came into Howard County for campaigns.

Please override this veto.

Thank you, Arlene Kerber, Columbia, MD

Sent from my iPad

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Barry & Kathy Hurwitz <khurwitz1@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 4:43 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30: Overturn the Veto!

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Thank you.

Kathleen Hurwitz

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Katherine Rose <knrose2@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 2:51 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Thank you.

Katherine Rose  
9105 Winding Way  
Ellicott City, MD 21043



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Katherine Rose <knrose2@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:18 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30: Please override the veto

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Thank you.

Katherine Rose  
9105 Winding Way  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Katherine Rose <knrose2@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 8:46 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB 30

Thank you for your vote to establish a citizen's campaign fund, a critical first step for getting special interest money out of Howard County politics. Please continue to support CB 30 and overturn the County Executives veto. The citizens of Howard County are supportive of this effort Katherine Rose

9105 Winding Way  
Ellicott City MD  
21043

Sent from my iPhone

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Ann Neale <anneale@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 7:28 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30: Please override the veto

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Thank you.

Ann Neale  
10001 Windstream Dr. #105  
Columbia, MD 21044

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Omar Siddique <omars1234@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 6:21 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30: Please override the veto

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Thank you.

Omar Siddique  
4517 Rebecca Court  
ellicott city, MD 21043

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Kathleen Dicken <Kwdicken@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 4:13 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30: Please override the veto

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Thank you.

Kathleen Dicken  
2724 Westminster Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Norma Alvarez <nfalvarez55@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 3:35 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30: Please override the veto

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Thank you.

Norma Alvarez  
4821 South Haven Dr  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Tracy Hickman <hickman.accts@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 3:12 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30: Please override the veto

Dear Councilmember,

Please don't let one person's veto override the votes of thousands of Howard County residents! This is taking the "1%" too far. Changes to our broken campaign finance system have to start somewhere, and Howard County is the place to do it.

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Thank you.

Tracy Hickman  
7617 Greendell Lane  
Highland, MD 20777

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Donald Mitchell <don.g.mitchell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 2:54 PM  
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Thank you.

Donald Mitchell  
9707 Gwynn Park Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21042



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** James Cochran <Jdenniscochran@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 2:51 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Thank you.

James Cochran  
848 S Rolling Rd  
Catonsville, MD 21228

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** James Cochran <Jdenniscochran@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 2:50 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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James Cochran  
848 S Rolling Rd  
Catonsville, MD 21228

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Patricia Heidel <pheidel1@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 2:48 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30: Please override the veto

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Thank you.

Patricia Heidel  
6060 Wild Ginger Ct.  
Columbia, MD 21044

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Raquelli Ganel <rganel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 2:47 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30: Please override the veto

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Thank you.

Raquelli Ganel  
5630 Oakland Mills Rd.  
Columbia, MD 21045

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 3:57 PM  
**To:** francandrachel@verizon.net  
**Subject:** CB-30

**First Name:** Francis  
**Last Name:** Miller  
**Email:** [francandrachel@verizon.net](mailto:francandrachel@verizon.net)  
**Street Address:** 9306 Michaels Way  
**City:** Ellicott City  
**Subject:** CB-30  
**Message:** Taxpayer dollars should not be used to fund political campaigns.

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Spicer, Karen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 5:23 PM  
**To:** Spicer, Karen  
**Subject:** Statement by Executive Kittleman regarding CB-30

The following statement was issued to media outlets this evening.



## Howard County Government News Release

*Office of Public Information  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043*

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*Deidre N. McCabe  
Director of Communications  
[dmccabe@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:dmccabe@howardcountymd.gov)*

June 6, 2017

**Media Contact:**

Deidre McCabe, Director of Communications, Office of Public Information, 410-313-2022

## Statement by Executive Kittleman regarding CB-30

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman released the following statement regarding the County Council's passing of CB-30, a bill that would permit taxpayer dollars to be spent on political campaigns.

"I have always been in favor of public financing of elections, as long as donations are made voluntarily and not from taxpayer funds. For years, I have made these donations myself by checking off a box when filing my tax returns.

What the Howard County Council did in passing CB-30 Monday night was different. The Council has authorized the funding of campaigns with money collected from taxes, diverting money from our collective priorities of education, public safety, infrastructure improvements and recreational facilities to finance someone's political ambitions, including candidates that a taxpayer may be diametrically opposed to supporting.

No one less than Thomas Jefferson agreed when he wrote that: 'to compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.'

Claims from the bill's supporters that this measure will get big money out of politics are misguided as well. Candidates need not take part in the program, meaning that it changes little to the election process except for funneling more money into it.

Shortly after the bill was introduced, I let the members of the County Council know that I would be open to supporting legislation that would create public funding that was voluntary and didn't use taxpayer dollars. Unfortunately, four of the five members did not agree with me.

I ran for office on a platform of fiscal responsibility and to safeguard the money the residents entrusted to Howard County government. I don't believe this is how our residents' hard-earned tax dollars should be spent. Consequently, I will veto this bill when it reaches my desk."

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Karen Spicer  
Office of Public Information  
Howard County Government  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
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410-313-3390 (fax)  
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## Sayers, Margery

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**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 3:57 PM  
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**Subject:** CB-30

**First Name:** Francis  
**Last Name:** Miller  
**Email:** [francandrachel@verizon.net](mailto:francandrachel@verizon.net)  
**Street Address:** 9306 Michaels Way  
**City:** Ellicott City  
**Subject:** CB-30  
**Message:** Taxpayer dollars should not be used to fund political campaigns.



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Heather Urner <heather.urner@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 10, 2017 12:26 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin B; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Interested in Legislation that impacts

Good Afternoon Dr Ball,

I know you get a lot of mail to say the least but. In this where would the Citizen's Fund Act stand, would it get to be untabled and in what time frame. Is it something that can be reprocessed and then resubmitted for passing or not? I see the dates, but not sure how it works, and if there are other acts that are being highlighted and I'm just not familiar with them? Thank you.

Heather Urner

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Jill Sudak-Allison <jsudakallison@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 08, 2017 10:21 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Thank You for Passing CB30!;body=Thank you for passing fair elections in Howard County! This will give everyday citizens a stronger voice in local government.

Sent from my iPhone

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Barbara Ward <barbaraward@me.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 08, 2017 6:33 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Thank You for Passing CB30!;body=Thank you for passing fair elections in Howard County! This will give everyday citizens a stronger voice in local government.

Thank you!

Amendment 1 Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Jennifer Terrasa  
Jon Weinstein

Legislative Day No. 9  
Date: 6/5/17

Amendment No. 1

*(This technical amendment removes a redundancy.)*

- 1 After line 1 insert:
- 2 "On page 4, in line 27, strike "FROM AN INDIVIDUAL".
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Amendment 7 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Jennifer Terrasa and  
Jon Weinstein

Legislative Day No. 9  
Date: June 5, 2017

Amendment No. 7

*(This amendment provides for a voluntary donation to the Fund, clarifies that a County resident must be a human being and not a corporation or other kind of entity, provides for staggered terms, clarifies when the determination of a contested election is made, requires the Department of Finance to administer the system and provide information, clarifies when disbursements may not be made because an election is not contested, provides that members of the Commission must be registered voters, clarifies the information that must be included in campaign finance reports, sets a minimum meeting schedule for the Commission, and adds a candidate's adult children to those whose contributions or loans are subject to a separate cap)*

1 On the title page, in last line of the purpose paragraph after the semicolon, insert: “providing for  
2 a certain voluntary contribution to the Fund;”.

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4 On page 2, after line 18, insert:

5 “By amending:

6 Title 20 – Taxes, charges and fees.

7 Subtitle 6 - Utility charges and assessments.

8 Section 20.605(d) – Billing.

9 By adding:

10 Title 22 - General Provisions.

11 Subtitle 8. - Governmental Transparency and Accessible Data.

12 Section 22.807 - Citizens' Election Fund System – Donations.”.

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15 On page 3, after line 13, insert:

16 “(K) “COUNTY RESIDENT” MEANS A NATURAL PERSON WHO RESIDES IN HOWARD COUNTY.”.

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18 Renumber the rest of the section accordingly.

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On page 5, in line 5 after “(II)”, insert

“A CHILD WHO IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD;  
(III)”.

Renumber accordingly in lines 6 and 7.

Also on page 5, strike line 30 and substitute “(II) A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT THAT CONTAINS THE INFORMATION THAT THE STATE BOARD REQUIRES FOR A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT AND THAT INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:”.

On page 8:

- in line 6, after “AUGUST” insert “PRECEDING THE ELECTION”.
- in line 8, strike “UNCONTESTED”.
- also in line 8, after “ELECTION” insert “IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS THE SOLE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS FILED A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR THAT OFFICE”.

On page 13:

- after line 12, insert:  
“(5) A MEMBER SHALL BE A REGISTERED VOTER.”
- in line 14, strike the third instance of “THE” and after “MAY 1” insert a period.
- in line 15, before “DURING” insert “THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION NOMINATED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE BEGINS”.
- also in line 15, after the period, insert “THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION NOMINATED BY A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL BEGINS DURING THE THIRD YEAR OF A COUNTY COUNCIL TERM.”
- insert after line 17:  
“(3) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, TO CREATE STAGGERED TERMS, THE TERMS OF THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WHO ARE NOMINATED BY A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL BE 6 YEARS AND SHALL BEGIN ON THE MAY 1, 2019.”

- 1 • after line 28, insert:

2 “(3) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET :

3 (I) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 90 DAYS DURING THE 12 MONTHS PRECEDING A  
4 PRIMARY ELECTION; AND

5 (II) AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR OTHERWISE.”

- 6 • at the end of line 30, before the period, insert:

7 “TO:

8 (1) WORK WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO ADMINISTER THE SYSTEM;

9 AND

10 (2) ..PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SYSTEM TO CANDIDATES AND THE PUBLIC”.

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12 On page 14, after line 9, insert:

13 **“Title 20 – Taxes, charges and fees.**

14 **Subtitle 6 - Utility charges and assessments.**

15 20.605. - Utility service charges.

16 (d) Billing.

17 (1) The water, reclaimed water, and sewer service charges shall be billed by the  
18 Department of Finance and shall be billed quarterly unless otherwise stipulated by the Director  
19 of Finance. Penalties for late payment of such charges shall be made in accordance with section  
20 20.316 of this subtitle. If only a portion of the service charge revenues are used to cover  
21 operation and maintenance costs of the water system, reclaimed water system, or public sewer  
22 system, the amount of the service charge dedicated to operation and maintenance costs shall be  
23 indicated on each bill.

24 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SHALL INCLUDE ON EACH BILL A CHECKBOX THAT,  
25 WHEN CHECKED BY THE BILL PAYER, ADDS A \$ 3 CONTRIBUTION FOR THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND.  
26 THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SHALL DEPOSIT THE MONEY COLLECTED BECAUSE OF THE CHECK-  
27 OFF INTO THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND REQUIRED BY SECTION 907 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY  
28 CHARTER.

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30 **Title 22 - General Provisions.**

31 **Subtitle 8. - Governmental Transparency and Accessible Data.**



1 SECTION 22.807. - CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND SYSTEM – DONATIONS.

2 (A) THE FACILITATOR SHALL ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY WEBSITE INCLUDES A MECHANISM  
3 TO ACCEPT DONATIONS TO THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND.

4 (B) THE MECHANISM SHALL BE PROMINENTLY LOCATED ON EACH APPROPRIATE COUNTY  
5 WEB PAGE.”.

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**Amendment 8 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017**

**BY: Jennifer Terrasa and  
Jon Weinstein**

**Legislative Day No. 9  
Date: June 5, 2017**

**Amendment No. 8**

*(This amendment alters the public contribution cap.)*

1 On page 9:

- 2 • in line 13, strike "\$750,000" and substitute "\$700,000"; and  
3 • in line 14, strike "\$95,000" and substitute "\$85,000".

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Amendment 9 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Jennifer Terrasa and  
Jon Weinstein

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*(This amendment deals with expenditures prior to participation in the system.)*

1 On page 10, after line 29, insert:

2 “(3)(I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL  
3 REDUCE THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TO A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE’S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN  
4 ACCOUNT BY THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL EXPENDITURES MADE AFTER THE END OF THE PREVIOUS  
5 ELECTION CYCLE FROM THE CANDIDATE’S NON-PARTICIPATING CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

6 (II) EXPENDITURES MADE TOWARDS DEBTS ACCRUED BEFORE THE END OF THE PREVIOUS  
7 ELECTION CYCLE SHALL NOT REDUCE THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TO A PARTICIPATING  
8 CANDIDATE’S CITIZEN FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.”.



Amendment 10 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017

BY: Jennifer Terrasa  
Jon Weinstein

Legislative Day No. 9  
Date: June 5, 2017

Amendment No. 10

*(This amendment changes the interest rate for public contributions that must be repaid to the Fund.)*

- 1 On page 11, beginning in line 18, strike “THAT IMPOSED” down through “COUNTY CODE” in line
- 2 19 and substitute “THE CURRENT BANK PRIME LOAN RATE AS REPORTED BY THE BOARD OF
- 3 GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM”.
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**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2017 1:36 PM  
**To:** beacon7712@comcast.net  
**Subject:** CB30-amendments

**First Name:** Doug  
**Last Name:** Miller  
**Email:** [beacon7712@comcast.net](mailto:beacon7712@comcast.net)  
**Street Address:** 5437 Antrim Court  
**City:** Columbia  
**Subject:** CB30-amendments

**Message:** I have read Councilman Fox's proposed amendments to the legislation regarding the Citizens' Election Fund. Speaking for myself only, I have a problem with only one of them, and that's Amendment 3, which would render this legislation pointless. What could be a more basic responsibility of a democratic (small d) government than to take minimal steps to ensure that each of its citizens will have an equal voice? The miniscule portion of the county budget required to make the Citizens' Election Fund a viable means of accomplishing that goal will be money well spent. I urge each of you to reject Amendment 3 and to demonstrate that ideas and energy, not money and connections, should determine who our elected leaders shall be.



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Wesley Valentine <wes.valentine24@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2017 8:18 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

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

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

Thank you

Wesley Valentine  
7676 Blueberry Hill Lane  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

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**From:** Judy Young <jyoung11650@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 10:50 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Judy Young  
5477 Bright Hawk Court  
Columbia, MD 21045

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**From:** Chiara D'Amore <chiaradamore@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 2:10 PM  
**To:** Sigaty, Mary Kay  
**Cc:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support for CB30

Hello Ms. Sigaty,

My name is Chiara D'Amore and I live on Endicott Lane in your district. I support the passage of CB30, the Citizens' Election Fund, with the public financing intact. I oppose amendments 3 and 6 that would gut the bill. Can I count on you to vote to pass the bill intact?

Thank you,

Chiara D'Amore

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jean Silver-Isenstadt <jeansi@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 2:21 PM  
**To:** Terrasa, Jen; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** please support CB30

Dear Ms. Terrasa,

Please support passage of CB30, the Citizens' Election Fund, with the public financing intact. Please **oppose** amendments 3 and 6, which would gut the bill. This is important legislation in a time of great threat to grassroots democracy.

Thanks,  
-Jean Silver-Isenstadt

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**From:** natalie gawdiak <natalie.gawdiak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 5:34 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

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Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

natalie gawdiak  
5538 April Journey  
Columbia, MD 21044

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**From:** Vicki Sarno <LISSAVICK2@YAHOO.COM>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 9:22 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

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Vicki Sarno  
11736 Lone Tree Court  
Columbia, MD 21044

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**From:** Kelli Rives <rivesnyder@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 03, 2017 4:15 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30

Good Afternoon Council Members-

Please support CB30 with Amendments 2, 7,8,9 and 10 and vote for it to become law in Howard County on June 5. We are a progressive county with the money to do this, and our citizens voted for it in November. It is an important step to take, especially now with politics so divisive and contentious at the National level. Let's get back to basics and let anyone with good ideas run for office in our County by providing funds to level the playing field and keep the cost of campaigns down so there is not enough money to run excessive and negative ads, but rather enough to communicate the candidates' visions.

Thanks to all of you for your efforts on this, and especially to Councilman Weinstein and Councilwoman Terrasa for sponsoring the bill.

Kelli & Larry Rives  
4261 Red Bandana Way  
Ellicott City

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Name: Eileen Sabo

Cell: 410-329-0746

Email: emsaboll@verizon.com

Volunteer

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Name: Ferry Gyi

Cell: 443-812-2941

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Name: PAUL STALKER

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: PSTALKER@HOWARD

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*county Home SALES. OK*



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Name: WES KONICK

Cell: 410-300-8656

Email: wkonick1@gmail.com

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Name: Bryant Duhon

Cell: 26

Email: duhonius@gmail.com

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Name: Ken B. Quick

Cell:           

Email: KENBQUICK@YAHOO.COM

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Name	Email	Phone	Volunteer	Call My Councilmember
Jon Selfridge	jonselfridge@gmail.com	410 365 3291	✓	✓
Richard Joklik	rojoklik@alum.mit.edu	410 997 0920		✓
Amy Cullison	a.cull18@yahoo.com	443 610 2138	✓	✓
Chris Blackert	cblackert991@gmail.com	443-569-6670	✓	✓

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Name	Email	Phone	Volunteer	Call My Councilmember
<del>MPERAN</del>	<del>MPERAN@GMAIL.COM</del>	<del>410-0736-5596</del>		
Ruby Grant		5 <del>5596</del>		✓
Martinha Perez	mperan90@gmail.com	410-0736-5596		

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Ginny Birkell	ginnybirkell@yahoo.com	443 717 3282		
Eric Oddo	ericoddo@smeth.com	815-657-3562		
Andrew Packer	apacker5102@gmail.com	443-527-3868		
Brian Wilson	brianwilson6@gmail.com	443 745 1687		
Jonathan Romero	jonromero12@gmail.com	301 395 5210		

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Name	Email	Phone	Volunteer	Call My Councilmember
SUSIE RECTOR	sfitzrector@gmail.com	443-799-3526		✓
Karen Neff	kneff711@gmail.com	410-794-7370		



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Steve Diaz	sdiaz@redacted.com			
Sari O'Brien	SARIKAY2@yelpo.com			
Jeff Miller	miller.jeff@indymedia.org			
Jim Wagoner				
Sean McGovern	daxmcg@gmail.com			



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Name: Mary & Anthony Burns

Cell: 443 208 1670

Email: adburns@yahoo.com

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Name: Jason Fork

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: jkf21@gmail.com

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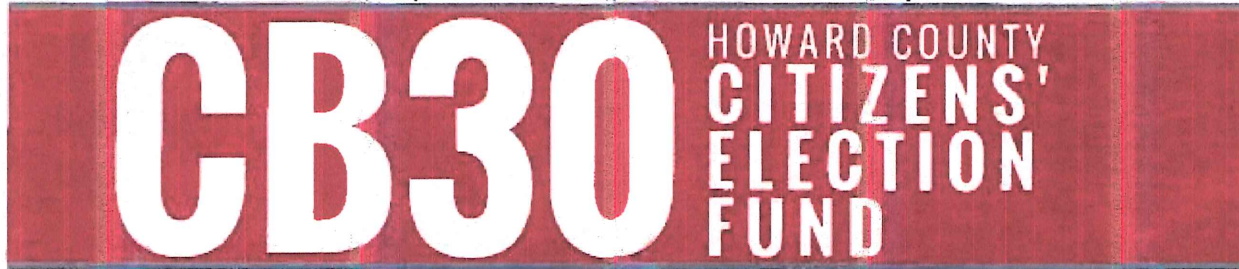
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Name	Email	Phone	Volunteer	Call My Councilmember
Gaelan Mackenzie	rickmac16@gmail.com	307-797-8967	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Name	Email	Phone	Volunteer	Call My Councilmember
Tim Hays	thays74@gmail.com			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Stuck	jstuck13@yahoo.com	443-538-7160		
Elizabeth Munn	elizabethmunn@hdkmail.com	410-730-0293		

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

Apr 25, 2017

Council Member - Howard County Council - District 5 Greg Fox  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043-4300

Dear Council Member - Howard County Council - District 5 Fox,

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

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Manning  
7363 Swan Point Way  
Columbia, MD 21045-5010  
(443) 676-4796

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

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Council Member - Howard County Council - District 4 Mary Kay Sigaty  
3430 Court House Drive  
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