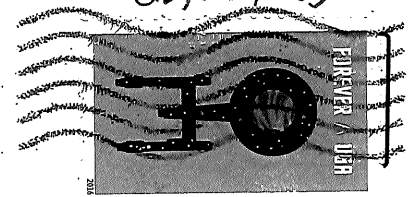


CB 30-2017

CB, JF, MS

Nan Lynn BALTIMORE MD 212  
5713 Tilden Hill Rd  
Columbia, MD



Dear Calvin,  
Please support  
The Fair Election Fund  
So that everyone can  
run for Ho. Co. Offices.  
of NAN

Dr. Calvin Ball  
Howard County Council  
George Howard Building  
1st Floor  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043



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;”.
- 6



Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 30-2017

BY: Greg Fox

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

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 5, in line 7, strike the space preceding the period.
- 3 On page 7, in line 20, strike "(5)" and substitute "(6)".
- 4



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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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”.

13

14 Renumber the rest of the subsection accordingly.

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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”.



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;”
- 3
- 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*”.
- 7



Ynda Winter  
516 Longleaf Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21218

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Suggest **CB 30**, 2017 APR 21 PM 1:20

2% cost of  
it's cost of election  
fund initiative,  
that will serve  
as a model  
to money money  
amendments, it  
will be good.

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2059 Audubon BALTIMORE MD 21228

Baltimore, MD 21206 APR 2017 PMS

meetings!

Let's get an example and

to combat the power special

interests have in our elections!

to amendments, please!

ask you for your

education to the county.

special interest money is dirty,

it's okay to be wordy,

No need to make it too wordy,

CB-30 CB-30!

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Feb 16, 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:

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.

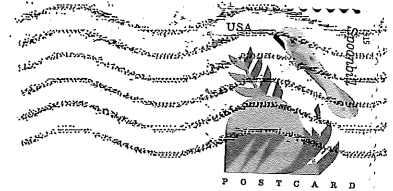
Sincerely,

Ms. Kathi McGaha  
4078 Fragile Sail Way  
Ellicott City, MD 21042-5022  
(410) 465-9564

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HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL  
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5062 WHETSTONE

COLUMBIA MD 21044



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J  
MS

I SUPPORT CB30 BECAUSE  
WE CAN'T COUNT ON OUR  
ELECTED OFFICIALS TO BE  
LIKE YOU AND DO THE RIGHT  
THING EVEN WHEN HIGH-DOLLAR  
CORPORATE DONORS WANT THEM  
TO DO THE WRONG THING.

*John H. ...*

MARY KAYSIGATY  
Howard County Council  
George Howard Building  
1st Floor  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

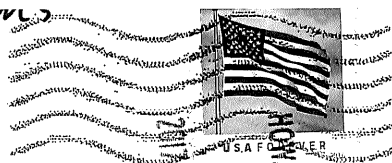
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**Don DeGeorge**  
4222 Club Ct.  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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**Howard County Council**  
**George Howard Building**  
**1st Floor**  
**3430 Court House Drive**  
**Ellicott City, MD 21043**

Dunlop, 21042 April 19, 2017  
I support the establishment  
of a small donor program in  
Howard County to make our  
elections more nearly reflect the  
views and needs of everyday  
citizens, not just those of large  
donors. My councilmember is  
Don Weinstein. Don DeGeorge

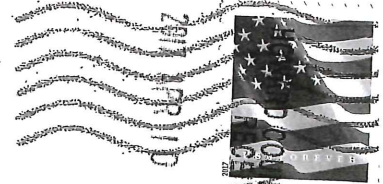
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Bill Adams BALTIMORE MD 212  
5860 Donovan Lane  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Calvin,

We're counting on  
your strong support!

Bill Adams



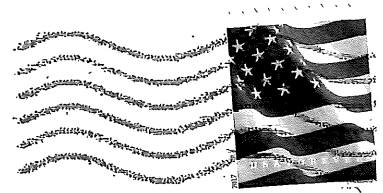
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Calvin Ball  
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3430 Court House Drive  
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JOEL HUREWITZ  
5681 HARPER'S FARM #10212  
COLUMBIA MD 21043



Note for EB30

*Joel Hurewitz*

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MKS, J.F.M.S

Julie Dunlap  
6371 Tenth  
Columbia MD 21045

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Dear County Council Members:  
Howard County has the  
chance to lead the state in  
nature in reducing the number  
of big money in politics. Please  
support fair elections in  
Howard County by voting for  
CB-30. Thank you!  
Julie Dunlap

2017 APR 10 PM 1:27

Council member  
Terrasa

Howard County Council  
George Howard Building  
1st Floor  
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Virginia Bodin  
7251 Docks  
Columbia, MD 21045

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Right now only  
people with deep  
pockets can run  
for public office.  
Let's democratize  
our election process.

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Jen Terrasa  
Howard County Council  
George Howard Building  
1st Floor  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

JT, JF, MS

Al Liebeskind  
6818 Happy Heart Lane  
Columbia, Md 21045

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I believe there is a definite  
need to introduce and pass legislation  
Fair Elections Howard County Citizens  
Elections Fund, where there will be

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Council member "Jen" Terra  
Howard County Council  
George Howard Building  
1st Floor  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Helli Rives  
4261 Red Bandana Way  
Ellicott City MD 21043

Dear Council members

Please work to  
finalize a program  
to reject large  
donations from corporations,  
PACs, etc and establish  
the Citizens Election Fund  
we voted for in November.

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Weinstein  
Howard County Council  
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1st Floor  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
JW, JF, MS



BALTIMORE MD 212  
05 APR 2017 PM 10:11

Thank you Mr. Weinstein  
for supporting this bill.

I am strongly in favor of  
having a more diverse range  
of candidates being able to  
run for Howard County  
offices  
- Eric Miller

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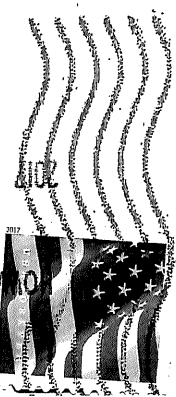
Please support the  
Citizens Election Fund to  
ensure elections are fought  
based on ideas & not...

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John Weinstein  
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Emily Ransford BALTIMORE MD 212  
9614 Sparrow Ct  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
08 APR 2017 PM 10:11

Dear Councilman Fok,  
Please support CB-30,  
for citizen-funded elections  
The county's people have  
made their voices heard,  
please implement their desires.

Best! Emily Ransford



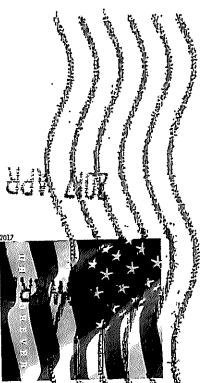
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B.F., J.F., M.S.

Ken Schaffer BALTIMORE MD 212  
3109 Nestling Pine Ct  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
08 APR 2017 PM 8:11

Dear Council persons -  
Citizens United is ruining our  
country & making it impossible  
for elected officials to carry out  
the jobs for which we elected them.  
I STRONGLY ask you to support  
& fully fund public election  
funding.



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Howard County Council  
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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Richard Kohn <richardakohn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 12:40 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Council Bill 30-2017

Dear Councilman Ball:

Please vote YES on Council Bill 30. The residents of the county have already spoken. We want fairer elections and any way to dilute some of the business influences would be welcomed.

Rick Kohn  
Columbia, MD

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Kim Rutter <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 7:48 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Apr 21, 2017

Howard County County Council  
MD

Dear County Council,

Greg,

I am writing to ask that the Council move quickly to finalize the recently approved Citizens' Election Fund. As has become apparent over the last few election cycles at the national level, political funding by corporations, wealthy individuals, and other moneyed interests has diluted the voice, and therefore the choice, of hundreds of voters. Even at the local level here in Howard County, business donations have amplified unfairly the voice of a handful of citizens at the expense of the average Joe.

Please consider the suggestions others have made about how to structure the Fund, for example, that it:

- (i) be available only to candidates who reject donations from corporations, unions, and PACs;
- (ii) that it encourage candidates to fundraise from Howard County residents by providing limited matching funds for small donations from County residents; and that it
- (iii) establish an independent commission to make funding and policy recommendations to the Council.

If we can't fix the national system, we can certainly fix our own.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kim Rutter  
3435 Jennings Chapel Rd  
Woodbine, MD 21797-7509  
(443) 931-7662



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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Michael Tennor <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 8:17 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Apr 20, 2017

Howard County County Coucil  
MD

Dear County Coucil,

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,

Mr. Michael Tennor  
5536 Suffield Ct  
Columbia, MD 21044-2731  
(443) 226-1764

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**From:** Roberta Shipp <jslabsrule2@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 7:14 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. Thanks Jen and keep up the great work!

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Roberta Shipp  
6722 Seneca Drive  
Columbia, MD 21046

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Anna Farb <anna.r.farb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 6:30 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 for your leadership on this critical issue. I hope this program will empower voters and give a greater amount of qualified citizens a chance to serve in government.

Anna Farb  
6259 Audubon Dr  
Columbia, MD 21044

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Anna Farb <anna.r.farb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 6:29 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 for your leadership on this critical issue. I hope this program will empower voters and give more qualified citizens a chance to serve in government.

Anna Farb  
6259 Audubon Dr  
Columbia, MD 21044

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Frances Lappe  
<Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 1:46 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Apr 20, 2017

Howard County County Coucil  
MD

Dear County Coucil,

Thank you for being a leader in the nation and 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.

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

Sincerely,

Ms. Frances Lappe  
37 Goden St  
Belmont, MA 02478-3002  
(617) 549-0367

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Danilsa <dmrstar22@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 29, 2017 9:09 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB30

Hello County Councilmembers!

Thank you very much for your service.

I am very grateful for all you do whether we agree or agree to disagree.

Today, I am writing you in support of CB30 sponsored by Jen Terrasa and Jon Weinstein. To them both, I say thank you.

My name is Danilsa Marciniak and I am a 25-year resident of Howard County.

I attended the hearing recently and bore witness to amazing testimony and statistics about who runs for office, how one runs for office and the costs associated with running for office. What I witnessed was very moving-- particularly from a young black woman who was raised poor and has made amazing strides in overcoming. More importantly, I was moved by her words and how she took the time to serve as a voice for many. For people like her and / or any individuals with the desire to run for office and continue to preserve and enhance all that makes Howard County great among all Counties, I hereby request your support for CB30.

This will take last November's election outcome to the next step.

Expanding opportunities for all to run for office affirms that your support lends to supporting opportunities for all your constituents.

Thank you for supporting CB30 and for all you do and continue to do for our Howard County Community.

Gratefully yours,

Danilsa

*"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."  
~ John Bunyan*

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Chao Wu <superbwu@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 29, 2017 1:37 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** My position on CB-30 bill ( combining tax with voluntary contribution)

Dear County Councils and County Executive,

I was interviewed and then wrote to support the 2016 Howard County Election Fund System Amendment and got around 5000 views last year, see <https://chaowu.org/2016/10/06/2016-election-two-howard-county-charter-amendments-on-ballot/>. I believe I might help contribute several hundreds to several thousands supporting votes on this bill by my effort. The pass is not a huge margin (52.6%/47.4%, total 7500 out of 144524 total votes, around 5 percent). That means 3750 votes can flip the election result.

I still believe the election fund system will help create competition for county executive and county council seats.

Furthermore, I believe if we can combine the tax money (70%) with voluntary contribution (30%) for the whole fund, we will get much more broader support. It will reduce the tension among citizens. For those who actively support this measure, they can also help financially by contributing to the fund. That is one way for CB30 supporters to convince those CB30 opponents who claimed that CB30 supporters just want to spend others' money.

I wish in the future, any amendment should have a 66% threshold. A simple majority is too easy to be manipulated. For this local county bill, four college girls from (West?) Virginia came to promote this amendment at the Clarksville Middle School during my half day campaign for several BOE board members. That's a lot of effort thinking about more than 100 polling locations ( I did not know the situations in other polling locations).

We need a more stringent threshold to pass laws, just like 51 votes for supreme court judge is not right. That is not good for the whole country. However, in this highly partisan period, everything can be justified by each side unfortunately.

Thanks.

Chao Wu  
Clarksville

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Francesca Galbani <frankiegalbani@netscape.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan; Fox, Greg  
**Subject:** CB-30 Citizen Elections Fund

Dear Howard County Council Members and County Executive,  
my name is Francesca Galbani and I live in Mr. Fox's district. I am writing to ask you to please vote Yes on CB30.

I was happy in November to see the Howard county citizens voting Yes to question A: I believe that money have been influencing elections and consequently elected officials. Therefore, citizens believe they are not heard, their issue are not even looked at because the big donors have all the attention of our official. This is happening at the local, state and federal level and it is bipartisan. Howard County has the chance to set a good example, and level the field. For this reason, I believe that a Yes for CB30 is needed.

Thanks for you time

Francesca Galbani  
frankiegalbani@aim.com



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Alice Pham <alicekpham@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:32 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

I urge you to 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 for your leadership on this critical issue.

Alice Pham  
9650 Sandlight ct  
Columbia, MD 21046

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Omar Siddique <omars1234@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:01 AM  
**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 for your leadership on this critical issue.

Omar Siddique  
4517 Rebecca Court  
Oella, MD 21043

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Omar Siddique <omars1234@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:01 AM  
**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 for your leadership on this critical issue.

Omar Siddique  
4517 Rebecca Court  
Oella, MD 21043

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Jennifer Manning <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 10:01 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Apr 25, 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,

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

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Marlyn Johnson <marlynj9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:26 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 for your leadership on this critical issue.

My sincere thanks for all your efforts to ensure a more accountable local government.

Marlyn Johnson

Marlyn Johnson  
12315 Wake Forest Road  
Clarksville, MD 21029

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Randy Murbach <randymurbach@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 12:33 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 for your leadership on this critical issue.

Randy Murbach  
4010 Macalpine Rd  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Jonni Gray <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 11:33 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

**FILE COPY**

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

Apr 12, 2017

Howard County County Coucil  
MD

Dear County Coucil,

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. Soulless, deathless corporations are only about profits, not we the people. Corporate donations drown out the voice of the people and have a corrupting influence. It is self-evident truth that corporations are not people and money is not speech.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jonni Gray  
6635 Corina Ct  
Columbia, MD 21044-4037  
(301) 596-9636

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Elizabeth Hayden <BHayden52@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 9:51 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 for your leadership on this critical issue.

Elizabeth Hayden  
7117 Rivers View Ct  
Columbia, MD 21044



**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Al Liebeskind <liebeskind@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 6:05 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 for your leadership on this critical issue.

Al Liebeskind  
6878 Happy Heart Lane  
Columbia,, MD 21045

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Ruth White <ruth.folkfan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 5:54 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 for your leadership on this critical issue.

Ruth White  
8945 Footed Ridge  
columbia, MD 21045

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** WEI-CHUNG CHANG <superpats@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 5:41 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 for your leadership on this critical issue.

WEI-CHUNG CHANG  
9191 furrow ave  
ellicott city, MD 21042

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Robert Bingham <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 8:29 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Apr 6, 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,

Mr. Robert Bingham  
9511 Clocktower Ln  
Columbia, MD 21046-1874  
(410) 707-8159

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Nancy Rivers <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 8:56 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Apr 5, 2017

Howard County County Coucil  
MD

Dear County Coucil,

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

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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. Nancy Rivers  
5322 Eliots Oak Rd  
Columbia, MD 21044-1902  
(410) 730-9083

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Audrey Heller <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 6:56 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Apr 5, 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:

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

Sincerely,

Ms. Audrey Heller  
8341 Mary Lee Ln  
Laurel, MD 20723-1176  
(443) 226-0344

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Nick Nichols <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 5:56 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Apr 5, 2017

Howard County County Coucil  
MD

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Encourage candidates to fundraise from Howard County residents by providing limited matching funds for small donations from County residents.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Nick Nichols  
3613 Rusty Rim  
Ellicott City, MD 21043-4342  
(410) 461-1537

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Jennifer Jones <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 11:00 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Apr 4, 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:

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Encourage candidates to fundraise from Howard County residents by providing limited matching funds for small donations from County residents.

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

Sincerely,

Ms. Jennifer Jones  
6527 Frietchie Row  
Columbia, MD 21045-4543  
(443) 718-8667



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Michael Moran <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 10:42 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Apr 4, 2017

Howard County County Coucil  
MD

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

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Moran  
10660 Greenbough Ct  
Columbia, MD 21044-2210  
(301) 525-3697

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Bruce Coston <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 1:11 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Mar 16, 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:

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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.

Stop the insanity .

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

Sincerely,

Bruce Coston

CA 94087

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Ann Neale <anneale@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 6:00 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

Thank you for sending the Citizens' Election Fund to the ballot. Now that it has passed, please move quickly to finalize the program, Sponsored by Councilmembers Weinstein and Terassa, that will:

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

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

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Robin Hessey <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 5:33 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Mar 2, 2017

Howard County County Coucil  
MD

Dear County Coucil,

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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. Robin Hessey  
10768 McGregor Dr  
Columbia, MD 21044-4955  
(410) 418-9069

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Robin Hessey <rmhessey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 5:11 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

Thank you for sending the Citizens' Election Fund to the ballot. Now that it has passed, please move quickly to finalize the program, Sponsored by Councilmembers Weinstein and Terassa, that will:

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

Robin Hessey  
10768 McGregor Drive  
Columbia, MD 21044

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Bruce Coston <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 4:33 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Mar 2, 2017

Howard County County Coucil  
MD

Dear County Coucil,

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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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. As your constituent, I was very pleased to see that you signed on to co-sponsor of S60b, the bill that would close the infamous LLC Loophole. It is good to see that you understand it is time to shut off the misuse of the LLC entity form to allow virtually unlimited campaign contributions. Thanks for working to pass this bill and getting it signed into law.

Stop the insanity .

Sincerely,

Bruce Coston

CA 94087-1749

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Katherine Rose <knrose2@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 10:01 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

Thank you for sending the Citizens' Election Fund to the ballot. Now that it has passed, please move quickly to finalize the program, Sponsored by Councilmembers Weinstein and Terassa, that will:

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

Katherine Rose  
9105 Winding Way  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Tina Lynch <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 26, 2017 4:07 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Feb 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:

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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,

Mrs. Tina Lynch  
10078 Green Clover Dr  
Ellicott City, MD 21042-1612  
(410) 111-1111



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** David Glaser <david@vogelglaser.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2017 10:17 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

Thank you for sending the Citizens' Election Fund to the ballot. Now that it has passed, please move quickly to finalize the program, Sponsored by Councilmembers Weinstein and Terassa, that will:

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

David Glaser  
5188 Even Star Place  
Columbia, MD 21044

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Alice Pham <alicekpham@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 12:53 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

Thank you for sending the Citizens' Election Fund to the ballot. Now that it has passed, please move quickly to finalize the program, Sponsored by Councilmembers Weinstein and Terassa, 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.

This is the best way to keep our local elections safe and unfettered by outside big money!

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

Alice Pham  
9650 Sandlight Ct  
Columbia, MD 21046

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Michael Budzinski <resbud@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2017 4:43 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

Thank you for sending the Citizens' Election Fund to the ballot. Now that it has passed, please move quickly to finalize the program, Sponsored by Councilmembers Weinstein and Terassa, that will:

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

Michael Budzinski  
8726 Cardinal Forest Circle  
Laurel, MD 20723

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Al Liebeskind <liebeskind@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 10:46 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

Thank you for sending the Citizens' Election Fund to the ballot. Now that it has passed, please move quickly to finalize the program, Sponsored by Councilmembers Weinstein and Terassa, that will:

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

Al Liebeskind  
6878 Happy Heart Lane  
Columbia, MD 21045

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Raquelli Ganel <rganel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 12:49 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

Thank you for sending the Citizens' Election Fund to the ballot. Now that it has passed, please move quickly to finalize the program, Sponsored by Councilmembers Weinstein and Terassa, that will:

- Only be available to candidates who reject large donations and donations from corporations, unions, and PACs.
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Thank you for making Howard County a leader in fixing our country's broken campaign finance system.

Raquelli Ganel  
5630 Oakland Mills Rd.  
Columbia, MD 21045

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Raquelli Ganel <rganel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 12:48 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

Thank you for sending the Citizens' Election Fund to the ballot. Now that it has passed, please move quickly to finalize the program, Sponsored by Councilmembers Weinstein and Terassa, that will:

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

Raquelli Ganel  
5630 Oakland Mills Rd.  
Columbia, MD 21045

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Douglas Frost <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 12:58 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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

Feb 22, 2017

Howard County County Coucil  
MD

Dear County Coucil,

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Douglas Frost  
9324 Dunloggin Rd  
Ellicott City, MD 21042-5147  
(800) 382-5968

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Eveline Tapp <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 18, 2017 6:50 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Feb 18, 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:

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Eveline Tapp  
2357 Ballard Way  
Ellicott City, MD 21042-1781  
(410) 750-6069



**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Barbara Denno <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 18, 2017 8:49 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Feb 18, 2017

Howard County County Coucil  
MD

Dear County Coucil,

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

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

Sincerely,

Ms. Barbara Denno  
11244 Chase St Unit 2  
Fulton, MD 20759-2456  
(202) 716-4661

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Chiara D'Amore <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 10:19 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Feb 17, 2017

Howard County County Coucil  
MD

Dear County Coucil,

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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. It is really important that the ability to run for elected office be available to people who do not have deep pockets lined by corporate interests.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chiara D'Amore  
5429 Endicott Ln  
Columbia, MD 21044-1802  
(410) 730-0394

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Valerie Leonard <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 9:47 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Feb 17, 2017

Howard County City Council  
MD

Dear City 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:

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Valerie Leonard  
5479 Hound Hill Ct  
Columbia, MD 21045-2238  
(410) 740-9758

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Lynn Lewis <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 2:47 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Feb 17, 2017

Howard County City Council  
MD

Dear City Council,

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

Sincerely,

Ms. Lynn Lewis  
12290 Green Meadow Dr  
Columbia, MD 21044-2888  
(410) 381-2212

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Richard Bourgin <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 12:16 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Feb 16, 2017

Howard County City Council  
MD

Dear City Council,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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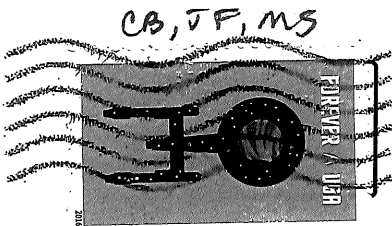
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Nan Lynn BALTIMORE MD 212  
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Please support  
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So that everyone can  
run for Ho. Co. Offices.  
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## Howard County Council Public Hearing, April 19th, 2017

### CB30: "Citizens' Election Fund Program"

Position: SUPPORT

*Maryland PIRG is a state based, citizen funded public interest advocacy organization with grassroots members in Howard County and across the state. For forty years we've stood up to powerful interests whenever they threaten our health and safety, our financial security, or our right to fully participate in our democratic society. One of our top priorities is our Democracy for the People Campaign to curb the impact of big money on our democracy and empower everyday citizens.*

Thank you Council President Weinstein and Councilwoman Terrasa for championing this small donor campaign finance system for Howard County and the entire Council for sending the issue to the ballot for public approval. In November, Howard County voters approved a Charter Amendment to create the "Citizens' Election Fund." Thank you for responding with CB30 to finalize the program.

The new program is designed to encourage candidates to voluntarily reject large and corporate contributions by providing limited matching funds for small donations from their constituents. This serves the dual purpose of reducing corporate and mega donor campaign spending and re-engaging the community in the electoral process. It also expands opportunities to run for office, so candidates of all backgrounds can run based on the strength of their ideas not access to money.

**BACKGROUND:** Recent decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court, like the *Citizens United* and *McCutcheon* decisions have lifted limits on the amount of money that corporations and the super wealthy can spend to influence elections giving them increased influence over who runs for office, what issues make it onto the agenda, and often who wins.

The meteoric rise of election spending since these Supreme Court decisions means candidates and elected officials are often trapped spending an increasing amount of time fundraising from big donors, giving them less time to hear from and serve their constituents. It has also exacerbated the already shrinking faith that citizens have in their elected officials and government.

Local offices are not exempt from these issues – in fact, we expect the removal of restrictions on aggregate contributions limits to lead to increased spending by mega donors on local elections. Our research has found that this decision will ultimately cause \$1 billion in increased spending through the 2020 elections from less than 3,000 mega donors.<sup>1</sup>

A 2015 NYT poll found that, "Americans, regardless of their political affiliation, agree that money has too much influence on elections, the wealthy have more influence on elections, and candidates who win office promote policies that help their donors."<sup>2</sup>

- 66% think "wealthy Americans have more of a chance to influence the elections process than other Americans."

<sup>1</sup> McCutcheon Money, Maryland PIRG and Demos, October, 2013, <http://marylandpirg.org/reports/mdp/mccutcheon-money>

<sup>2</sup> Americans' Views on Money in Politics, June 2, 2015, <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/06/02/us/politics/money-in-politics-poll.html>

- 84% think “money has too much influence on American political campaigns.”
- 85% think “candidates who win public office promote policies that directly help the people and groups who donated money to their campaign most or some of the time.
- 77% support “limiting the amount of money individuals can contribute to political campaigns”

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** We need create a campaign finance system where every citizen, regardless of wealth has more or less equal opportunity to influence the actions of our government. To restore political equality in our democracy, campaign contributions should be limited to what the average American can afford and candidates should only be able to raise money from the people they would represent.

The fight to overturn Citizen’s United will likely be decades long, but there is a lot we can do now. While the Supreme Court has decisively ruled against restrictions on spending levels and corporate electoral spending; they have created an opportunity for us to use a carrot instead of a stick. And that is why we are here today. In Howard County the carrot is a “citizens’ election fund program” that encourages candidates to voluntarily reject large and corporate contributions by providing limited matching funds for small donations from county residents.

Here are a few important details of the program. Attached to my testimony are further details.

- **Encourage participation:** By providing matching funds for small contributions from Howard County residents, candidates are encouraged to seek out widespread support from the community.
- **Elevate the voices of everyday people:** Match small contributions on a scale (between 7-to-1 and 1-to-1) with the smallest donations matched at the highest rate. By matching the smallest contributions at the highest rate, candidates are encouraged to seek broad support and community members without deep pockets are incentivized to get involved in the political process.
- **Expand opportunities to run for office:** People qualify by building support in their community. This allows people from all backgrounds to run for office on the strength of their ideas, not access to money, and will help build a diverse and representative government.
- **Keep big money out:** Participating candidates cannot accept large contributions (over \$250) or contributions for corporations, unions, or PACs. This helps address influence or the appearance of influence by special interests on policy decisions.

In Maryland in 2014, Montgomery County became the first county to establish a small donor incentive program for county races. The program will be in effect for the upcoming election and more than 10 candidates have already filed to qualify. And Maryland Congressman John Sarbanes is the author of the Government by the People Act, which would enact a similar program at the national level.

By passing Council Bill 30, Howard County will make this community the next to lead the state and country towards this new way to fund elections.

In addition to strengthening our local democracy, the program will serve as example for the rest of the state and country. By putting small donor incentives into action in Howard County and in communities across the state and country, the public will see the effectiveness of the program, building the support and track record we need to pass state and federal reforms.

There is no doubt that the Supreme Court has dealt our democracy a significant blow. But it is within our power to reverse the decision, empower ordinary Marylanders in in our elections, and reclaim our democracy for the people. You have an incredible opportunity in Howard County, but it will only work if pass CB30. Thank you for your time and service to Howard County.



## Howard County Council Bill 30 (CB30) *The Citizens' Election Fund Program*

In November 2016 Howard County voters passed Ballot Question A establish a new way for candidates to run for office – the *Citizens' Election Fund*. Now, the County Council has filed CB30 to establish the Citizens' Election Fund program. This program will empower citizen voices in County campaigns, and reduce the influence of big-money corporations and developers. It does so by allowing candidates for County Council and Executive who opt to rely on small-dollar donations to qualify for limited matching funds. In exchange, candidates must agree to turn down all large contributions and contributions for corporations, PACs, unions or other non-individuals.

By passing Question A, Howard County voters joined Montgomery County in leading the charge across Maryland to restore our democracy and elevate the voice of voters. Now, it's up to the County Council to pass CB30 to establish the Citizens' Election Fund program.

Here are the details:

### **Eligible contributions:**

- Candidates who opt to participate in the program may only receive donations of \$250 or less from individuals. Individual gifts may come from residents inside or outside the county, but only contributions from County residents qualify for matching funds.
- An individual can contribute no more than \$250 to any given candidate in any four-year election cycle. Multiple contributions from one person cannot exceed \$250.
- The candidate cannot accept loans, with the sole exception that the candidate may accept up to \$12,000 in contributions or loans from the candidate, candidate's spouse, parent, or sibling who may each contribute or loan the campaign no more than \$6,000.
- The \$250 contribution limit will be indexed to inflation every four years.

### **Qualifying and match:**

- Only donations of \$5 to \$250 from residents within the county will qualify a candidate for the program or receive a match. (This is tied to residency, not voter registration status.)
- Different offices have a different match requirement:
  - County Executive – must receive 500 qualifying contributions totaling \$40,000
  - Councilmember – must receive 125 qualifying contributions totaling \$10,000
- The State Board of Elections must certify a candidate qualifies for the program within 10 business days of receiving their paperwork.
- The match is also scaled to each elected office, and tiered to encourage small donations:
  - County Executive – 7:1 for the first \$50, 4:1 for the second \$50, and 2:1 for the third \$50. The final \$100 is not matched.
  - County Council – 5:1 for the first \$50, 3:1 for the second \$50, and 1:1 for the third \$50. The final \$100 is not matched.
- The County will only match contributions (for the entire election cycle, including both the primary and general) up to:
  - County Executive – \$750,000

- Councilmember – \$95,000
- Once the cap is reached, candidates can continue to raise donations from individuals of \$250 or less but will not receive and match. A candidate running in an uncontested general election will not be eligible for a match.

**Limitations on publicly funded candidates:**

- A small-donor candidate must not accept any donations (in-kind or cash) from anyone other than an individual; this includes corporations, PACs, or political parties.
- A small-donor candidate cannot transfer funds from the public funding account to any other political committee, nor accept funds from any other political committee.
- The candidate may not form a slate committee (as defined by state campaign finance law) with other candidates, but is allowed to associate with and share expenses with a team of candidates.

**Timeline for applicants:**

- Starting January 1<sup>st</sup> of the first year of the four-year Gubernatorial election cycle the candidate may declare his/her intent to run a small-donor campaign. The candidate must establish a campaign account separate from any pre-existing accounts, and all other accounts must be frozen. The candidate can then begin accepting donations under the small-donor program.
- A candidate has until 45 days before the primary to qualify (non-principal party candidates have until 45 days before the general).
- The County will only begin to distribute matching funds 365 days before the primary election through 15 days after the general election.
- Disbursements will be made by the County Department of Finance within 3 business days once the State Board has verified that donations qualify for a match.

**Sources for Program Funding:**

- The County may consider funding for the program from a number of possible sources, including:
  - General funds, voluntary contributions, and interest.
  - Can explore establishing registration fees for lobbyists, and putting those fees (as well as any related fines) into the program;
  - Can explore a voluntary tax check-off on property tax, water bills, or other County bills.
  - Can explore adding a local designation under the state Fair Campaign Finance Fund check-off.
- A publicly funded candidate must return all unspent funds remaining in the campaign account at the end of the election cycle. A candidate must also repay any public match should the candidate withdraw from the election.

**Oversight and administration:**

- The program will be administered by the Citizen's Commission, in consultation with the State Board of Elections.
- A seven-member Citizen's Commission will recommend the adequate funding level for the Executive to include in the annual budget.
- The program will be in place by the elections in 2022, as established by the charter amendment. The County Executive must promulgate regulations and ensure funding in a timely manner for that election cycle.

For more information visit [www.fairelectionshowardcounty.org](http://www.fairelectionshowardcounty.org)

Or contact: Jenifer Bevan-Dangel, [jbd@commoncause.org](mailto:jbd@commoncause.org) and Emily Scarr, [emily@marylandpirg.org](mailto:emily@marylandpirg.org)



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I am here on behalf of the Columbia Democratic Club, and as a Howard County citizen for over 35 years, to urge approval of CB 30, to establish a Citizens Election Fund. This bill will implement the will of Howard County citizens as demonstrated in November when they approved Charter Amendment Question A.

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The contaminating role of big money on politicians and on politics in general gets worse every year, with each new Supreme Court decision. Publicly-funded elections is one of the few remaining ways for average citizens to help level the playing field with those with large amounts of money. The role of big money in corrupting politics is neither a Democratic nor a Republican issue. In fact, the most successful recent user of Maryland publicly-funded campaigns was Republican Gov. Larry Hogan, who won in 2014 using the Maryland Fair Campaigning Finance Fund. That fund is funded by a mixture of check-off contributions and

when necessary, supplemental funding from the state's general funds. Hopefully our Howard County fund will also be supported through both a check-off system and general funds.

I want to focus on how the Citizens Election Fund will expand the opportunities for citizens interested in becoming candidates and cause others to trust that their elected officials are not beholden to developers and other moneyed interests. Many Howard Countians become interested in the County Council when issues directly affect them. The thought of running for office, to actually serve themselves, and their

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neighbors, can seem beyond their means. I know that when I considered running for the Council in 1986 I decided I had no way to raise the funds needed to be a credible candidate.

With the Campaign Election Fund, to qualify for matching funds, a candidate for Council needs to raise contributions from at least 125 Howard Countians, not exceeding \$250 from any one person, totaling at least \$10,000. That is not easy, but it is definitely doable, even for a young person, or someone with a lower income. Expanding the set of potential candidates is an important part of this legislation.

Potential candidates with a desire to serve their communities, to improve the quality of life in Howard County, should be encouraged and enabled, regardless of their financial connections.

Similarly, the matching power of the Campaign Election Fund truly empowers the average citizen. If I contribute \$150 to a Council candidate, they receive a total of \$600; a County Executive candidate gets \$750 for that same \$150 contribution. They can spend their time talking to me, and people like me, learning what issues are of concern to

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the actual people that elect them rather than having to chase the big contributors. This simultaneously makes contributors like me more important, and makes all residents respect their elected officials more because they are talking to and listening to the concerns of their constituents.

I strongly urge every member of the Council to endorse this legislation. To follow through on the demand of the electorate that you pass legislation to implement the Campaign Election Fund.

**Testimony re: CB-30**

**Doug Miller**

**5437 Antrim Court, Columbia 21045**

**April 19, 2017**

I serve on the board of Get Money Out, a statewide, nonpartisan organization made up entirely of volunteers who are working to fight the increasingly corrosive influence of money on our democratic republic.

Deep-pocketed special interests spend billions every year to fund political campaigns, drowning out the voices of ordinary citizens, and it's getting worse every day in the wake of Supreme Court decisions in *Citizens United v. FEC* (2010) and *McCutcheon v. FEC* (2014).

Ask 10 rank-and-file voters of any political persuasion -- Republican, Democrat, independent, left, right or center -- and 7 or 8 of them will agree that money has too much influence on how we are governed. That's what a number of polling organizations have found.

Most of us tend to think of this issue only in terms of Washington. But as this virtually unregulated environment takes hold, we see more big money seeping into state and local campaigns. Perhaps even more troubling, much of this money cannot be traced to its donors.

The Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law last year released a report detailing its study of the rapid rise, in six demographically and geographically diverse states, in the amounts of "dark money" and "gray money" that show up in state and local campaigns. The organizations -- technically unaffiliated with the candidates -- that raise these donations for political advertising are not, in most cases, required to disclose who made them.

The Brennan study found that, in the states it examined, only 29 percent of such "outside spending" was fully transparent in 2014, compared to 76 percent in 2006. Dark money surged in these states by 38 times, on average, during that period.

"Dark money can be particularly powerful in state and local contests, simply because it is easier in lower-cost elections for special interests to dominate the political discourse," the Brennan report notes. "For many of the contests we looked at, a dark money group could have outspent candidates with amounts in the low \$100,000s or even \$10,000s -- a modest business expense for special interests, but a major hurdle for many candidates and community groups."

Where there is money to be made and laws and regulations to be massaged, kept unchanged or struck down in its pursuit, campaign contributions will follow, whether the campaign is for federal, state or local office. As we all know, Howard County is one of the nation's wealthiest. Can we honestly believe it is immune to the corrupting influence of big money?

When candidates for local office receive contributions of thousands of dollars from corporations, trade unions and political action committees, the voices of average constituents are diminished. When such donations mean the difference between a viable campaign and one that is doomed to fail, even candidates with the best of intentions will hold their noses and accept them. Is it any wonder that cynicism runs rampant in the electorate? Citizens, whose insights and input are necessary to a thriving democracy, instead have disengaged from government and the democratic process in disgust.

In their support of Question A last November, the voters of Howard County affirmed their wish to level the playing field with the Citizens' Election Fund. No longer, they said, should candidates require wealth or wealthy backers to have a fair chance of winning county office. Ideas and capabilities, not money, should determine who our leaders will be.

The charter amendment that was enacted with the passage of Question A requires this council to establish the Citizens' Election Fund. Making it the viable and sustainable program the voters have demanded, however, is up to you. Don't let them down by giving them some shell of a fund that will be dead on arrival. Make it one that will truly amplify the voices of Howard County voters and restore their faith in democracy. Pass Council Bill 30 without dilution or delay.



**Testimony of  
Karen Hobert Flynn  
President  
Common Cause**

**Howard County Council  
April 19, 2017**

**Introduction**

My name is Karen Hobert Flynn and I am the President of Common Cause and former Chair and Executive Director of Common Cause in Connecticut. Common Cause is a nonpartisan, nonprofit citizen lobby that works to create open, honest, and accountable government that serves the public interest; promote equal rights, opportunity, and representation for all; and empower all people to make their voices heard in the political process. We have more than 800,000 activists and members in all fifty states and 900 activists and donors in Howard County, Maryland.

Common Cause strongly supports Council Bill 30-2017, which would implement the Charter Amendment passed at the ballot last November and create a Citizen's Election Fund system for County candidates.

We have seen states and counties across the country embrace small donor democracy reforms like the one contained in Council Bill 30-2017.

### **Connecticut Experience**

On December 1st, 2005, the Connecticut General Assembly did what no one thought was possible: It voted to radically reform the way in which they would be elected. In one night, the state Legislature passed the strongest campaign finance law in the country that banned lobbyist and state contractor contributions, closed exploited loopholes and, most significant, established a system that provided full public financing for all elections to statewide and General Assembly offices.

Without a doubt, widespread pay-to-play scandals in Connecticut, including one that landed ex-Gov. John G. Rowland in prison, helped create a political climate ripe for reform. The way business had been conducted at the Connecticut Capitol was dramatically changed.

Howard County should be commended for advancing a fair elections program in a pro-active manner, driven by a desire to chart a different path rather than a response to an ongoing crisis. Regardless of the motivation, the impact of public funding is the same: empowering citizens, diversifying representation, and reduce the power of special interest influence in campaigns.

From our perspective, the Connecticut reform brought many benefits. First, the program enjoys broad and bipartisan support. The measure passed with a democratic-controlled legislature and a Republican Governor, Jodi Rell signed it into law. A third of the Republicans in the Senate supported the measure and there was Republican support in the House as well. Since the program's inception in 2008, participation has ranged from 70% to 78% in 2016. In the 2016 elections, 76% of Republican candidates and 91% of Democratic candidates, and 17% of candidates not affiliated with a major party

participated in the program. Minor party candidates have participated in other years, as well as in special elections.

We have seen fewer uncontested races, more primary challenges, and more competitive elections. We have seen the program impact candidate emergence – with more candidates participating from diverse backgrounds. Under a system of public financing, like the one in Connecticut and the one you’ll adopt in Howard County, candidates do not need to be wealthy, or connected to special interests to run for office. Since 2012, Connecticut has seen record numbers of women participate and more candidates of color win office in state legislative races.

Candidates run differently under Connecticut’s public financing system. They need to collect a certain number of contributions from constituents who reside in their districts and so they spend their time talking to constituents about their concerns, rather than raising money at high-dollar lobbyist functions. And once elected, candidates have talked about the fact that they can focus on the issues that they see as important, and they feel free to prioritize their constituent’s needs and their conscience, rather than feel obligated to wealthy interests who donated to their campaigns.

Howard County will see the same benefits from citizen funded elections with CB30 requiring participating candidates to collect qualifying contributions from County residents.

In Connecticut, we have also seen that candidates rely on a more even distribution of income brackets, and less on the wealthiest zip codes in the state. In gubernatorial races, that change is quite dramatic. In 2014, gubernatorial candidate reliance on the wealthiest zip codes for donations went from 71 percent to 44 percent, while reliance on middle income zip codes nearly doubled.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Public Campaigns “Small Donor Solutions for Big Money: The 2014 Elections and Beyond November 21, 2014 (UPDATED JANUARY 13, 2015)” <http://everyvoice.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/2014SmallDonorReportJan13.pdf>



CB 30 would incentivize candidates to raise money from average county residents—by matching the smallest contributions with the most public funds (first \$50 of each qualifying contribution at a 7-to-1 ratio, second \$50, matched 4-to-1).

Even at a time when a conservative majority on the Supreme Court has delivered the *Citizens United* decision that says that corporations have the same rights to political speech as individuals and that independent expenditures are not corrupting, there is a reform that meets that court's test of constitutionality – small donor public financing. We believe the best hope for reigning in the power of wealthy special interests and ensuring the voices of ordinary people can be heard rests in Citizen funded elections

As you know, campaign finance is constantly evolving, and as with any program, the Connecticut legislation has required regular tweaks and changes to keep it relevant and responsive. Common Cause has led at least 7 revisions to the legislation over the last 12 years. The Citizens' Commission created by CB30 is an important tool, and should be used not just to recommend funding levels but to monitor the need for reforms or changes as national and state laws, and the realities of campaigns themselves, evolve over time. The best public financing programs in the nation rely on such periodic review to continue functioning well.

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### **Strong Model for Reform**

Connecticut's experience is just one of many successful public funding programs in action across the country. From block grants to vouchers, public funding has taken many forms as different jurisdictions have experimented with the program. The model that is established in CB30 is a strong one, and one that is working in other jurisdictions.

- Most successful programs follow the same basic model, where a candidate declares intent to run, meets qualifying thresholds, and then receives matching funds as they continue to raise small-dollar donations. Both New

York City and Los Angeles, our nation's two most populous cities, have had such systems since the 1980s.

- The tiered match, which emphasizes the first \$50 donation, gives the greatest voice to the smallest donors. As we have seen in places such as New York City, elevating these small donors achieves one of the most important goals of the program – engaging more people in our democratic process. Indeed, analysis of the New York City program proves that donors to the candidates in the public funding system come from a much broader array of city neighborhoods than donors to the legislative races, which are run under traditional campaign systems.
- We also applaud the program for creating a strong bright-line regarding eligible donors to a participating candidate. These programs cannot eliminate the influence of PACs and independent expenditures in our campaigns. But by limiting donors to a participating campaign to individuals giving \$250 or less, Howard County can ensure that special interests and wealthy donors are not directly influencing a candidate.

You will hear much more tonight on why these programs are important – both from other advocates but also, and most important, from your constituents. Common Cause has worked on public funding programs in many different jurisdictions, from cities to states, from West Coast to East Coast, from republican to democratic leaning jurisdictions. We are thrilled to see Howard County become a national leader for this core pro-democracy reform.

The voters of Howard County spoke loudly and clearly on the issue of citizen funded elections by approving Question A with 53% support. Voters agree that these programs shift the power from wealthy special interests to the people by reducing barriers for candidates who are not wealthy or connected to special interests to run for office. We urge a favorable vote on Bill 30-2017, which is a critical investment in elections in Howard County.

April 19, 2017

**Testimony on Council Bill 30-2017:  
*Citizen's Election Fund*  
Howard County Council**

**Position: Favorable**

Common Cause Maryland strongly supports Council Bill 30-2017, which would implement the Charter Amendment passed at the ballot last November and create a Citizen's Election Fund system for County candidates.

**History**

Public funding has become a focus from the national to the local level over the past few years. Congressman Sarbanes has introduced legislation that would create a public funding program for Congressional campaigns. The General Assembly took a significant step forward in 2013 by enabling local governments to establish public funding for local races, and followed that with legislation in 2015 restoring the funding source for the state's gubernatorial Fair Campaign Finance Fund. (The fund was used by Delegate Mizeur and Governor Hogan in their respective 2014 campaigns.) Governor Hogan has since been a strong leader on this issue, allocating over \$1 million each year in general budget support to supplement the funds available in that program.

Montgomery County took the lead at the local level, passing the first program in Maryland in September 2014. Common Cause Maryland was proud to provide research and guidance to the County in drafting its legislation, and we are very excited to see further interest in public funding programs spread to Howard County. Bill 30-2017 takes the best elements from recent legislation to create a program for Howard County Council and Executive races, and makes Howard County a leader on investing in a thriving democracy.

**Benefits**

Citizen funded campaigns serve a number of critical benefits:

- They allow candidates from diverse backgrounds to run for office, without needing the major donor networks that would otherwise be essential to launch a campaign;
- They allow every day citizens to invest in, and feel invested in, their democracy;
- They allow candidates to run a campaign focused on communities and citizens;
- They ensure that special interests cannot gain a special influence in elections – or the policy decisions made after the election is over.

In a 2009 Gonzales poll, 70% of Marylanders favored using public money to pay for political campaigns. And public funding is working in the states that have adopted it. According to analysis of the Connecticut program:

- 77% of state legislators who were elected in 2012 ran on public funding;

- Latino representation in the state legislature increased 33% after the program was implemented;
- Policies adopted after public financing was implemented were more aligned with the public's preferences.<sup>1</sup>

Or take the example of New York City Council races (where there is a small dollar, matching program) vs. races for the New York Assembly, which does not have public financing. Data shows that small donors to City Council candidates come from a much broader array of city neighborhoods than do the city's small donors to State Assembly candidates. Small donor matching funds help bring participants into the political process who are traditionally less likely to be active, and strengthens the connection between public officials and their constituents.

An editorial last year questioned the need for a program of this nature in a County that does not have a legacy of corruption. We agree that this Council has a legacy of listening to constituents and not the special interests. This program would ensure the continuation of that legacy, as it would ensure that even as campaigns grow more expensive and increasingly reliant on large donors, candidates will have an alternative. Candidates will have the option of running campaigns based on small dollar donations, focusing on their constituents, and keeping democracy in Howard County robust and vibrant.

## Conclusion

The voters of Howard County supported Question A; 53% voted to establish a Citizen's Election Fund. They agreed that these programs strengthen our democracy by keeping special interests out of elections, giving voters more confidence in the process, and empowering more diverse candidates to participate.

We urge a favorable vote on Bill 30-2017, which is a critical investment in elections in Howard County.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.demos.org/publication/fresh-start-impact-public-campaign-financing-connecticut>



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April 19th, 2017

Chairman Jonathan S. Weinstein  
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Dear Chairman Weinstein,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on CB 30. Progressive Maryland is a grassroots, nonprofit organization of more than 100,000 members and supporters who live in nearly every legislative district in the state. Our mission is to improve the lives of working families in Maryland. Please note our **strong support for CB 30**.

We support the establishment of a small donor program in Howard County because it will:

- elevate the voices of working families** in Howard County
- encourage greater public participation** in county elections, and
- enable more county residents with strong ideas and a call to public service to run for office**, regardless of their personal connections to wealthy donors or corporate contributors.

The sliding-scale small donation matching program **provides crucial reassurance to Howard County residents who can only afford to contribute \$10 or \$20 to a campaign that their voice will not be drowned out** by those who can contribute significantly more, fostering greater confidence in our democratic process, and encourages them contribute when they otherwise might not. It also empowers those residents who would make viable candidates but can't overcome the financial hurdles under the current system to make a strong run for office.

The extra funding made available to candidates through this program will also allow them, upon entering office, to spend more time doing what they were elected to do— the less time elected officials must spend on fundraising, the more time they have to serve their constituents. At a cost of about **\$2 per year per voter**, our Howard County members feel this program is easily worth the investment.

We urge you to make this small donor program a reality in Howard County.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Dwyer  
Policy and Legislative Coordinator  
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Testimony of Susan Mottet  
State Legislative Director, Every Voice  
Howard County Council Public Legislative Hearing on CB30-2017  
The Howard County Citizens' Elections Fund  
April 19, 2017

Every Voice is a national advocacy organization dedicated to small-donor funded election reform and we support the Howard County Citizens' Election Fund.

At Every Voice, we help advocates and elected officials design small-donor funded elections programs that are not only successful in theory, but that are successful in practice.

There are different measures of success, such as ensuring that all voices are heard and valued in our democracy and broadening and diversifying participation in our democracy. In New York City, a place where people of color are in the majority, the City Council had always been majority white and there had never been a woman of color elected to citywide office. After the 6:1 match was adopted, the City Council grew to reflect the racial makeup of the city more accurately and the city elected a woman of color to citywide office for the first time in 2013. She used the matching program, similar to the program in the bill you are considering today, and speaks to how important it was in enabling her to run and win.

Additionally, when the goal is to diversify resident participation, the program design and particularly the matching structure impacts chances of success. We have data from other places with citizen-funded elections that tell us what donors look like along the spectrum of dollar amounts. We find that the smallest donors—usually between \$5 and \$50—are more representative of race, gender, and income diversity in a jurisdiction, but donors giving larger amounts begin to dramatically skew more white, male, and affluent. Systems that amplify the donors who give somewhere between \$5 and \$50 are best at diversifying participation in our democracy and making sure all voices are heard and valued in it. This bill would lift up the voices of everyday people by placing the largest match, 7:1 in County Executive races and 5:1 in County Council races, on the smallest donations, those under \$50.

Moreover, we believe that citizen-funded elections reduce the corrupting influence of big donors and that this bill would do so by limiting contributions to participating candidates to \$250 or less. This way candidates can vote in alignment with their own values and in the interest of their constituents and small donor bases, without worrying about how this will jeopardize how they will raise funds to run for re-election.

Because we believe the Howard County Citizens' Funded Election bill will amplify the voices of everyday people, broaden and diversify participation in our democracy, and reduce the influence of big donors, Every Voice supports CB30.





## Howard County Council Testimony on the Citizens' Election Fund

April 19, 2017

*Submitted by Wendy Fields, Executive Director, Democracy Initiative*

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Democracy Initiative, a coalition of 58 partners representing 30 million members nationwide. We are labor, environment, civil rights, and good government groups who coming together under a common vision to create a people-powered democracy movement that works for all of us.

Our coalition works collectively to blunt the influence of money in our elections and expand the power of voters. Last November 30,000 of our Howard County members from groups like Common Cause, NAACP, Our Revolution, Friends of the Earth, and the Communications Workers of America worked tirelessly to pass Measure A for the Citizens' Election Fund.

The Citizens' Election Fund affirms three basic principles of a democracy of, by, and for the people:

First, it encourages more voters to participate in county elections knowing that their small contribution can be matched up to 7 times. It is clear, the cost for running for office today is out of reach for a majority of Americans that feel called to public service but lack access to big money. The cost in Howard County ranges from \$90,000 to \$150,000 for a county council seat to over one million dollars for county executive.

Second, it levels the playing field so more residents that reflect the values of the community can run for office, especially when they've built up strong community support. Big money should not silence the voice of the small business owner, the working mother, or the young professional that wants to run with the support of the community, not moneyed interests.

Third, it blunts the influence of moneyed interests from drowning out the voices of citizens at the ballot box and in governing. Money has been an outsized influence in too many of our elections and governance process. Howard County can blunt the influence of corporations and political action committees to give everyday Americans a stronger voice in electing their leaders.

When small donor campaigns give more residents the ability to run and win office, our community is better represented.

The Citizens' Election Fund will give the community a stronger voice in electing leaders. Howard County voters are leading the way in the fight for fair elections but they are not alone. From Washington State to Maine to New York City to Montgomery County, MD communities across the country are establishing small donor incentive programs. And we know public-funded candidates can win – just look at Governor Larry Hogan. If it makes sense for the governor, it makes sense for every person in Maryland seeking to run for office.

Residents are very proud to live in a community that continues to be ranked one of the best places to live nationwide. Soon, with the County Council's action, Howard County will be the best place for fair, people-powered elections.





That's what the voters want. That's why thousands of citizens voted for Measure A last November. And that's why so many people are here today to show their support for the Citizens' Election Fund.

A democracy that works for all of us starts at the local level.

I urge all Councilmembers to lead by example and make a democracy of, by, and for the people of Howard County a reality. Thank you.

### Democracy Initiative Partners

350.org	League of Conservation Voters
Advancement Project	MoveOn.org
AFL-CIO	NAACP
AFSCME	NAACP Legal Defense Fund
AFT	NAACP National Voter Fund
Alliance for Justice	National Action Network
Amalgamated Transit Union	National Coalition on Black Civic Participation
American Family Voices	National Council of La Raza
American Postal Workers Union	National LGBTQ Task Force
Asian Americans Advancing Justice   AAJC	National People's Action
Bend the Arc	Natural Resources Defense Council
Campaign for America's Future	NEA
CASA	OUR Revolution
Center for Community Change	OurTime.org
Center for Environmental Health	People For the American Way
Center for Popular Democracy	Progressive Majority
Clean Water Action	Project Vote
Common Cause	Public Citizen
Communications Workers of America	ReThink Media
Democracy Matters	Rural Coalition
Demos	SEIU
Every Voice	Sierra Club
Fair Elections Legal Network	State Innovation Exchange   Six
Food & Water Watch	Story of Stuff Project
Free Speech for People	U.S. PIRG
Friends of the Earth	United Auto Workers
Greenpeace USA	United States Student Association
Jobs With Justice	USAction
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights	Voices for Progress

April 19, 2017  
Testimony for CB-30

Good evening. My name is Suzanne Geckle and my address is 12650 Emory Farm Lane in Sykesville, 21784. Last spring I testified in support of putting a referendum on the ballot to enable the County Council to develop a citizens election fund. Thankfully that measure passed and the citizens of Howard County voted in support of Question A which now requires that the County Council pass a Citizens' Election Fund System that includes public funding.

I am here tonight to testify in support of CB-30 for three main reasons. First, I believe that it will provide ordinary citizens more of a voice in the workings of our county, second, that it will encourage more of our citizens to run for office and third that it will prevent large dollar donations from corporations, unions and PACs for candidates that choose to use the fund. I will confine my testimony to the first two points as others will address the last point.

In today's world with so many people giving large donations to candidates those of us with smaller disposable incomes feel that our voices aren't heard. It is perceived that candidates are spending their time courting wealthy donors and that is how they spend their time. Since small dollar donations would be matched at the highest levels, ordinary citizens who do not have a lot of extra income would be able to have more of an impact on campaigns and candidates. Allowing public funding will provide a more level playing field where candidates would have to court and listen to ordinary citizens as well. This would be empowering and hopefully encourage more citizens to become involved with the legislative process.

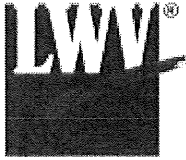
I also believe that more good people would be encouraged to run for office if CB-30 is passed. Those without connections to wealthy individuals, corporations, unions or PACs often will not run because they think they would not be able to raise the funds needed for a successful campaign. This includes individuals with diverse backgrounds that are underrepresented in government today. Those wishing to run would still have to build support for their campaigns but they will have to do that through the strength of their message and ideas rather than the number of wealthy individuals they know.

One of the opposition remarks I have heard is that we will be funding "fringe" candidates or those that are not serious. CB-30 requires a minimum number of donations as well as a minimum amount to be collected before matching funds could be received. I think the levels spelled out in the bill provide a threshold that would be too onerous for a candidate that is not serious but realistic for a dedicated candidate.

The one thing I would like to see added to the bill is a means to collect voluntary contributions from residents. Other than that I strongly recommend CB-30 be passed as written.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Suzanne Geckle



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Date: March 10, 2017

To: Howard County Council Representatives

Cc: Allan Kittleman, Howard County Executive

From: League of Women Voters of Howard County

Re: Council Bill 30-2017

I am Linda Wengel speaking for the League of Women Voters of Howard County, 5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia, in support of Council Bill 30-2017.

The League of Women Voters of the United States has long supported public financing of elections, either voluntary or mandatory in which candidates must abide by reasonable spending limits. Such funding is a step toward achieving the League's goals to enhance political equality for all citizens, protect representative democracy from being distorted by big spending in election campaigns, enable candidates to compete equitably for public office and have sufficient funds to communicate their messages to the public. Passing CB 30 presents Howard County citizens with the opportunity to move toward fairer local elections.

The League also supports strict enforcement of campaign finance laws to ensure that regulatory agencies are properly funded, staffed, and structured to avoid partisan deadlock in the decision making process. CB 30 provides for a seven person commission selected by each of the Council members and the County Executive to be confirmed by the entire Council and staffed by the Director of Finance or a designee. The League of Women Voters of Howard County recommends that a full time staff person be designated during the election cycle to assure maximum oversight of the process.

We urge passage of this legislation with consideration of our recommendation.

## **Columbia Democratic Club**

Chair Jon Weinstein  
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Howard County Council  
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### **Testimony in SUPPORT of Council Bill 30-2017: Citizens Election Fund**

April 19, 2017

To the Honorable Howard County Council,

My name is Maureen Evans Arthurs and I live at 4932 Brampton Parkway, Ellicott City, 21043.

I offer this testimony as an individual and also on behalf of the Columbia Democratic Club. The Columbia Democratic Club, consisting of committed and civic-minded citizens of Howard County, widely supports Council Bill 30.

In November, Howard County residents voted 'YES ON A' and supported an amendment to the Howard County Charter to allow the Council to establish a small donor system that would match contributions given to candidates. Aside from the fact that the majority of voters supported this via referendum, I want to talk about how the Citizens Election Fund will encourage wider and more diverse participation in government.

Our local, state, and national government is largely made up of wealthy, white, men. This is not inflammatory rhetoric, it's a fact. In theory, Howard County's elected leadership should reflect the rich diversity of our communities. However, in practice, our leadership does not largely reflect our demographics. According to the most recent census, our county is roughly 62% white, 17% African American, 14% Asian, 5.8% Hispanic or Latino. Despite it being 2017, Howard County has never had an African American woman, an Asian man or woman, an openly gay man or woman, a Latino man or woman, a Muslim man or woman, or anyone who identified as trans represented on the council or as County Executive. The statistics speak for themselves but I assure you that they are not the result of a lack of qualified candidates. To continue to give lip service lauding the diversity of Howard County without giving individuals and voters an opportunity for diverse representation is inconsistent with our values.

Council Bill 30 can play a role in expanding access to those who may not otherwise have the means and will also help prepared candidates even more competitive. CB 30 will positively impact all candidates-- particularly women, minorities, and underrepresented populations—running for office.

## Columbia Democratic Club

**When big money dominates the political process, research shows that women, minorities, and individuals who are low income have a unique set of challenges when fundraising for office.** With women having consistently lower incomes for many reasons, including the wage gap and disproportionate family leave policies, they bare the brunt of fundraising challenges. Others lack social and business networks that widely contribute to political campaigns. Furthermore, the lack of public financing routinely disadvantages lower-income workers, who also happen to be disproportionately female and people of color.

The national average for women in government is a dismal 24.8%. However, in states where similar public financing legislation has been passed, the percentage of women in government is higher. According to the National Conference on State Legislatures (NCSL) in Arizona, 38.9% of the state legislature is made up of women. In Maine, it's 34.4%. Here in Maryland, we have work to do considering only 31.4% of our legislature is women. While these are stats on the state level, representation at the state level can often be reflected at the local level.

CB 30 will continue to amplify the voices of the voters, increase wider participation and promote the diversity of our county and our state. Your constituents have already spoken and I urge you to uphold their ballot vote. For this reason and those listed above, I urge your support on Council Bill 30. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Maureen Evans Arthurs  
President  
Columbia Democratic Club

So many of my friends have testified on the importance of CB30 in leveling the playing field for candidates and giving more people a chance to run for county council seats and for county executive.

I'm looking at this a little differently with the long-term gains we would see. Generations disinterested in politics because they believe their voice does not count. Disgusted at the gazillion ads they see on tv, their belief (rightly or wrongly) that it's a pay to play scenario and that their idea will not see the light of day unless they are contributing substantial dollars to candidates. We see it in turnout numbers that are appalling for a nation that flaunts democracy as one of its finest virtues.

Yesterday Dr. Ball came to talk to our girl scout Troop. They are thirteen 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls, still excited by the possibilities that government provides for them, very excited in the run-up to SCH and completely rambunctious when they knew an ELECTED OFFICIAL was coming to talk to them. I want to bottle that enthusiasm from yesterday, I want to bottle the tough questions they asked Dr. Ball, I want to bottle the questions they asked afterwards (should we even have veto power at the local level? Does that make sense?).

They felt vested in our local system of government yesterday, and are looking forward to visiting this building in the near future. Their eyes lit up when I told them how many opportunities they had to participate, public hearings and meetings, work sessions, Board of education.

What CB30 will do for these children is that as they hit voting age (and we'll be through one cycle of having the Citizens' Election Fund in place by then Inshallah) they will believe their voice counts. They won't feel jaded. They are the future for us, and we owe it to them to leave this democracy in better shape than when we found it. CB30 will do that for us locally.

Deeba Jafri

Elkridge, MD.

# **Testimony of Deb Jung On Public Financing of Elections**

**Submitted by Deb Jung  
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Public financing of elections allows candidates who rely on small donors to supplement the money they raise with funds matched through governmental sources.

A matching fund program provides three important benefits:

- 1) Citizens who do not have access to big money interests can compete for a political office;
- 2) Citizens with access to matching funds encourages a more diverse slate of candidates, allowing a broader representation of constituents; and
- 3) Matching fund campaigns stimulate citizen interest and involvement in campaigns, and ultimately in the governance of the jurisdiction.

## **Point 1: More Citizens Can Compete**

Matching funds allows citizens of modest means to run for office, increasing the number of contested and competitive elections.

- Maine and Arizona, states with public financing, have seen a decrease in the number of unopposed incumbents, allowing newcomers to mount campaigns against incumbents
- Public financing increases the number of candidates willing to run for office, including experienced challengers who will run for open seats
- Public financing provides candidates with the money to get their names in front of voters
- Everyone knows-you have to raise money to win; this is a daunting challenge that discourages competition

## **Point 2-Public Financing Encourages Diversity of Candidates from Underrepresented Groups**

Minorities and Women are traditionally underrepresented in the political arena. When public financing is introduced in a jurisdiction, more ethnic and racial minorities, as well as women, are willing to run knowing that they will have access to money to run a competitive campaign.

“In a 2006 report from the Center for Governmental Studies, ...it was reported that while minorities represented only 16 percent of all candidates in general elections, they accounted for 30 percent of publicly financed candidates.<sup>1</sup> The rigorous study noted that while women accounted for only 31 percent of all candidates, they constituted 39 percent of participating candidates in publicly funded systems.<sup>2</sup> Finally, the study documented that in Arizona, the number of Native American and Latino candidates nearly tripled in just two election cycles after public financing was implemented.<sup>3</sup>

### **3) Matching fund campaigns stimulate citizen interest and involvement in campaigns, and ultimately in the governance of the jurisdiction**

Most money raised by political candidates comes from a very small portion of the population, known as the donor class. Candidates focus their time and attention on these individuals and corporations because of their ability to make large contributions. This leaves the majority of voters with less information and the donor class with outsized influence.

Public financing requires candidates to focus on raising smaller contributions in order to qualify for the match, in turn getting more people involved at an earlier stage. Small donor participation also increases an interest in volunteering and higher voter turnout. Who could be against that?

For all of these reasons, I urge the Howard County Council to vote yes on CB 30. Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> Ctr. for Governmental Studies, *Eleven Years of Reform: Many Successes -- More to Be Done: Campaign Financing in the City of Los Angeles* 23 (2001), available at [http://www.cgs.org/images/publications/lacamp\\_fin.pdf](http://www.cgs.org/images/publications/lacamp_fin.pdf).

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## Howard County Citizens Association supports CB 30-2017.

I am testifying on behalf of the Howard County Citizens Association. My name is Alan Schneider; 12598 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville, Md. I am an officer and a member of the Board of Directors.

HCCA supports CB 30-2017. Thank you for your vote in favor of Fair Elections. Thank you for putting public financing on the ballot for a vote-by supporting the majority of citizens who voted in favor of a Howard County Charter Amendment. Howard County citizens look forward to greater participation.

The Board discussed campaign financing concerns and the hoped for improvements.

CB 30 promotes a greater voice for citizens in the political decisions. The benefits of CB 30 include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. **It promotes a level playing field.** The public needs candidates who will speak up to express views other than the views presented by special interests who direct their funding to candidates who will vote on issues financially beneficial to a few at the expense of the taxpaying general public. Consider also the growing number of senior citizens in Howard County are on limited incomes.
2. **Promotes Diversity.** A study by the non-partisan, privately funded Clean Elections Institute (which publicly supports Clean Elections) found that the number and geographic, economic, and ethnic diversity of campaign contributors increased significantly, with contributors almost quadrupling, contributions from people with incomes below \$40,000 increasing by 40% and contributions from Latinos increasing significantly.

In 2008, a study released by the non-partisan, non-profit organization Public Campaign, examined the demographic profile of \$5 qualifying contribution donors in Clean Elections gubernatorial campaigns in Arizona over the course of the 2002 and 2006 elections, comparing and contrasting them with contributions raised by candidates running with funding from private sources — more than 67,000 contributions in all. The data were analyzed by zip code alongside U.S. Census data to determine the racial, ethnic, geographic, and economic characteristics of donors. The study, titled All Over The Map, found that Arizona's qualifying contribution donors are more diverse racially, ethnically, economically, and geographically than donors giving to candidates who choose to rely on private fundraising. In nearly every category, Clean Elections \$5 donors were more representative of the state's population than were donors to privately funded campaigns.

3. **Matching small contributions to qualified candidates will help balance the Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*.** The US Supreme Court ruled that the constitution does not prohibit campaign financing.

Justice Stevens wrote ““The Court’s ruling threatens to undermine the integrity of elected institutions across the Nation. The path it has taken to reach its outcome will, I fear, do damage to this institution.” In partial dissent, he wrote:

“The basic premise underlying the Court’s ruling is its iteration, and constant reiteration, of the proposition that the First Amendment bars regulatory distinctions based on a speaker’s identity, including its “identity” as a corporation. While that glittering generality has rhetorical appeal, it is not a correct statement of the law. Nor does it tell us when a corporation may engage in electioneering that some of its shareholders oppose. It does not even resolve the specific question whether Citizens United may be required to finance some of its messages with the money in its PAC. The conceit that corporations must be treated identically to natural persons in the political sphere is not only inaccurate but also inadequate to justify the Court’s disposition of this case. “In the context of election to public office, the distinction between corporate and human speakers is significant. Although they make enormous contributions to our society, corporations are not actually members of it. They

cannot vote or run for office. Because they may be managed and controlled by nonresidents, their interests may conflict in fundamental respects with the interests of eligible voters. The financial resources, legal structure, and instrumental orientation of corporations raise legitimate concerns about their role in the electoral process. Our lawmakers have a compelling constitutional basis, if not also a democratic duty, to take measures designed to guard against the potentially deleterious effects of corporate spending in local and national races.

4. **Promotes Gender Neutraity.** A study found that women were much more likely than men to accept public funding. ***"Public Election Funding, Competition, and Candidate Gender"***.
5. **Campaign Finance Reform is a widespread movement at many levels for an improved Democratic election process.** Howard County citizens seek to be part of the process for election improvements.

CB 30 is a step in the right direction.

Thank you.

**ANTONIO P. SALAZAR**  
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Howard County Council  
Council Chairperson Jon Weinstein  
3430 Court House Drive  
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Dear Council Members and Chairperson Weinstein:

I am writing to recommend that you withdraw Council Bill No., 30-2017 that seeks to establish a voluntary Citizens' Election Fund.

The Bill, in its current state, is poorly written, confusing, and replete with arbitrary and illogical limitations. In sum, in its current state, it does not and will not meet its self-professed goals of promoting access to elected office or preventing large donors from having "undue" influence in government. It will only confuse potential candidates and add costs to the County's budget.

I offer the following comments and hope that you withdraw this version of the Bill:

1. In lines 5 and 6 of the second "Whereas" clause, I recommend deleting the phrase "and to prevent large donations from having undue influence in government". This Bill does nothing of the sort.
2. Change the words "ordinary people" in line 10 of the third "Whereas" clause to read "County Residents". The Bill doesn't limit donations to "ordinary people" – whoever they may be in a County where the median household income exceeds \$110,000 as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau for 2015.
3. The \$250 contribution limit is too generous. That limit should be much lower since recently reported surveys show that nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Americans ("ordinary people," I presume) don't have \$1,000 in savings and couldn't fund a \$500 emergency expenditure.
4. The limits of \$750,000 and \$95,000 for public funds are also far too generous and will prove, when combined with the administrative costs, to be costly to the County. If candidates raise the maximum amounts allowed, the County will be paying out \$1,225,000, plus the administrative costs associated with the dedicated "staff" for the funds.
5. With the listed "limits" given the funding scheme, those figures hardly limit a candidate's fundraising ability.
6. One example of the poor drafting and arbitrary and illogical limitations can be found in Section 10.301(B)(2). That Section provides that an applicant can only accept contributions or loans from the named "family members". Among the named "family members" are: the applicant candidate, a spouse, parent or sibling. Including the "candidate" in the list of "family member" is odd drafting at best. Moreover, as drafted, the Section puts certain candidates at a disadvantage. Namely, those applicant candidates with no siblings (i.e., an only-child), whose parents have died, and happen to be single (no spouse). Under the current structure their initial contribution limit appears to be \$6,000. In other words, \$6,000 less than the \$12,000 that would be available to married candidates and those whose parents are still living. That difference makes no sense. Similarly, the limited

listing of “family members” is at odds with the intent of promoting ordinary citizen participation. After all, ordinary citizens are the ones most likely to seek funding not only from immediate family, but also from in-laws, cousins, etc. The exclusion of donations from such extended family members doesn’t make sense.

7. In Section 10.301(B)(1)(l) the phrase “Eligible Contributions from an individual” is redundant since an “Eligible Contribution” by definition in Section means a donation from an “individual”. This phrasing begs the question of whether there are other types of “Eligible Contributions”?
8. The Bill does nothing to address the problem of “bundling” of contributions and the undue influence that comes from that practice. “Bundling” being the process whereby one person obtains/solicits a number of limited, yet qualifying donations on behalf of the candidate. In this scenario, a party seeking influence can simply, instead of donating say \$4,000 at one time, make a \$250 donation and then collect similar checks from 15 friends. They save \$3,750! They still have influence! This Bill does nothing to address that situation.
9. There should be a date set by when the Director declares that there will be a “Fund Insufficiency” and that date should be early in the process. If there is a funding insufficiency, candidates that relied upon the promise of public funding should be relieved of the limits or be permitted “make-up” non-limited contributions. It is not fair to put the risk of fund insufficiency on the candidates that relied upon their government to fund their campaigns.
10. As I read the Bill, Candidates nominated by petition or by non-principal political parties do not get funding during the primary period. That limit isn’t fair it is discriminatory. It may not be legally permissible to only fund the primary candidates of “principal political parties and not those of “minor” parties when public funding is involved. Given the importance of name recognition, the failure to making funding available to candidates nominated by petition or by small parties, certainly puts them at a disadvantage, which could dissuade citizens from participating. That hardly seems fair for a public funding bill in County with a large number of unaffiliated voters.
11. The interest rate paid by withdrawing candidates should not be the rate set on tax arrearages. The rate should be the federal funds rate.
12. Contribution restrictions include groups, organizations, etc., but do not include, other forms of entities such as limited liability companies, trust, partnerships, etc. All such entities and organizations should be included.
13. The Commission should be deleted; it is unnecessary. The Amount of the fund can be set by the County Executive and County Council from time to time based upon the County budgetary situation at the time. If a Commission is established, members should only be “unaffiliated” voters.
14. The Bill should contain a sunset clause. If the public doesn't avail itself of the public funding option, a future council should have the guaranteed opportunity to decide how to handle the situation.
15. The entire scheme should be simplified. This scheme will only disadvantage candidates who choose the public funding option.

Thank you for considering my views.

Tony Salazar

**Sayers, Margery**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 5:22 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Testimony on CB30-2017

Testimony on CB30-2017, An Act establishing a voluntary Citizens Election Fund

To the County Council

From The People's Voice, represented by Joanne Heckman

April 19, 2017

Please vote unanimously to pass CB30 and establish the Citizens Election Fund. Implementing the Citizens Election Fund as soon as possible will allow us to publicize the provisions of the Fund and encourage candidates to run for office in the next election. Especially in the 2018 elections, when so many positions will be open, it is crucial for us to recruit the best candidates in Howard County. The Fund will allow more citizens to consider taking on the financial burden of running a campaign and serving the county.

Joanne Heckman

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for

The People's Voice

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Ellicott City, MD 21042

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 3:10 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Please Vote Yes on CB30

Dear Howard County Council Members,

My name is Chiara D'Amore and I live in Ms. Sigaty's district. I am writing to ask you to please vote yes on CB30.

I am proud of Howard County for voting Yes on Question A in November. Now we need the County Council to move forward in creating a Citizens' Election Fund, which would match small donations and require participating candidates to reject large or corporate donations. The existence of a Citizen's Election Fund would encourage more people to participate in the election process and allows candidates to be judged on the strength of their ideas, not their willingness to please the ruling class and corporate donors. This is particularly important when it comes to environmental issues, which are top of mind for me as an environmental scientist, educator and parent.

As Maryland League of Conservation Voters Executive Director Karla Raettig explains, "At the heart of the fair elections movement is the desire to reclaim our democracy and have elected officials who are both accessible and accountable. We can't make progress on the pressing environmental issues of our time without a level playing field for candidates who share those values." I completely agree and am counting on the Howard County Council to move forward on creating the Citizens' Election Fund in a timely manner. Howard County really has the chance with CB30 to lead the way in a political era in which corporate profits and the greed of the 1% are trampling on efforts to protect the public good.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Chiara D'Amore

*Chiara D'Amore, Ph.D.  
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Alice Pham  
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Feb 26, 2017

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3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043-4300

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Tina Lynch  
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Tina Lynch <Maryland@commoncause.org>

Sun 2/26, 4:06 PM

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Katherine Rose <knrose2@yahoo.com>

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Mon 2/27, 7:54 AM

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Katherine Rose  
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Bruce Coston <Maryland@commoncause.org>

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Mar 2, 2017

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Stop the insanity.

Sincerely,

Bruce Coston

CA 94087-1749



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