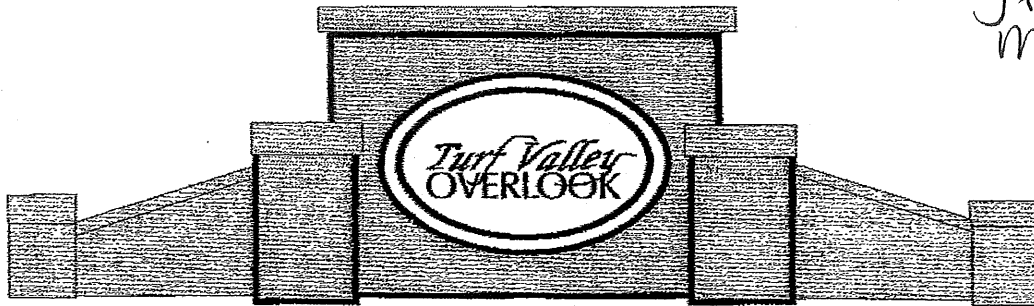


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*A caring community*

June 8, 2017

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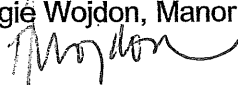
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Greg Fox, Council Member (District 5)

FROM: Aggie Wojdon, Manor Woods PTA President  


SUBJECT: Manor Woods PTA Statement on APFO

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*By Email and U.S. Mail*

In 2016, Howard County was again rated at the top of Money Magazine's "Best Places to Live" list. Businesses and families flock to our county to take advantage of the great location, quality of life, and schools. But for how long?

It's a dirty little secret that we are victims of our own success, stuck in a cycle of development that brings tax revenue and new residents to our county but doesn't adequately fund the critical infrastructure necessary to support a growing population. This inequity is especially evident in our schools, which are becoming more overcrowded each week.

On April 24, 2017 the PTA at Manor Woods Elementary School unanimously adopted the attached position statement on the Howard County Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO). This statement outlines our school community's support for an APFO that fairly and equitably balances well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

Manor Woods Elementary School, a newly appointed Blue Ribbon School, is currently at 115% capacity. We are projected to reach 124% capacity in 2018 and over 200% in 2021. New residential construction in the Manor Woods district (Turf Valley, Westmount, Orchard Park) is expected to bring hundreds more students to our school. Our current building and teaching staff cannot accommodate this level of growth. Band-aid approaches such as portable classrooms are not sustainable and, in the words of Councilman Fox, a case of "tossing good money after bad."

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We call on you, as our elected officials, to support changes to the Howard County APFO that address the impacts of growth on Manor Woods and all Howard County schools. A representative from our PTA will be in touch soon to schedule a meeting with you to discuss our concerns in more detail.

**Manor Woods PTA Position Statement on  
Howard County Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO)**

*Adopted 4-24-17*

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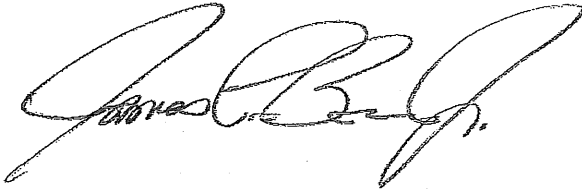
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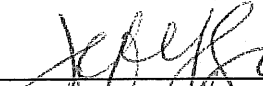

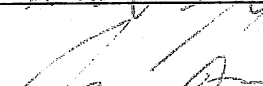


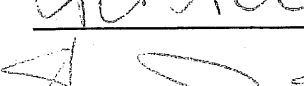


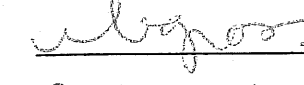
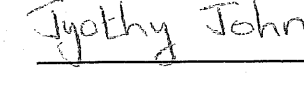
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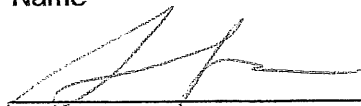
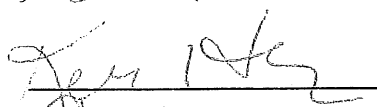
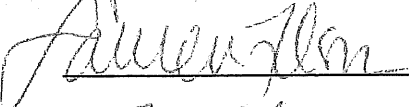



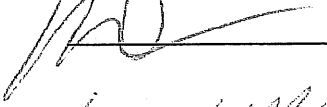

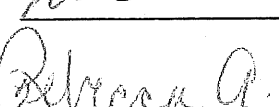
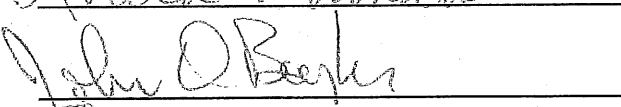
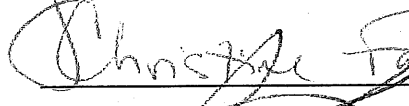



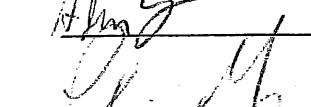

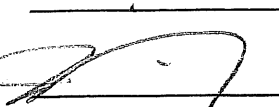


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## Testimony on CB61-2017

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Greetings! My name is *(name)*... I live at *(address)* ... and I come before you this evening to testify on CB61-2017.

As a concerned citizen of Elkridge, and father of 2 boys, my wife and I specifically choose to purchase our home in a county that has some of the highest marks of any school district in the state of Maryland, and in some conversations, the United States of America. We are proud to boast to our friends and family of the wonderful diversity, educational successes, and amazing programs of Howard County Public Schools.

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Now we all know there are several reasons some of our schools are at, or above, capacity. But we also know that the sanctity, sustainability, and stability of Howard County Public Schools should stay intact, and propel us into 2020, 2030, and beyond, as one of the best places to live in the country. Columbia wasn't named the Number 1 place to live by Money Magazine for its lack of a viable school environment. Redistricting, shifting students around, taking them away from their friends, etc., is the antithesis of what makes Columbia, and Howard County as a whole, the place to be.

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Mr. Chair, Councilmembers, I humbly urge you to table this bill until a later date, preferably until after your recess, so that the aforementioned Howard County citizens can do their due diligence.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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June, 2017

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**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Melissa Kistler <melissa.kistler@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 07, 2017 12:48 PM  
**To:** Weinstein, Jon; CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** APFO Vote

Dear Mr. Weinstein/County Council and Mr. Kittleman-

I am writing to express my concerns over the vote for the APFO bill and amendments last night. I understand it is possible that the bill was voted on past the 125 day deadline and thus is no longer valid. This is absolutely unacceptable. Whether this was an error or an intended consequence to appease citizens demanding stronger APFO without actually needing to strengthen the legislation, it is a complete derelict of duty to allow such an oversight. This needs to be fixed. Period.

I have written countless times and showed up to meetings for several months now. You yourselves have put endless hours into this piece of legislation. It is the safety valve for our county. The amendments voted on were a compromise and a move in the right direction. They need to go forward.

This error needs to be corrected. It needs to be corrected quickly.

I will absolutely not be casting a vote for any current council member for any position if there is not action to fix this. In fact, I will actively campaign against any civil servant who does not do their job in working to be the voice of citizens of the county.

Best,  
Melissa Kistler

Ellicott City, MD  
District 1

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Stuart Kohn <stukohn@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 07, 2017 9:38 AM  
**To:** HOWARD-CITIZEN@yahoogroups.com  
**Cc:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan; Wilson, B Diane  
**Subject:** The Results of APFO

FYI,

Here is a follow-up to the email posted on the HCCA Listserv below as a result of last night's APFO vote. We want to express our appreciation to Councilpersons Jen Terrasa and Calvin Ball. The APFO Bill passed by 3 to 2. The aforementioned voted in favor as well as Councilman Jon Weinstein. We were pleasantly surprised that Amendment 23 was introduced by Councilwoman Terrasa to include quality of life issues in APFO for some measurements regarding Police, Fire, and the Hospital. Although very generic it definitely set the stage for serious discussion. Even though the amendment failed by a 3 to 2 margin we believe it is a major step in the right direction. When we thought the issue would never be formally put on the table we were WRONG. It is especially nice when you think the odds are stacked against you that a POSITIVE step occurred to realize that perhaps one day there might be HOPE in the future.

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn  
President, HCCA

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 6, 2017, at 9:08 AM, Stuart Kohn [stukohn@verizon.net](mailto:stukohn@verizon.net) [HOWARD-CITIZEN] <[HOWARD-CITIZEN@yahoogroups.com](mailto:HOWARD-CITIZEN@yahoogroups.com)> wrote:

FYI,

Please see a Very Much Appreciated email from Councilwoman Terrasa (see below) regarding our posting on the HCCA Listserv. The bottom line is that Councilwoman Terrasa heard us and I am convinced has tried to include Quality of Life issues in APFO. Unfortunately from the beginning of the APFO review and making some Quality of Life motions on the Task Force regarding the Police, and Emergency Room we anticipated nothing of this kind would be included. Even as mentioned, Fire Chief Butler proposed a couple of motions for Fire to be a category. This too failed even though there are 8 of the 14 Counties in Maryland who have Fire as a category in APFO.

Once again the mere fact that Councilwoman Terrasa took the time to respond is commendatory and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn  
HCCA, President

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Terrasa, Jen" <[jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov)>  
Date: November 5, 2017 at 11:23:26 PM EST  
To: "[stukohn@verizon.net](mailto:stukohn@verizon.net)" <[stukohn@verizon.net](mailto:stukohn@verizon.net)>  
Cc: "Terrasa, Jen" <[jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov)>  
Subject: RE: The Votes on Two Most Important Bills - APFO and Mulching

Stu-

I am very disappointed that we were not able to do these health and safety (quality of life) items in APFO this time around. I have tried repeatedly to find some way to incorporate hospitals and have also worked on police and fire amendments as well. With respect to the police and fire, I was not able to draft something that would pass Office of Law scrutiny and get my colleagues support. I tried a number of times with these. As for hospitals, I still do not understand why there is no legal way to incorporate a hospital test into our APFO. I tried every way I could think of to be able to move this forward, and was told that it could not be done, despite the fact that there are other Maryland counties that do.

I know that HCGH asked for funding last year and were turned down, and they plan to make a larger request this year, which I will definitely support if we can get the County Executive to put it in the budget. From my perspective, we either need to consider how development impacts our emergency room and the hospital generally, or we need to put the money into increasing the capacity of the ER and the hospital as a whole.

Regarding amendments, I want to make sure you got a copy of my amendment summary chart and comments. I know there were way too many amendments posted on Friday to expect input at this point, but if there is something in particular you want me to know after looking at the chart (or even without looking at the chart), please let me know. I have attached that chart with my comments which also has links to the amendments.

If you want an easy access to the bill, click below:

[CB61-2017](#)  
[CB62-2017](#)

Click [here](#) to see the amendments, the bill and any other related documents.

All the best,

Jen

Jennifer Terrasa  
Councilwoman, District 3

Howard County Council  
(410) 313-2001 [jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov)  
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**From:** [stukohn@verizon.net](mailto:stukohn@verizon.net) [<mailto:stukohn@verizon.net>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 05, 2017 10:21 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail <[CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov)>; Kittleman, Allan <[AKittleman@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:AKittleman@howardcountymd.gov)>; Wilson, B Diane <[BDWilson@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:BDWilson@howardcountymd.gov)>; [howard-citizen@yahoogroups.com](mailto:howard-citizen@yahoogroups.com)  
**Subject:** The Votes on Two Most Important Bills - APFO and Mulching

FYI,

Tomorrow, 6 Nov at 7PM our County Council will be deliberating and voting on two Bills that will have a major impact on our County for years to come. They are APFO, the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance, CB61/62 and the Mulching - Composting - Natural Wood Waste, CB60. The Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA was a proud representative in both of these respective Task Forces. We spent 22 and 24 meetings on these subjects which I personally have no regrets. Each Bill has an extensive number of amendments and amendments to amendments - 24 Amendments for APFO and 21 Amendments for Mulching at last count. This is mind boggling as it just shows the seriousness of attempting to get these Bills right. The Council is trying to ensure citizens are protected to the fullest and developers and farmers to ensure their occupation does not suffer. The problem is it is very difficult to have an equal balance in this endeavor. The question that is continually being asked is what has precedent - the Economy or Quality of Life Issues? We simply can not afford to have a weak APFO where it becomes ALPO - A Lousy Protective Ordinance. Unfortunately without incorporating any Quality of Life Issues such as Fire, Police, Emergency Medical Services, and the Hospital for measurements in an attempt to control growth then we have a problem. We are extremely disappointed especially when these items are contained in PlanHoward 2030. The Fire/Police Chiefs and the President of the Howard County General Hospital were brought in at the Council's Work Session to testify. The sad thing is there are no amendments at this time to include these most important ingredients for our new APFO.

We sincerely appreciate the enormous amount of time our Council has spent to try and get it right. As stated before the fact that Dr. Velculescu was denied the opportunity to testify in front of the Council on CB60 is just plain wrong. The public should have had the right to hear what he had to say regarding the Health and Safety of the impact of passing

CB60. The Planning Board when they deliberated in their Work Session completely chose to ignore the Health and Safety concerns by the concerned citizens. Why?

We hope to see many of you in attendance at tomorrow's Council's Legislative Session regarding the outcome of these most important Bills. They will have a monumental lasting effect on everyone's future.

Yes - the future is in our Council's hands and their decision will undoubtedly be their legacy.

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn  
HCCA, President

<Apfo Amendment Summary with JT Comments ~11-6-17.xlsx>

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Clay, Mary  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 07, 2017 12:32 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** Fwd: Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance legislation (APFO)

Mary Clay  
Special Assistant to Mary Kay Sigaty  
Howard County Council, District 4  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
410-313-2001  
[mclay@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:mclay@howardcountymd.gov)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Therese Madden <[terez.madden@gmail.com](mailto:terez.madden@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** November 6, 2017 at 4:32:23 PM EST  
**To:** [MKSigaty@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:MKSigaty@howardcountymd.gov), [mclay@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:mclay@howardcountymd.gov)  
**Subject:** Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance legislation (APFO)

Hello County Council Woman Sigaty

You have an opportunity to address APFO tonight. I support the County Council amendments that align with those proposed by Board of Education. I urge you to vote in this manner.

I urge you to act in favor of the students and not the developers. Overcrowded schools and permanent classroom portables are no longer an acceptable solution.

APFO as written has been an issue for 17 years and you have been on the Council since 2006 - 11 of the 17 years.... It is time to be bold.

Therese M. Madden  
6457 Red Keel  
Columbia, MD 21044

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Marybeth Steil <marybeth.steil@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 10:30 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** APFO

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Thank you.  
Marybeth Steil  
River Hill



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Amy Pymm <apymm@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 9:37 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Please Read!

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Thank you.

Amy Pymm, polygon 150, Dunloggin neighborhood

Sent from my Sony smartphone on T-Mobile's 4G LTE Network

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 7:52 PM  
**To:** gosixers@gmail.com  
**Subject:** AFPO

**First Name:** Lori  
**Last Name:** Igla  
**Email:** [gosixers@gmail.com](mailto:gosixers@gmail.com)  
**Street Address:** 3121 Dunes Drive  
**City:** Ellicott City  
**Subject:** AFPO

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Michael Plastino <plastinos@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 7:50 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Rosalie Naglieri  
**Subject:** APFO

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Thank you.  
Rosalie Naglieri

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Alejandra Lauren <ale.lauren@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 7:30 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Re: tonight's vote

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Thank you.

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 7:29 PM  
**To:** Komaciorowski@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** APFO

**First Name:** Kris  
**Last Name:** Maciorowski  
**Email:** [Komaciorowski@yahoo.com](mailto:Komaciorowski@yahoo.com)  
**Street Address:** 3708 Mesa Ct  
**City:** Ellicott City  
**Subject:** APFO

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Meeta Rankin <samant.2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 7:24 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** APFO

Greetings,

My family will be closely following the results of tonight's legislative working session. I have high expectations that tonight you will vote to strengthen HoCo's APFO.

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Thank you

Meeta Rankin  
10271 Globe Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Kelly Balchunas <usf1998@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 6:42 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** APFO

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Thank you.

Kelly Balchunas  
District 5

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Joshua Greenfeld <jgreenfeld@marylandbuilders.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 6:29 PM  
**To:** Sigaty, Mary Kay; Fox, Greg; Knight, Karen; Singleton, Julia; Clay, Mary; jamie@i-s-land.com; Terrasa, Jen; Feldmark, Jessica; CouncilMail; Wimberly, Theo; Ball, Calvin B; philosopherpoet2@yahoo.com; Weinstein, Jon; Smith, Gary  
**Subject:** Closed School Map - Amendment 4 & 5  
**Attachments:** AMENDMENT 4 AND 5 MAPS.pdf

Chairman Weinstein and members of the Howard County Council,

Please find attached two maps that shows the impact of amendment 4 and amendment 5.

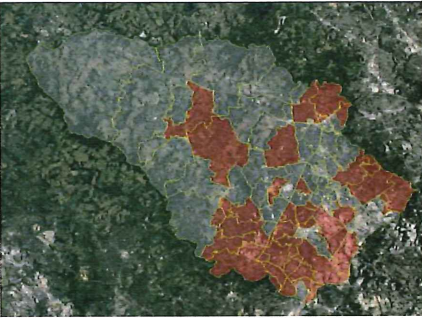
- >
- > Our lists of closed schools do not appropriately convey the message as an open elementary means nothing if middle is closed. So, this map shows the combined impacts of Amendment 4 and 5.
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- > Effectively the only 'open' area for development is the rural west if either amendment passes. This really will be a moratorium.
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- > Thank you.
- > ----- Forwarded message -----



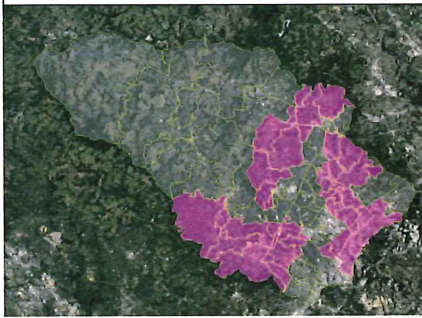
**COMBINED IMPACT OF AMENDMENT 5**

ALL PROJECTS IN COLORED AREAS WILL FAIL SCHOOL TEST

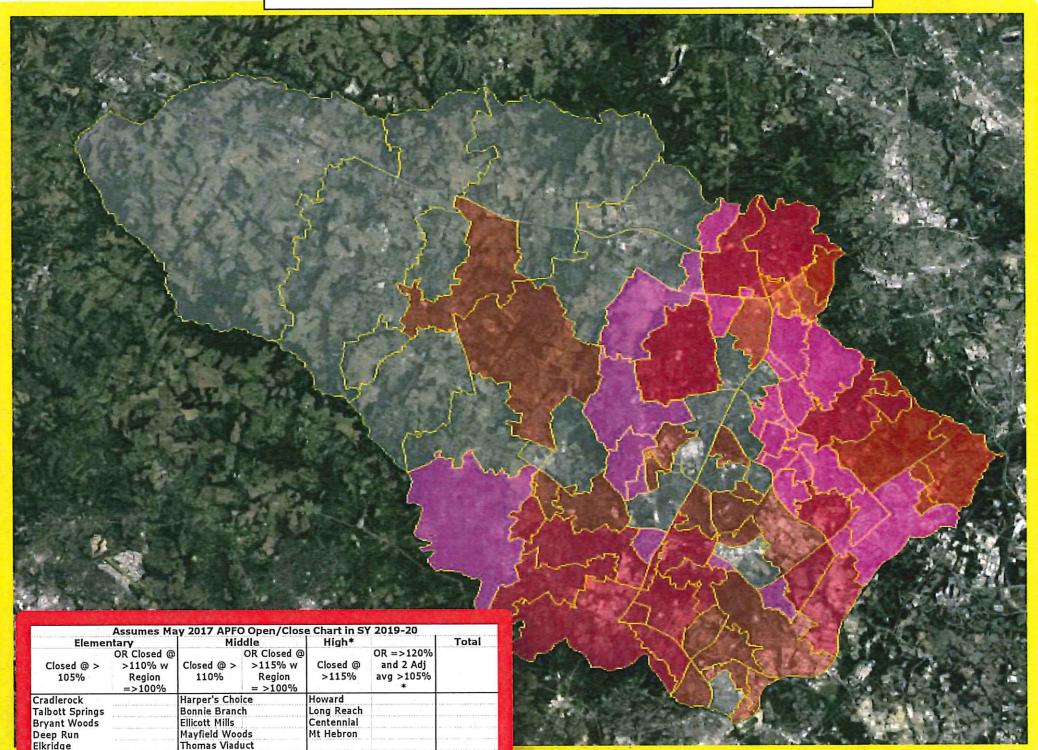
CLOSED ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AT 105%



CLOSED MIDDLE SCHOOLS AT 105%



CLOSED HIGH SCHOOLS AT 110%

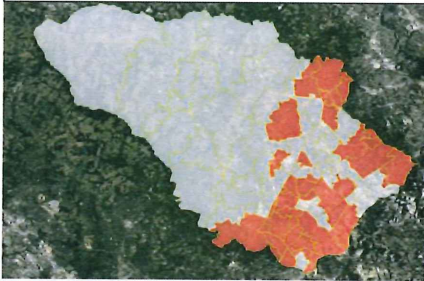


Assumes May 2017 APFO Open/Close Chart in SY 2019-20

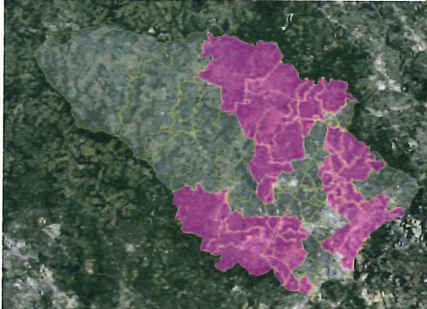
Elementary	Middle	High*	Total
OR Closed @ Closed @ > 105% w Region =>100%	OR Closed @ Closed @ > 110% w Region =>100%	OR Closed @ Closed @ >115% w Region =>100%	OR =>120% and 2 Adj avg >105% *
Cradlerock	Harper's Choice	Howard	
Talbott Springs	Bonnie Branch	Long Reach	
Bryant Woods	Ellicott Hills	Centennial	
Deep Run	Mayfield Woods	Mt Hebron	
Elkridge	Thomas Viaduct		
Ilchester	Burleigh Manor		
Rockburn	Patapsco		
Veterans	Hammond		
Centennial	Lime Kila		
Hollifield St	Mt View		
St Johns La			
Atholton			
Bollman Bridge			
Forest Ridge			
Gorman Crossing			
Hammond			
Fulton			
Pointers Run			
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\* Amendment language says the average projected enrollment of the tested school and the 2 high schools closest to the development. This assumes the development is in the center of the tested school attendance area.

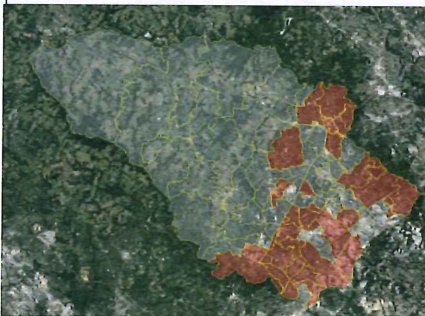
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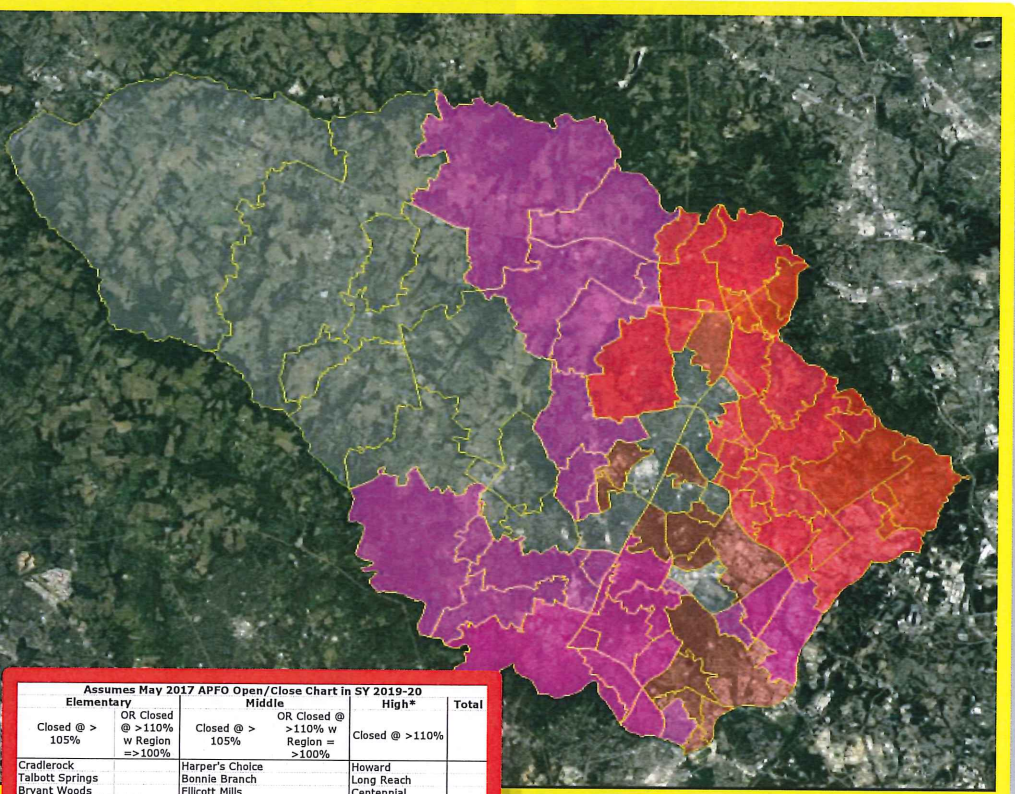


CLOSED ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AT 105%



**COMBINED IMPACT OF AMENDMENT 4**

ALL PROJECTS IN COLORED AREAS WILL FAIL SCHOOL TEST



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Bryant Woods		Ellicott Mills		Centennial	
		Mayfield Woods		Mt Hebron	
Deep Run		Thomas Viaduct			
Elkridge		Burleigh Manor			
Ichester		Patapsco			
Rockburn		Hammond			
Veterans		Murray Hill			
Centennial La		Lime Kiln			
Hollfield St		Mt View			
St Johns La					
Atholton					
Bollman Bridge					
Forest Ridge					
Gorman Crossing					
Hammond					
Fulton					
16		11		4	31

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jen Lowry <lowrypjr@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 6:25 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Tonight's Vote

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Thank you.

Jennifer Lowry  
Ellicott City

Sent from my iPhone

## Sayers, Margery

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**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 6:25 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Julie Neal <julieaneal@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 6:17 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Tonight's session and APFO

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Thank you.

Julie Neal  
District 3

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Meredith Parks <mmparks1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 6:04 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** APFO #hocoparentsvote

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Thank you.

Meredith Parks

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Stephanie Hsu <sansonihsu@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 6:00 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Input on CB61

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Thank you,  
Stephanie Hsu  
Council District 5

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jodiann Benning <jabenning@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:53 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** 'Jodiann Benning'  
**Subject:** Input on CB61

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Thank you.  
Jodi Benning  
Council District 5



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:41 PM  
**To:** chettyoak@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Critical AFPO Vote

**First Name:** Frances  
**Last Name:** Keenan  
**Email:** [chettyoak@yahoo.com](mailto:chettyoak@yahoo.com)  
**Street Address:** 5463 Autumn Field Court  
**City:** Ellicott City  
**Subject:** Critical AFPO Vote

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Tejas Doshi <tkdoshi@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:39 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** APFO

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Thank you.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Melissa Kistler <melissa.kistler@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:34 PM  
**To:** Weinstein, Jon; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** APFO Vote tonight

Dear council members:

I am looking forward to seeing the results of tonight's legislative working session. I have high hopes that tonight we can strengthen HoCo's APFO.

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I am concerned about any amendments that will try to increase the number of allocations or the type of projects exempted from taking the APFO tests. Examples of these amendments are 3, 15 and 16.

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I will be watching tonight and I hope that we can celebrate the passing of stronger APFO for a better HoCo tomorrow!

Best,  
Melissa Kistler

Ellicott City, MD  
District

Melissa Kistler  
Sent from my iPhone

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Rachael Gross <rkbrick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:30 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Tonight's Vote

Dear Council Members:

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Thank you.

Rachael Gross

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Shaki Mitchell <shakimitchell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:28 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Tonight's Vote

Dear Council Members:

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Thank you

Shaki Mitchell  
District 4

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Beth Raboin-Gettleman <travelbeth2002@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:26 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** APFO

Dear Council Members:

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Thank you,  
Beth Gettleman

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Hmd3010 <hmd3010@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:22 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Input on CB61

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Thank you.

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Heather DeVito  
District 5

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Marci Isaacs <marci.isaacs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:20 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Tonight's vote -

Dear council members:

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Marci and Nigel Isaacs

Sent from my iPhone



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Khaleda Hasan <shahidkhaleda@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:19 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Weinstein, Jon  
**Subject:** Stronger APFO

Dear Council members,

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I will be watching tonight and I hope that we can celebrate the passing of stronger APFO for a better HoCo tomorrow!

Thank you for your time and dedication to improving Howard County for those who live here!

Sincerely,  
Khaleda Hasan  
8507 Young Rivers Court  
Laurel, MD 20723

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Courtney Skinner <courtneyskinner35@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:19 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** APFO

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Thank you

Courtney Skinner

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:17 PM  
**To:** Jfd3505@aol.com  
**Subject:** CB61

**First Name:** Joan  
**Last Name:** DiCarlo  
**Email:** [Jfd3505@aol.com](mailto:Jfd3505@aol.com)  
**Street Address:** 3505 Font Hill Drive  
**City:** Ellicott City  
**Subject:** CB61

**Message:**

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JoanDistrict 1

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Chang Oh <c\_w\_oh@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:11 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Tonight's legislative work session

Dear Council Members:

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Thank you.

V/R  
Chang Oh

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jen Spiegel <jenallenspiegel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:14 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** APFO vote

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> Thank you.  
>  
> Jen Spiegel  
> 12475 Triadelphia Rd  
> Ellicott City, MD 21042  
> Council District 5

## **Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Shari Orszula <shariorszula@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:13 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** APFO Amendments

Dear County Council Members,

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Thank you.

Shari Orszula - District 1

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jolene <jolene@blueliner.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:12 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Weinstein, Jon  
**Subject:** AFPO request

Dear council members:

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I will be watching tonight and I hope that we can celebrate the passing of stronger APFO for a better HoCo tomorrow!  
Jolene

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Laurie Obitz <laurie.obitz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:12 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Input on CB61

Dear Council Members:

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Thank you.

Laurie Obitz

Council District #5



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Lisa Rhodes <rhodesmeeks@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:04 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Clay, Mary  
**Subject:** Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance legislation (APFO)

I am writing as a concerned citizen who is very surprised that in a community the values civility, that builders are the ones who are prioritized and the people are considered as an after thought. As one of the top areas to live in the country, the place that I have chosen to raise my children, I have the expectation that our community leads be example and values safety of the people in the community. I have lived in Howard County 22 years and chose to raise my 2 children here. I chose this area because it was an average sized county--not one of those larger mini city. (Hence why we have a town center--not a city center) I value a quality education and as a previous educator, I know that the less crowded your classroom is, the more individualized instruction you can have. The more crowded a room is, the more one can physically feel the space shrinking. Fire codes are based on ensuring that in an emergency one can safely exit a building. Speaking of safety, the school system paid a large amount of money to include security at the front of school because of safety, yet the many schools that house education trailers negate that security measure as children move freely in and out of the trailers. I'm concerned about the great stress that our roads now are feeling with greater and greater traffic in closer areas. I pray that I don't have to take anyone in my family to the hospital because of the huge wait times that are shared with me by those that have had to go. A few years ago my fiancee was told he had to stay in the hospital because of a great fear over a blood clot, only to be told later that there weren't any more beds and to rest at home.

1. Set school capacity limits -- INCLUDING high schools -- at 100%. Schools are closed to new development at that level.
2. Begin mitigation (funding, additional time, or both) when a school reaches 95% capacity.
3. NO reductions to the current wait time for housing allocations or school tests.
4. Increase transfer tax percentage on resales to help off-set the costs of new seats being added from resales.
5. Add measures for public safety, roads, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.
6. Review and update APFO every 4 years

Vote with your heart--I know I will.

Lisa Rhodes  
10325 Whitewasher Way  
Columbia MD 21044

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 4:59 PM  
**To:** Joni.Nuetzel@gmail.com  
**Subject:** CB61

**First Name:** Joan  
**Last Name:** Nuetzel  
**Email:** [Joni.Nuetzel@gmail.com](mailto:Joni.Nuetzel@gmail.com)  
**Street Address:** 3505 Font Hill Drive  
**City:** Ellicott City  
**Subject:** CB61

**Message:**

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**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Erika Schreiber <easchreiber@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 4:54 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Include Necessary Amendments to Council Bill 61

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard County Council,

I am one of the over 213,000 active registered voters in Howard County. I am also a Howard County school parent. I write in support of proposed amendments to Council Bill 61 designed to:

- Lower school capacity utilization
- Add a high school test now
- Include protection for individual schools through an independent capacity cap and do not measure capacity based on an adjacency test
- Remove the combined cap on housing allocation and school capacity wait times
- Require that projects take a school capacity test

These are critical amendments to this bill and their inclusion will ensure that our students continue to receive the world-class education, in state-of-the-art facilities, that we, as taxpayers, are funding. You have heard from parents, teachers, and your elected colleagues on the Board of Education that these measures are necessary. Overcrowded schools are the responsibility of the County Council as well as the Board of Education and constant redistricting is not the solution. The solution starts with effectively managing development and implementing responsible growth strategies such as limits on new development when a school, and the surrounding region, is at 100% capacity. Continued investment in new school construction and additions is another critical component and should be supported by increased fees on new development.

There is no evidence to support the dire predictions of opponents that these amendments will result in significant economic devastation for Howard County. I urge you to support substantive amendments to Council Bill 61 that will lower school capacity, add a high school test, and ensure that new development is done in a manner that is well planned and provides adequate financial contributions for the infrastructure that is necessary to support it.

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

-- Erika Schreiber, parent of a West Friendship Elem. student and a Mount View Middle student

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** jyoutzgrams@gmail.com on behalf of Jennifer Y. Grams <jygrams@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 4:51 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Additional thoughts on CB61

Dear Council Members:

I will be in attendance at tonight's meeting and I will be closely following the results of the legislative working session. I have high expectations that tonight you will vote to strengthen HoCo's APFO.

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Thank you,  
Jennifer Grams  
District 1

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Cynthia Fikes <fikesfavors@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 4:49 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Weinstein, Jon  
**Subject:** APFO Vote Tonight

Dear Council members:

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I will be watching tonight and I hope that we can celebrate the passing of stronger APFO for a better HoCo tomorrow!

Sincerely,

Cynthia Fikes  
[Fikesfavors@gmail.com](mailto:fikesfavors@gmail.com)  
301-300-3970

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Karina Fisher <kf321jump@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 4:21 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Isn't that inequity or worse.....???? APFO Amendment

Afternoon,

Community members have been meeting in person and via conference calls all weekend and today to compare and contrast APFO amendments.

One amendment is particularly disturbing.

Ms. Sigaty's Amendment 15 proposes that an exception for affordable housing developments be created for those that leverage State and Federal Funds.

As much as the community supports affordable housing, doesn't this amendment suggest to exempt those developments from a schools test? Aren't those children the same children that our school system will have to account for?

Do we not think that children that live in affordable housing units deserve the same protections?

Not sure anyone would want to get behind sending a message like that.....but I guess that's for you to decide.

**As far as school capacity, Amendment #4 is the compromise that is the most palatable. Amendment #5 is NOT supported.....at all.**

All will be watching but District One will be paying close attention as I know the message from our community has been loud and clear.....we want you, Mr. Weinstein to protect our children as our elected council member.

I hope that your integrity guides you in your decisions,  
Karina Fisher  
High Point Rd  
Ellicott City, MD

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Catherina <catchlyu@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 4:00 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** SUPPORT of the PTA of Howard County's position on the APFO amendments.

To whom it may concern,  
I am emailing to let you I am in full SUPPORT of the PTA of Howard County's position on the APFO amendments. Please consider this for tonight's vote

Catherina  
443-204-6082



6240 Old Dobbin Lane ■ Suite 110 ■ Columbia, MD 21045

November 6, 2017

Mr. Jon Weinstein  
Chair, Howard County Council  
George Howard Building  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

***RE: Howard County Chamber Support for CB61-2017***

Dear Councilman Weinstein:

After meeting for well over a year, the APFO task force submitted their recommendations to County Executive Kittleman who subsequently introduced Council Bill 61 (CB61). The Howard County Chamber (Chamber) would go on to submit testimony requesting the Council adopt the recommendations as presented. While the Council is considering various amendments to CB61, the Howard County Chamber fervently believes the Council should adopt this legislation as currently submitted without modifications.

Of immediate concern is the potential to lower school capacity and adding a high school test, which if passed, may create a moratorium on new home construction in much of the County which would have significant budget implications. That aside, this legislation has significant economic development implications. If capacity tests are too strict and large parts of the county are closed to new residential development, housing affordability may be significantly impacted. Areas slated for redevelopment such as Long Reach would be impacted as well as residential development is a major component of redevelopment efforts.

The Chamber understands that school crowding is of major concern to many Howard County residents. Yet, stopping development will not solve those challenges. In fact, a development moratorium will have greater impact on the County's coffers and ability to fund future education facilities. Only careful and thoughtful rebalancing of school seats and continued investment in new school construction will solve our over and under capacity schools.



For these reasons, we ask that you vote in the affirmative for CB61 as drafted. I thank you for your consideration. Should there be any questions concerning the Chamber's position, I can be reached at 410-730-4111.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leonardo McClarty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leonardo McClarty, CCE  
President/CEO, Howard County Chamber

CC: Howard County Council  
Howard County Chamber Board of Directors  
Howard County Chamber Legislative Affairs Committee

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Sayers, Margery  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 3:05 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** phone message

Xue Mei Li

Is in support of the PTA's position on amendments to APFO.

Did not want to leave phone number or street address.

Call came from 410-965-1234 – US Government

*Margery Sayers  
Executive Assistant  
Howard County Council  
410-313-0832*

## **Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Haydee Herrera <lolalagrande123@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 1:20 PM  
**To:** Weinstein, Jon; CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin B; Terrasa, Jen  
**Subject:** APFO

Dear Council Members:

I hope that tonight we can strengthened HoCo's APFO.

I am particularly hopeful about amendments 4, 20 and 12.

I would like to see amendment 12 passing because we will not achieve anything with stronger tests, if projects are not required to take them when schools are over-capacity.

I am very concerned about any amendments that will try to increase the number of allocations or the type of projects exempted from taking the APFO tests. Examples of these amendments are 3, 15 and 16.

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Particularly, we do not need caps to waiting times if there are no wait times now. Please vote for amendment 12.

I will be watching tonight and I hope that we can celebrate the passing of stronger APFO for a better HoCo tomorrow.

Best regards,  
Haydee Herrera  
4039 Hunt Ave  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Ginna Rodriguez <rodriguez.ginna@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 1:11 PM  
**To:** Weinstein, Jon; CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin B; Terrasa, Jen; Fox, Greg; Sigaty, Mary Kay  
**Cc:** Vlad Patrangenaru; Karina Fisher -DHMH-  
**Subject:** APFO amendments

Dear council members:

I am looking forward to seeing the results of tonight's legislative working session. I have high hopes that tonight we can strengthened HoCo's APFO.

Please know that I am particularly excited about amendments 4, 20 and 12. I think either 4 and 20 can deliver the change that the community has been demanding while still allowing for development to take place where we have the infrastructure to support it.

I would like to see amendment 12 passing because we will not achieve anything with stronger tests, if projects are not required to take them when schools are over-capacity.

I am concerned about any amendments that will try to increase the number of allocations or the type of projects exempted from taking the APFO tests. Examples of these amendments are 3, 15 and 16.

I hope that tonight you will guide your voting based on what you have heard from the community. We need stronger APFO to ensure that development takes place in the areas where we have the infrastructure to support it. Therefore we need stronger tests and we do not need to add more types of projects to the list of APFO exempt projects, and we do not need any caps to waiting time.

Particularly, we do not need caps to waiting times if there are no wait times now. Please vote for amendment 12.

I will be watching tonight and I hope that we can celebrate the passing of stronger APFO for a better HoCo tomorrow!

Ginna Rodriguez  
4053 Pebble Branch Road Ellicott City Md

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Greg Keenan <gregory.keenan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 1:07 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Include Necessary Amendments to Council Bill 61: Stronger AFPO Needed NOW

Dear Executive Kittleman, Chairman Weinstein, and Members of the Howard County Council,

As a registered voter and parent of children in our school system, I am writing to support the proposed amendments to Council Bill 61. The amendments are designed to:

- Lower school capacity utilization
- Add a high school test
- Include protection for individual schools through an independent capacity cap
- Remove the combined cap on housing allocation and school capacity wait times
- Require that projects take a school capacity test

In my view these amendments will ensure our students continue to receive a world-class education. You have heard from parents, teachers, and your elected colleagues on the Board of Education (BOE) that these measures are necessary. I fully support all positions of the BOE.

Overcrowded schools are the responsibility of the County Council and the Board of Education. Redistricting is not the solution. The solution starts with effectively managing development and implementing responsible growth strategies such as limits on new development in areas where schools are nearing or at 100% capacity. Continued investment in new school construction is another critical component, and should be supported by increased fees on new development.

**There is no evidence to support the dire predictions of opponents** that these amendments will result in significant economic devastation for Howard County. I urge you to support substantive amendments to Council Bill 61 that will ensure new development is done in a responsible manner with adequate funding for necessary infrastructure.

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

Sincerely,

Greg Keenan  
5463 Autumn Field Court, 21043  
District #1

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Matthew Moran <mdtestudo@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 12:58 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Include Necessary Amendments to Council Bill 61

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard County Council,

I am one of the over 213,000 active registered voters in Howard County. I am also a Howard County school parent. I write in support of proposed amendments to Council Bill 61 designed to:

- >Lower school capacity utilization
- >Add a high school test now
- >Include protection for individual schools through an independent capacity cap and do not measure capacity based on an adjacency test
- >Remove the combined cap on housing allocation and school capacity wait times
- >Require that projects take a school capacity test

These are critical amendments to this bill and their inclusion will ensure that our students continue to receive the world-class education, in state-of-the-art facilities, that we, as taxpayers, are funding. You have heard from parents, teachers, and your elected colleagues on the Board of Education that these measures are necessary.

Overcrowded schools are the responsibility of the County Council as well as the Board of Education and constant redistricting is not the solution. The solution starts with effectively managing development and implementing responsible growth strategies such as limits on new development when a school, and the surrounding region, is at 100% capacity. Continued investment in new school construction and additions is another critical component and should be supported by increased fees on new development.

There is no evidence to support the dire predictions of opponents that these amendments will result in significant economic devastation for Howard County.

I urge you to support substantive amendments to Council Bill 61 that will lower school capacity, add a high school test, and ensure that new development is done in a manner that is well planned and provides adequate financial contributions for the infrastructure that is necessary to support it.

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

November 6, 2017

**Re: BUILDING INDUSTRY CB61 BILL AND AMENDMENTS TESTIMONY**

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard Council,

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing over 1,000 business members and 100,000 employees in Howard County and across the State, writes in support of Council Bill 61, as drafted and without any substantive amendments creating a building moratorium in the County. The MBIA supports the recommendations of the 23 member APFO task force who represented a broad cross-section of Howard County and conducted over one year of study on this extremely complicated issue.

As clearly shown by the County's own data, APFO is working (see attached chart). There is existing capacity in the school system for all current students while new student generation is virtually non-existent in closed school attendance areas - yet school capacity continues to be strained in some schools. This means school crowding at these schools is driven exclusively by existing home sales combined with the failure of the Board of Education to conduct significant redistricting for a decade. As such, creating a building moratorium in the majority of the County, will have no impact on school crowding while creating massive budget shortfalls for the County resulting in layoffs to employees, cuts to vital County services and likely future tax increases.

Proposed amendments lowering school capacity and adding a high school test, if passed, effectively create a moratorium on new home construction in the County. Even the somewhat less draconian Amendments 4 and 5 will close 31 and 33 schools, respectively, based on the current open/close school chart (see attached Amendment 4 and 5 Analysis). Further, the MBIA is concerned such a massive property taking, especially if accompanied by extensions on time limits for allocations and school waiting periods, could expose the County to multiple legal actions with significant and potentially costly consequences.

With these amendments, the County substitutes sound, long range, and professional planning, a staple in Howard County, for a growth policy governed solely by an open/closed school chart that doesn't address underlying challenges related to school capacity. Under these amendments, only the Southeastern part of the County will have future growth potential, and the majority of new growth will be pushed there. Before long, this will result in insufficient public facilities in all areas of the County, even in the Southeast. In short, the unintended consequence of these amendments is that they will cause exactly the harm they seek to prevent while failing to relieve school crowding in a significant way.

With the County's budget already constrained, including recent multi-million dollar budget shortfalls, slashing revenues from home building and related fees and taxes will cost the County tens of millions of dollars each year. This will result in difficult decisions for the County including the potential layoff of County and school system staff, cuts to police and fire services, limiting important public services such as libraries and waste removal and will likely necessitate increases to property and/or income taxes to make up for the shortfall. Meanwhile, funding for new school construction, paid for in part by developer impact fees, will diminish and school crowding will not decrease.

If the Council does amend this legislation, it **must** include a grandfathering clause, the same or similar to that present in Amendments 4 and 5, that protects existing investments **and** an adjacency test for schools allowing the County to efficiently utilize its school capacity without wasting tax payer dollars while compelling the Board of Education to do its part by redistricting. The current adjacency tests included in Amendments 4 and 5 are step in the right direction, but they are insufficient. Adding a new middle school regions test and retaining the elementary school regions test defeats the purpose of adjacency, which, if implemented without regions tests allows the County to better utilize next door school capacity while compelling the Board of Education to redistrict when a next door school is open.

The MBIA is disappointed the Council appears willing to implement school capacity changes prior to obtaining State authorization to alter impact fees but hopes the Council will support State enabling legislation for enhanced double and triple school impact fees for schools at 110% or 115% capacity as proposed by the APFO task force in the 2018 Maryland General Assembly session.

In conclusion, closing more schools will not solve challenges related to school crowding, only rebalancing of school seats and continued investment in new school construction and additions will do that. However, a development moratorium will cripple the economy of Howard County, make financing school construction more challenging, open the County to costly lawsuits, and likely result in future tax increases to the detriment of every County resident.

For these reasons, the MBIA is opposed to any substantive amendments to Council Bill 61 creating a building moratorium, and asks you please vote for Council Bill 61, as drafted.

Thank you for consideration of this important bill and for your service to the County. If you have questions about the MBIA's positions, please contact Josh Greenfeld at [jgreenfeld@marylandbuilders.org](mailto:jgreenfeld@marylandbuilders.org) or [443.515.0025](tel:443.515.0025).

Best regards,

Josh Greenfeld, Vice President of Government Affairs

Cc: County Executive Allan Kittleman  
Councilmember Greg Fox  
Councilmember Mary Kay Sigaty  
Councilmember Jen Terrassa  
Councilmember Calvin Ball

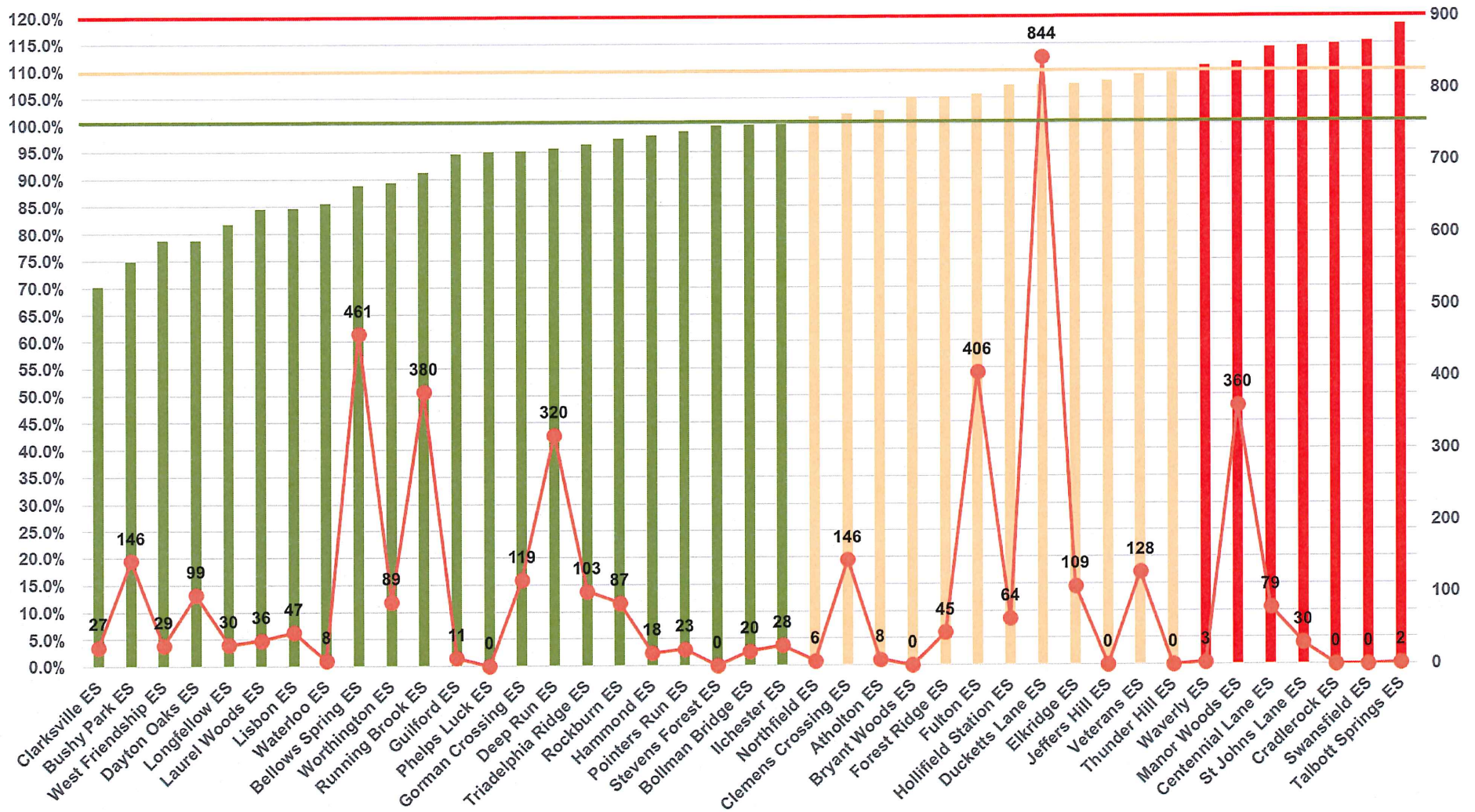


**Amendment 4  
Calvin Ball**

<b>Assumes May 2017 APFO Open/Close Chart in SY 2019-20</b>					
<b>Elementary</b>		<b>Middle</b>		<b>High*</b>	<b>Total</b>
Closed @ > 105%	OR Closed @ >110% w Region =>100%	Closed @ > 105%	OR Closed @ >110% w Region = >100%	Closed @ >110%	
Cradlerock		Harper's Choice		Howard	
Talbott Springs		Bonnie Branch		Long Reach	
Bryant Woods		Ellicott Mills		Centennial	
		Mayfield Woods		Mt Hebron	
Deep Run		Thomas Viaduct			
Elkridge		Burleigh Manor			
Ilchester		Patapsco			
Rockburn		Hammond			
Veterans		Murray Hill			
Centennial La		Lime Kiln			
Hollifield St		Mt View			
St Johns La					
Atholton					
Bollman Bridge					
Forest Ridge					
Gorman Crossing					
Hammond					
Fulton					
<b>16</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>31</b>

\* There is no current High School Open/Close chart so this assumes identical results

## 2016 Actual Elementary School Capacity Utilization & Number of Residential Units Built in Previous 3 Years (Oct. '13 through Sept. '16)



Sources: School capacities from HCPSS 2017 Feasibility Study (pre-measure chart). Enrollments from September, 2016 HCPSS Official Enrollments. Residential units built from DPZ Research Division.

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Joshua Greenfeld <jgreenfeld@marylandbuilders.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 12:41 PM  
**To:** Feldmark, Jessica; Ball, Calvin B; Smith, Gary; Weinstein, Jon; Terrasa, Jen; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Fox, Greg; Knight, Karen; Pruum, Kimberly; Clay, Mary; CouncilMail; Singleton, Julia; Bailey, Najee; Wimberly, Theo  
**Cc:** Wilson, B Diane; Allan Kittleman; Schrader, Sandy; Delorenzo, Carl; James Fraser  
**Subject:** MBIA CB61 Testimony  
**Attachments:** MBIA CB61 Final Bill and Amendment Testimony.pdf; CB61 Amendments 4 and 5 Schools Analysis.xlsx; APFO Works Chart.pdf

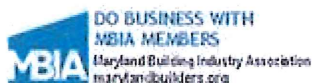
Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard Council,

Please find attached testimony from the Maryland Building Industry Association on CB61 asking you please support the bill as drafted and without substantive amendments that would effectively create a **development moratorium** in the County, which will have no impact at all on school crowding while creating massive budget shortfalls resulting in layoffs to employees, cuts to vital County services and likely future tax increases and lawsuits to the County.

Thank you for consideration of this important bill and for your service to the County. If you have questions about the MBIA's positions, please contact Josh Greenfeld at [jgreenfeld@marylandbuilders.org](mailto:jgreenfeld@marylandbuilders.org) or [443.515.0025](tel:443.515.0025).

Best regards,

**Josh Greenfeld, Esq.**  
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Vice President of Government Affairs  
Maryland Building Industry Association  
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Don't Miss this Awards Extravaganza! [Register here.](#)

Holiday Lunch at Facci Italian Ristorante - Dec. 5  
hosted by the Professional Women in Building Council. [Register here.](#)

Check out NAHB's Member Advantage Program at [www.nahb.org/ma](http://www.nahb.org/ma)

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# APFO

## Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance

1993

**Original**  
120% of capacity  
ES test only

2003

**Current**  
115% of capacity  
ES & MS test

- **Open/Closed Chart (On/Off switch for development)**
  - No recognition of how close to target
  - NES at 114.6%=OPEN (though only 1.7 students from CLOSED)
  - Kids from just one house should likely effectively close it, yet any number (even 100+ houses) could still be built!
  - Building is still allowed (APFO one lot exemption)
  - Chart adopted only once-a-year based on 3-year-out projections made each spring
  - Focus on projections, not current situation
  
- **Extra 15% is not easily accommodated at most schools**
  - Class size is "protected" by formula:  $(K/22), (1^{st}+2^{nd}/19), (3^{rd}+4^{th}+5^{th}/25)$
  - Extra 0.5 by Sept. 30 is supposed to get school a new teacher & class at that level
  - Percentage means problem gets worse as school size gets larger
  - Older schools are more stressed by overcrowding
  - Portables: Adequate? Unattractive! Not the solution!

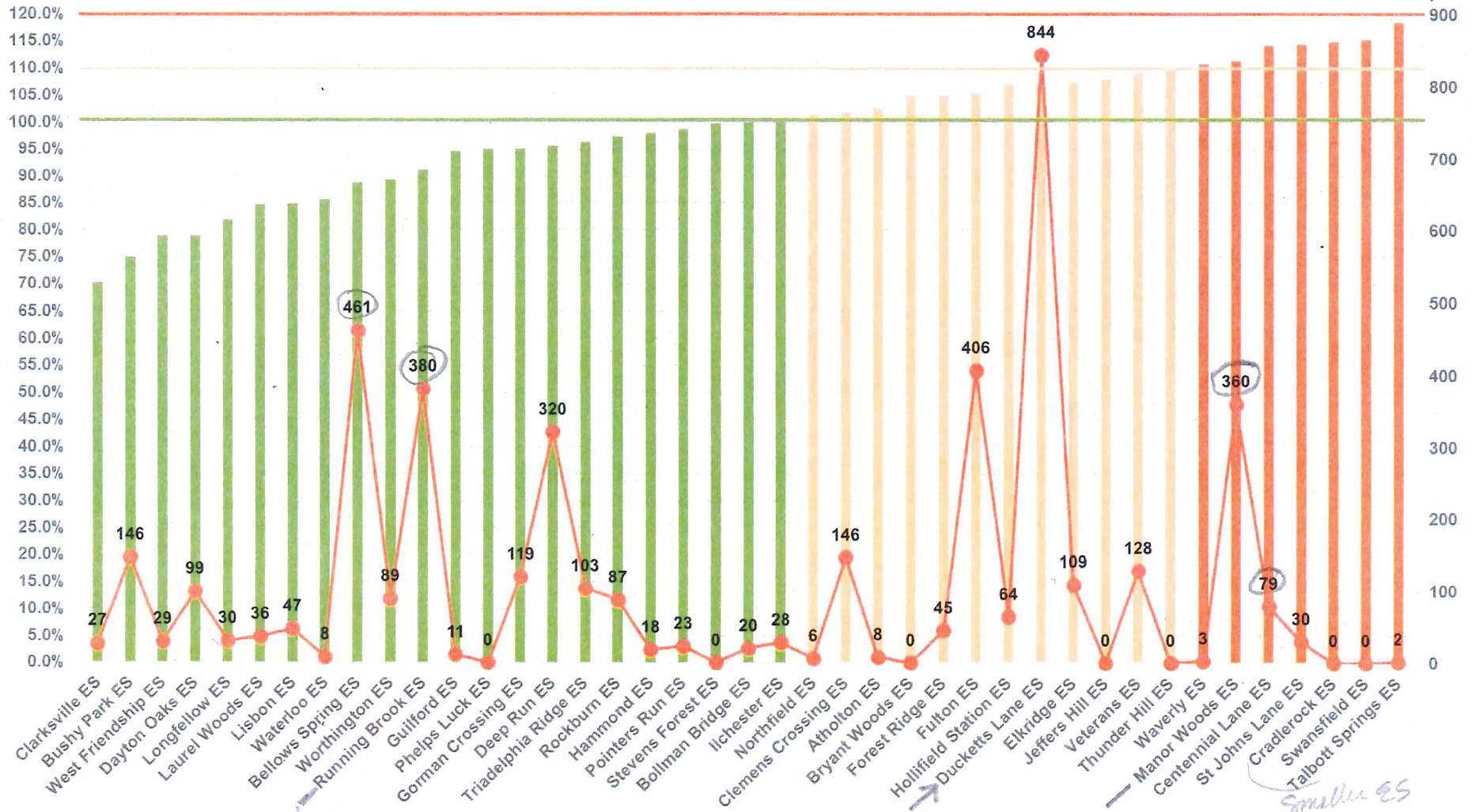
Rated Capacity	110%	115%	120%	125%
300	330 (+30)	345 (+45)	360 (+60)	375 (+75)
500	550 (+50)	575 (+75)	600 (+100)	625 (+125)
700	770 (+70)	805 (+105)	840 (+140)	875 (+175)

- **Marginal Cost > Marginal Revenue = Budgetary Woes**
  - 4BR houses attract families with children
  - Good schools attract families with children
  - Developers advertise to families with children
  
- **Recommendations**
  - Change open/closed to 105%; review between 105-115%
  - Add a provision to allow tentative allocation
  - Consider school size and thus number of children, not just a percentage
  - Close loopholes that still allow building in closed school districts
  - Drastically lower new housing units for 2-3 years to allow catch-up
  - Acquire land NOW for all future school needs
  - Address inadequate APFO Roads test

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Units



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Units!

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Carolan <cbstansky@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 12:22 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan; boe@hcpss.org; superintendent@hcpss.org; Smith, Gary  
**Subject:** Final APFO thoughts--for now  
**Attachments:** APFO 20030127.pdf; DPZ 20171101.pdf

Dear Jon and other HC councilmembers,

Thank you for the many hours you have spent on the APFO legislation and especially for the time you have spent meeting and speaking with Howard County citizens about issues surrounding this legislation and the intimately related issue of HCPSS redistricting.

I am attaching a one-page PDF of a presentation I gave almost 15 years ago re APFO which includes my recommended changes way back then. Tonight, you have the chance to finally make some incremental improvements to the APFO law, most of which have been needed for many years, in my opinion.

It is hard to know what combination of the 23 amendments will pass and if any will be amended still further.

In general, I strongly support:

- #2 More frequent APFO reviews
- #10 Public "strategy session" for schools at 95% with a projection of significant growth in 5 years
- #19 An improved roads test which will consider a wider impact area (very important for large projects)
- #23 Language in AFPO referencing additional DPZ code requirements for development
- ## (Multiple) Include a HS test
- ## (Multiple) Adopt 105% (preferred--as I stated in 2003); or 110% (BOE max operating goal)

Although I know the "right" percentage is a hot topic, I ask that in your vote, you respect that the BOE has a 20% operating range in which they feel HCPSS can efficiently operate any given school (+/- 10% stated capacity, thus 90-110% capacity utilization goal). As a taxpayer (and former operations manager at a healthcare firm), this seems reasonable. When HC allows development up to the BOE maximum threshold--with no "sensitivity analysis" for how large a project will be approved--it means HC allows, and in fact encourages, the crazy cycle we have seen in so many pockets of HC during the 28 years I have lived here. As the APFO law reads today at 115%, HC allows new residential construction in areas that already exceed the BOE's "sweet spot" for capacity utilization! As expressed in my attached exhibit from 2003, Northfield ES (where I was then PTA president) was at 114.6% and thus "open" for ANY number of new homes--even though it was already above the maximum BOE utilization goal of 110%. However, NES would have been "closed" to development with just 1.7 additional students in the projection on the APFO chart. (Note: NES was, in fact, over 120% capacity for the bulk of the years my 3 kids were there.) The recent DPZ chart Jon distributed at the SJCA meeting on 11/1/17 (also attached) provides an interesting overview of more recent development, especially "in the red zone": 360 new homes allowed in Manor Woods, and 79 at Centennial Lane! To me, both of the attachments support why 105% is the "right" number for APFO -- for all school levels -- and why a required strategy session at 95% is worthwhile.

I am wary of any language that would force the BOE into a frequent (every 1-3 years) round of redistricting. I trust you have heard the public outcry clearly on this point! I wonder what the letter would say if the County Council and County Executive and BOE were required to send a letter to each residence whose school assignments were being changed, or through real estate agents to all "HC home shoppers" whose potential dream home was being districted to a school "with capacity" but 5-10 miles away because of recent "new" development. Is anyone willing to proactively draft and sign such a letter in the interest of full disclosure to Howard County resident taxpayers of the practical real-world effects of the APFO-school redistricting "dance" that will likely continue to occur no matter what changes to APFO are adopted tonight? It doesn't seem such a letter would help any HC economic development pitch--yet it would, sadly, represent the truth.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Stansky

3826 Plum Meadow Dr. (Dunloggin/St. John's Community Association)

Ellicott City, MD 21042

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Sayers, Margery  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 12:11 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Phone message

Mr. Gardner called...did not want to speak to any one district, just asked to have this message sent to all council members:

Opposes amendment 15 for CB61.  
Wants normal process to happen at Rt 108 and Columbia Rd

Davis Gardner  
410-461-5596  
4360 Wild Filly Ct  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

*Margery Sayers  
Executive Assistant  
Howard County Council  
410-313-0832*



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jeff Kendrick <jeffreykendrick@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 12:08 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Please support HoCo families and schoolchildren with your APFO vote

Council members,

My name is Jeff Kendrick and I live at 2942 Noel Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

I ask each of you to stand with Howard County families and schoolchildren by supporting the following amendments to CB-61:

- Please SUPPORT these amendments: #2, #6, #7, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, #16, #21 and #22.
- Please DO NOT support amendments #4, #5, #14, #15, #18 and #20.
- I STRONGLY SUPPORT 100 percent capacity and including a high schools test

Thank you,  
Jeff Kendrick

Sent from my iPhone



November 6, 2017

The Honorable Jon Weinstein, Chairman  
Howard County Council  
George Howard Building  
1st Floor  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Re: CB 61-2017 and related amendments

Dear Chairman Weinstein,

As a member of the APFO Task Force, the Howard County Association of REALTORS® (HCAR) has closely followed the debate around CB 61 and its resulting proposed amendments. We write you today to express our views on those amendments and their impacts on Howard County.

REALTORS® are keenly aware of the role that our public schools play in the County's desirability for homebuyers and overall quality of life for existing residents. This reputation has the unfortunate consequence of creating capacity issues in many of our area elementary and middle schools. While we do believe that this issue must be addressed, it would be unwise to use sweeping amendments to CB 61 as the vehicle to achieve that goal. Many of the proposed amendments would have a dramatic impact on not just new development, but on existing homeowners and the local economy.

The County's own research shows that lowering school capacity thresholds to 100% or even 105% will stop new development in the vast majority of the County. When development is halted, the County no longer receives the resulting school impact fees, road improvements and other concessions obtained through the development process. Further, the County loses the revenue from economic activity related to each new home sale. Reports from the National Association of REALTORS® estimates that each home sale in Maryland produces \$4,700 in direct consumer spending, \$22,000 in revenue from real estate industry services related to the sale, and an additional \$13,000 in general economic activity (the "multiplier" effect).

Without this revenue, the County will be pressured to find other means of funding its budget priorities. HCAR fears this will result in increased property taxes on existing Howard residents and in fact provide fewer resources to improve school crowding.

Increasing the County's school capacity is a complex issue that will not be solved through amendments to a single ordinance or by targeting a single economic activity. HCAR believes it is unwise to suggest last-minute changes to the APFO ordinance without a thorough understanding of how they would impact homeowners, home buyers, and the overall economy. Large-scale changes to development processes and costs must be debated and vetted through broad stakeholder groups rather than through sweeping amendments to existing legislation.

The decisions the Council makes on CB 61 will greatly impact the County for years or even decades to come. HCAR urges you to reject those amendments to the current APFO process which would close the majority of the County to new development, and to instead seek a comprehensive solution to the issue of school capacity.

Sincerely,

Lisa V. May  
HCAR Director of Government Affairs

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Egan, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 11:53 AM  
**To:** Nicholson, Ann; Respass, Charity; Hightower, Rozonna; Hammond, Patricia; Habicht, Kelli  
**Cc:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** Supports PTA Amendments APFO

Good Morning,  
Stephanie Hsu called lives in Ellicott City supports the PTA Amendment recommendations for APFO.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Egan  
Howard County Council  
410-313-3302

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Parithosh K. Tungaturthi <tungaturthi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 11:50 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** APFO Amendments!

Dear Respected Members,

This email is to express my support for the PTA Council of Howard County's positions on APFO Amendments!

Thank you and best regards,

- Parithosh

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** lindaleslie@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 11:37 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support for PTACHC APFO Position

Dear Council Members,

I stand with the PTACHC as we demand:

- Developers must pay their fair share of the costs of new schools and other public facilities - not just for the children that are added when the new residences are built, but also the anticipated children those residences will add in the future
- High schools must be considered in APFO
- Capacity considerations must be lowered to 100% for APFO

Thank you.

Linda Leslie  
Columbia, MD

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Scott Yi <yiscott@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 11:21 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Include Necessary Amendments to Council Bill 61

Dear Executive Kittleman, Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard County Council,

I am one of the over 213,000 active registered voters in Howard County. I write in support of the proposed amendments to Council Bill 61 designed to:

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

Sincerely,

Scott Yi  
6462 Sewells Orchard Drive  
Columbia, MD 21045

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Mike Schmeckpeper <mike.schmeckpeper@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 10:40 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** APFO

I support the PTA Council of Howard County's positions on APFO amendments. Please put the interests of our children, residents, and communities above those of developers. Do the right thing Sent from my iPhone



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Buffy Illum <buffy.illum@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 10:36 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Views on APFO amendments from District 1

Good morning,

I am writing to share my views on the APFO amendments. I would like to see the current County Council commit to correcting the APFO to bring it up to par with our neighbor counties so that we can continue to be "A Best Place to Live" and not fall behind due to mismanagement. I have to echo what I am sure you have heard from many other residents: I was shocked to learn just how low our APFO is set.

I am a mother to two small children and live in Ellicott City. I am very much concerned about stormwater management, roads, bike lanes and schools. I would like to see an APFO that honors children and their education so I support the PTA Council of Howard County's position on the various amendments to reduce overcrowding and get more schools built so our children can learn in supportive, dynamic environments and not need to be subjected to cattle-like discipline due to overcrowding.

I would also like to see an APFO that supports a healthy, thriving environment that my children can play in. I'd like to take my kids to play in the streams without worrying about the water quality. Howard County has a pretty good infrastructure to begin with so it is silly to not reinvest to build on our collective good fortune. So I would like to see the county collecting more funds for stormwater management (this ought to go without saying after the flash flooding on Main St but our streams are also overtaxed through out the county), better traffic management and bike lanes for healthier more connected communities. We have such amazing potential and need wise leaders.

I will continue to follow the APFO process with much interest.

Thanks for your time and attention,  
Buffy Illum  
Ellicott City

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 10:27 AM  
**To:** vickgi12@comcast.net  
**Subject:** CB 61

**First Name:** Vick  
**Last Name:** G  
**Email:** [vickgi12@comcast.net](mailto:vickgi12@comcast.net)  
**Street Address:** Rowanberry Drive  
**City:** Elkridge  
**Subject:** CB 61

**Message:**

Chairman Weinstein & Members of the Howard County Council, Please allow me to say, Howard County doesn't need developers, developers need Howard County. As your constituent and a long time resident of Howard County I am demanding The following amendments to Council Bill 61: ~Lower school capacity utilization ~Add a high school test now ~Include protection for individual schools through an independent capacity cap and do not measure capacity based on an adjacency test ~Remove the combined cap on housing allocation and school capacity wait times ~Require that projects take a school capacity test Overcrowding in schools has to change. Redistricting our students should not be the standard. Continued investment in new school construction and additions is another critical component and should be supported by substantially increased fees on new development. Fees for new development in Howard County should be equal to or greater than neighboring counties as Howard County is more desirable and attractive to developers. There is no evidence to support the dire predictions of opponents that these amendments will result in significant economic devastation for Howard County. I demand you enact substantive amendments to Council Bill 61 that will lower school capacity, add a high school test, and ensure that new development is done in a manner that is well planned and provides adequate financial contributions for the infrastructure that is necessary to support it. Voters are watching and communities are mobilized. You are now being called upon to serve your constituents, not to roll over for developers. Sincerely

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Frances O'Connor <chettyoak@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 10:04 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Include Necessary Amendments to Council Bill 61: Stronger AFPO Needed NOW

Dear Executive Kittleman, Chairman Weinstein, and Members of the Howard County Council,

I am one of the over 213,000 active registered voters in Howard County. I am also a Howard County school parent. I write in support of proposed amendments to Council Bill 61 designed to:

- Lower school capacity utilization
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These are critical amendments to this bill and their inclusion will ensure that our students continue to receive the world-class education, in state-of-the-art facilities, that we, as taxpayers, are funding. You have heard from parents, teachers, and your elected colleagues on the Board of Education that these measures are necessary. I fully support all positions of the BOE.

Overcrowded schools are the responsibility of the County Council as well as the Board of Education and constant redistricting is not the solution. The solution starts with effectively managing development and implementing responsible growth strategies such as limits on new development when a school, and the surrounding region, is at 100% capacity. Continued investment in new school construction and additions is another critical component and should be supported by increased fees on new development.

**There is no evidence to support the dire predictions of opponents** that these amendments will result in significant economic devastation for Howard County. I urge you to support substantive amendments to Council Bill 61 that will lower school capacity, add a high school test, and ensure that new development is done in a manner that is well planned and provides adequate financial contributions for the infrastructure that is necessary to support it.

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

Sincerely,  
Frances Keenan  
5463 Autumn Field Court, 21043  
District #1

#	DRAFT LETTER	INTRO BY	DESCRIPTION	JEN'S COMMENT
<u>1</u>	EE	AK	<i>Corrects terminology to clarify that improvements are the responsibility of the developer.</i>	I am told it is just for clarification.
<u>2</u>	X	CB JT JW	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Proposes that an APFO Review Committee be convened within 1 year of a comprehensive general plan revision and again after 5 additional years.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Calls for an official apfo committee to be set up.</i></li> </ol>	I support the review but I believe we will be amending this amendment to define the make-up of the committee.
<u>3</u>	n/a	MKS	<i>Proposes to create Housing Unit Allocation flexibility for developments in Downtown Columbia.</i>	Opposed. As much as I am supportive of affordable housing, I do not think we should be giving any additional flexibility to Howard Hughes. In addition, the could change the phasing which on this big of a project could be significant.
<u>4</u>	H	CB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Add the high school level to the schools test;</i></li> <li>2. <i>Set the school capacity chart capacity utilization threshold at 105 percent or up to 110% for school facilities where regional capacity utilization is under 100 percent;</i></li> <li>3. <i>Sets HS at 110%.</i></li> <li>4. <i>Eliminate a separate elementary school region capacity test; and</i></li> <li>5. <i>Delays implementation for a year.</i></li> </ol>	Calvin's proposed compromise amendment. This is better than the bill as introduced but still not what I would like to see. I am particularly concerned about 110% because the administration has request into the state delegation to enable us to pass legislation which would . I am not thrilled that it delays implementation for a year.

<u>5</u>	n/a	JW	<p>1. Add the high school level to the schools test;</p> <p>2. Set the school capacity chart capacity utilization threshold at 105 percent for elementary schools, but can go to 110 if the region is below 100%.</p> <p>3. 110 percent for middle schools, but can go to 115 if the region is below 100%</p> <p>4. 115 percent for high schools but can go to 120% if the average of that school plus the two closest high schools is below 105%.</p> <p>5. Eliminate a separate elementary school region capacity test; and</p> <p>6. Delays implementation until 2019</p>	While I like that this adds a HS test, I think allowing it to go up to 120% is very high, and it does this through an adjacency test. The numbers for the ES and MS are also higher than I would like to see. I am also concerned that it eliminates ES regions test and delays implementation.
<u>6</u>	A	JT	Proposes adding the high school level to the schools test.	My amendment
<u>7</u>	H	CB	<p>1. Proposes to define APFO capacity consistently with HCPSS policies.</p> <p>2. Inserts the word prekindergarten.</p>	
<u>8</u>	n/a	AK	Defines the term "capacity utilization" and substitutes "capacity utilization" for "projected enrollment".	I am told it is just for clarification.

9	S	JW JT CB	<p><i>Proposes that the following additional information be submitted to the County to assist with its annual consideration of the School Capacity chart:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. State and local capacities of the facility;</i></li> <li><i>2. The date of the last redistricting which impacted the attendance area of that school</i></li> <li><i>3. For any projected increase in enrollment, an indication of what portions of the increase are attributed to sales or rental turnover of existing residential units, new development, and other factors;</i></li> <li><i>4. For any school designated as open on the school capacity chart based on a capital improvement project or proposed redistricting associated with a capital improvement project:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>a. Current and future funding assumptions for the capital improvement project(s); and</i></li> <li><i>b. Future redistricting assumptions associated with the capital improvement project.</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>I support this. I really wanted to see #4. I also think #2 is a good idea.</p>
10	C	JT CB JW	<p><i>Proposes including a requirement for a public meeting on school facilities that reach a capacity of 95 percent with a projection of more than 110 percent within five years.</i></p>	<p>This is an amendment I drafted to make sure all the decisions makers are having a conversation about pending capacity issues before it is a crisis.</p>
11	E1	JT	<p><i>Proposes to change the School Capacity wait time to 7 years.</i></p>	
12	E2	JT	<p><i>Proposes to remove the combined cap on housing allocation and school capacity wait times.</i></p>	<p>This removes the Executive's proposal to limit the number of years a project must wait for schools after it has already waited for allocations. Under the bill as introduced, if a project has waited for 5 years or more, there would be no wait for schools that are closed. My amendment would remove the combined cap.</p>

13	F	JT CB JW	<p><i>Adjust the maximum combined wait times as follows: 1. If a project or phase of a project has waited for three years or fewer to receive housing allocations, the maximum combined number of years they would wait is five years.</i></p> <p><i>2. If a project or phase of a project has waited for four or five years to receive housing allocations, the maximum combined number of years they would wait is seven years.</i></p> <p><i>3. If a project or phase of a project has waited is 7 or more, then the project may proceed upon passing a schools test. But if it fails the school capacity test, then it must wait one additional year to be retested. After being retested, it will be deemed to have passed the schools test. (in other words, this requires that the project to at least wait one year for schools if they are closed).</i></p>	<p>While I would prefer not to have a combined cap, this is definitely better than the bill as filed. I also like that if the school is closed, a developments will have to wait for at least one year.</p>
14	GG	AK	<p><i>Clarifies that under the bill as proposed does not limit the number of years a project has to wait for allocations, it just creates a combined cap of 5 for projects that have waited 4 years or fewer for allocations and eliminates the schools test for any project that has waited 5 or more years.</i></p>	<p>While I don't like this section of the bill as introduced, I support this clarification. This clarifies that this is not a cap on allocations.</p>
15	Y	MKS	<p><i>Create an exception for affordable housing developments that leverage State and Federal funds.</i></p>	<p>As much as I am supportive of affordable housing, I do not think it is a good idea to start exempting so many units from the schools test. There will still be kids that the school system will have to adjust for.</p>
16	D	JT	<p><i>Proposes to remove the Housing Unit Allocation exemption for MIHUs.</i></p>	<p>This is my amendment. As much as I am supportive of affordable housing, I do not think it is a good idea to start exempting so many units from the schools test. There will still be kids that the school system will have to adjust for.</p>
17	FF	AK	<p><i>Clarifies that resubdivision plans that create four or fewer lots are exempt from the test for adequate road facilities. Such resubdivision plans are required to pass the allocations and adequate public school facilities tests.</i></p>	<p>This makes sure that resubdivisions are treated will be treated just like a subdivision with respect to 4 or fewer lots.</p>

<p><a href="#">18</a></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>MKS</p>	<p><i>Proposes to exempt urban renewal developments from the School Capacity test.</i></p>	<p>I am concerned about the impact this could have on our schools. While at this point, I believe the only development this impacts is Long Reach Village Center, over time there may be more urban renewal projects. While I support revitalization, I do not think it is a good idea to start exempting so many units from the schools test. There will still be kids that the school system will have to adjust for.</p>
<p><a href="#">19</a></p>	<p>K</p>	<p>JW CB</p>	<p><i>Proposes to redefine the impact area to be studied for the APFO roads test based on trip generation.</i></p>	<p>I support the idea of testing more intersections for larger projects, and I think it may makes sense to measure the area of impact by looking at the peak hour trips (rather than number of units). However, the numbers in the amendment are the ones used for DT Columbia. While I think this amendment is an improvement over the current roads test, I would like to see this amended with numbers that are more appropriate to less urban areas. As proposed, only large projects would be impacted. I am still looking into what numbers would make more sense.</p>
<p><a href="#">20</a></p>	<p>P</p>	<p>JW</p>	<p><i>Proposes to add a high school capacity test, set the school capacity chart capacity utilization threshold to 105 percent for elementary schools and regions, 110 percent for middle schools, and 115 percent for high schools, and delays implementation for a year.</i></p>	<p>I like that this adds a HS test but I am concerned that 110% for middle schools and 115% for HS are too high especially since the administration is moving forward with a request for the state delegation to enable the county to allow developers to be able buy up to higher percentages.</p>



<a href="#">21</a>	B1	JT	<i>Proposes to reduce the school capacity chart capacity utilization to 100 percent if HS test is added.</i>	My amendment
<a href="#">22</a>	B2	JT	<i>Proposes to reduce the school capacity chart capacity utilization to 100 percent if HS test is not added.</i>	My amendment
<a href="#">23</a>	n/a	JW	<i>Inserts references to existing Code provisions for adequate water, sewer, storm water, and solid waste facilities.</i>	This amendment makes references to existing code provisions. It does not make changes to how these things are evaluated.
			<b>To see our APFO Legislation, click below:</b>	
			<b><u>CB61-2017</u></b>	
			<b><u>CB62-2017</u></b>	
			<b>To see a copy of the amendment, click the bill number above.</b>	

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**From:** Stuart Kohn <stukohn@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 9:08 AM  
**To:** HOWARD-CITIZEN@yahoo.com; CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan; Wilson, B Diane  
**Subject:** Fwd: The Votes on Two Most Important Bills - APFO and Mulching  
**Attachments:** Apfo Amendment Summary with JT Comments ~11-6-17.xlsx

FYI,

Please see a Very Much Appreciated email from Councilwoman Terrasa (see below) regarding our posting on the HCCA Listserve. The bottom line is that Councilwoman Terrasa heard us and I am convinced has tried to include Quality of Life issues in APFO. Unfortunately from the beginning of the APFO review and making some Quality of Life motions on the Task Force regarding the Police, and Emergency Room we anticipated nothing of this kind would be included. Even as mentioned, Fire Chief Butler proposed a couple of motions for Fire to be a category. This too failed even though there are 8 of the 14 Counties in Maryland who have Fire as a category in APFO.

Once again the mere fact that Councilwoman Terrasa took the time to respond is commendatory and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn  
HCCA, President

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Terrasa, Jen" <[jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov)>  
**Date:** November 5, 2017 at 11:23:26 PM EST  
**To:** "stukohn@verizon.net" <[stukohn@verizon.net](mailto:stukohn@verizon.net)>  
**Cc:** "Terrasa, Jen" <[jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: The Votes on Two Most Important Bills - APFO and Mulching

Stu-

I am very disappointed that we were not able to do these health and safety (quality of life) items in APFO this time around. I have tried repeatedly to find some way to incorporate hospitals and have also worked on police and fire amendments as well. With respect to the police and fire, I was not able to draft something that would pass Office of Law scrutiny and get my colleagues support. I tried a number of times with these. As for hospitals, I still do not understand why there is no legal way to incorporate a hospital test into our APFO. I tried every way I could think of to be able to move this forward, and was told that it could not be done, despite the fact that there are other Maryland counties that do.

I know that HCGH asked for funding last year and were turned down, and they plan to make a larger request this year, which I will definitely support if we can get the County Executive to put it in the budget. From my perspective, we either

need to consider how development impacts our emergency room and the hospital generally, or we need to put the money into increasing the capacity of the ER and the hospital as a whole.

Regarding amendments, I want to make sure you got a copy of my amendment summary chart and comments. I know there were way too many amendments posted on Friday to expect input at this point, but if there is something in particular you want me to know after looking at the chart (or even without looking at the chart), please let me know. I have attached that chart with my comments which also has links to the amendments.

If you want an easy access to the bill, click below:

[CB61-2017](#)

[CB62-2017](#)

Click [here](#) to see the amendments, the bill and any other related documents.

All the best,

Jen

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Howard County Council  
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**From:** [stukohn@verizon.net](mailto:stukohn@verizon.net) [<mailto:stukohn@verizon.net>]

**Sent:** Sunday, November 05, 2017 10:21 AM

**To:** CouncilMail <[CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov)>; Kittleman, Allan <[AKittleman@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:AKittleman@howardcountymd.gov)>; Wilson, B Diane <[BDWilson@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:BDWilson@howardcountymd.gov)>; [howard-citizen@yahoogroups.com](mailto:howard-citizen@yahoogroups.com)

**Subject:** The Votes on Two Most Important Bills - APFO and Mulching

FYI,

Tomorrow, 6 Nov at 7PM our County Council will be deliberating and voting on two Bills that will have a major impact on our County for years to come. They are APFO, the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance, CB61/62 and the Mulching - Composting - Natural Wood Waste, CB60. The Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA was a proud representative in both of these respective Task Forces. We spent 22 and 24 meetings on these subjects which I personally have no regrets. Each Bill has an extensive number of amendments and amendments to amendments - 24 Amendments for APFO and 21 Amendments for Mulching at last count. This is mind boggling as it just shows the seriousness of attempting to get these Bills right. The Council is trying

to ensure citizens are protected to the fullest and developers and farmers to ensure their occupation does not suffer. The problem is it is very difficult to have an equal balance in this endeavor. The question that is continually being asked is what has precedent - the Economy or Quality of Life Issues? We simply can not afford to have a weak APFO where it becomes ALPO - A Lousy Protective Ordinance.

Unfortunately without incorporating any Quality of Life Issues such as Fire, Police, Emergency Medical Services, and the Hospital for measurements in an attempt to control growth then we have a problem. We are extremely disappointed especially when these items are contained in PlanHoward 2030. The Fire/Police Chiefs and the President of the Howard County General Hospital were brought in at the Council's Work Session to testify. The sad thing is there are no amendments at this time to include these most important ingredients for our new APFO.

We sincerely appreciate the enormous amount of time our Council has spent to try and get it right. As stated before the fact that Dr. Velculescu was denied the opportunity to testify in front of the Council on CB60 is just plain wrong. The public should have had the right to hear what he had to say regarding the Health and Safety of the impact of passing CB60. The Planning Board when they deliberated in their Work Session completely chose to ignore the Health and Safety concerns by the concerned citizens. Why?

We hope to see many of you in attendance at tomorrow's Council's Legislative Session regarding the outcome of these most important Bills. They will have a monumental lasting effect on everyone's future.

Yes - the future is in our Council's hands and their decision will undoubtedly be their legacy.

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn  
HCCA, President

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**From:** Shannon Franks <shannonkayfranks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 05, 2017 10:22 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Include Necessary Amendments to Council Bill 61 to protect our schools!

I know this is a pre-written letter you've received many times, but please don't think I don't stand behind every word. I'm appalled at the deplorable actions of some council members. Show us that you can stand up to developers NOW!

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard County Council,

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 04, 2017 3:11 PM  
**To:** jandrblanco@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Support Amendments to CB-61

**First Name:** Jennifer  
**Last Name:** Blanco  
**Email:** [jandrblanco@comcast.net](mailto:jandrblanco@comcast.net)  
**Street Address:** 9716 Harbin Court  
**City:** Ellicott City  
**Subject:** Support Amendments to CB-61

**Message:**

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 04, 2017 9:47 AM  
**To:** lharbaugh2@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61

**First Name:** Lisa  
**Last Name:** Harbaugh  
**Email:** [lharbaugh2@gmail.com](mailto:lharbaugh2@gmail.com)  
**Street Address:** 2901 Evergreen Way  
**City:** ELLICOTT CITY  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61

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**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Pankaj Patil <pankaj\_patil20@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 11:49 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Include Necessary Amendments to Council Bill 61

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Kind Regards



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**From:** Sachin <sachinkhedkar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 10:19 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Include Necessary Amendments to Council Bill 61

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Best Regards,



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Wayne Miller <wmmiller@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 9:51 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** APFO

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Stu Kohn <stukohn@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 9:20 PM  
**To:** howard-citizen@yahoogroups.com; CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan; Wilson, B Diane  
**Subject:** Health and Safety Not in APFO

FYI,

As many of you know the Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA has for years been a very strong advocate to incorporate some Quality of Life Issues such as the Hospital, Fire, EMS, Police into the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance, APFO. Please read a very timely article regarding the concern of health in Howard County with our Hospital --

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/howard/columbia/ph-ho-cf-hospital-population-growth-1109-story.html>.

On Monday the County Council will be making a MAJOR decision to finalize APFO when they consider Bill CB61-2017 which has at the moment 23 Amendments

<https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/olis/PrintSummary.aspx?LegislationID=2890>.

As stated previously our Council has undoubtedly put in an enormous amount of hours to work on attempting to see that all concerned parties were heard and acted upon. This is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, there are no provisions regarding Quality of Life Issues that are included in the Amendments. The fact that the County is funding the Hospital (and I wish it was more) asks the question does this make the Hospital a "Private Entity?" There needs to be measurements in Quality of Life Issues to ensure our growth is not out of control whereby our Health and Safety issues deteriorate because of poor strategic planning. As the aforementioned Quality of Life Issues are incorporated in our General Plan – PlanHoward2030 in Chapter 8 "Public Facilities and Services" then it would have been nice to have had some of these categories as a part of APFO.

The Council will be holding their Legislative Hearing to vote on APFO this Monday, Nov 6 at 7PM in the George Howard Building. I hope to see many of you in attendance on Monday.

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn  
HCCA, President

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 8:53 PM  
**To:** Jfd3505@aol.com  
**Subject:** CB61

**First Name:** Joan  
**Last Name:** DiCarlo  
**Email:** [Jfd3505@aol.com](mailto:Jfd3505@aol.com)  
**Street Address:** 3505 Font Hill Dr  
**City:** Ellicott City  
**Subject:** CB61

**Message:** Here's an email Jenn shared in another post, you are all welcome to copy, paste and send to county council: Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard County Council, I am one of the over 213,000 active registered voters in Howard County. I am also a Howard County school parent. I write in support of proposed amendments to Council Bill 61 designed to: >Lower school capacity utilization >Add a high school test now >Include protection for individual schools through an independent capacity cap and do not measure capacity based on an adjacency test >Remove the combined cap on housing allocation and school capacity wait times >Require that projects take a school capacity test These are critical amendments to this bill and their inclusion will ensure that our students continue to receive the world-class education, in state-of-the-art facilities, that we, as taxpayers, are funding. You have heard from parents, teachers, and your elected colleagues on the Board of Education that these measures are necessary. Overcrowded schools are the responsibility of the County Council as well as the Board of Education and constant redistricting is not the solution. The solution starts with effectively managing development and implementing responsible growth strategies such as limits on new development when a school, and the surrounding region, is at 100% capacity. Continued investment in new school construction and additions is another critical component and should be supported by increased fees on new development. There is no evidence to support the dire predictions of opponents that these amendments will result in significant economic devastation for Howard County. I urge you to support substantive amendments to Council Bill 61 that will lower school capacity, add a high school test, and ensure that new development is done in a manner that is well planned and provides adequate financial contributions for the infrastructure that is necessary to support it. Thank you for consideration of this important bill and for your service to the County.

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**From:** Garvin and Ruth <gcrkc1@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 8:27 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan; Weinstein, Jon  
**Subject:** Additional Feedback on Amendments to Council Bill 61

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard County Council,

It is time to put the future of families in Howard County first, and let us catch up the the work you've already done to the economy here. There has been so much growth here that quality of life for existing families and public services have degraded. Please re-focus to bring this back up to par before turning focus back on economic development.

Honestly, when I moved to Howard County 12 years ago, there was a much larger sense of calm. Now it is getting more and more commercialized, and less desirable to live in. Large concrete structures all over. Schools are crowded and thus the lure of great education is less. I believe many would agree with this is the case. Ask citizens that aren't involved with developers and Howard County gov't what they think. All the feedback on AFPO should give you that sense. This is not small group, but a representative the citizen you all represent.

There is no realistic proof that there will be an economic collapse with these amendments. Are developers painting worst case scenarios or realistic outcomes? It is easy to make things dire when all issues are assumed to be worst case and all happen at once. However, that is not realistic. Please make the practical decision based on what families here want, not pessimistic analysis by developers to sway your decision by fear.

Please take a stand for us and our interests. We want CB61 to have:

- Lower school capacity utilization
- Add a high school test now
- Include protection for individual schools through an independent capacity cap and do not measure capacity based on an adjacency test
- Remove the combined cap on housing allocation and school capacity wait times
- Require that projects take a school capacity test

Thank you for consideration.

-Garvin Cung

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**From:** Garvin and Ruth <gcrkc1@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 8:12 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan; Weinstein, Jon  
**Subject:** Feedback: Include Necessary Amendments to Council Bill 61

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard County Council,

I am one of the over 213,000 active registered voters in Howard County. I am also a Howard County school parent. I write in support of proposed amendments to Council Bill 61 designed to:

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-Garvin Cung

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**From:** Sarah Elwell <sarahkelwell0927@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 6:11 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan; boe@hcpss.org; superintendent@hcpss.org  
**Subject:** APFO Amendments

Dear County Council,

As a resident and taxpayer of Howard County, I thank you for your diligence in reviewing the APFO Bill and working to craft amendments in response to your constituents.

Many of the amendments let me know that you are listening. I strongly support the following amendments: A, B, C, D, E1, E2, F, H (with revisions), K, S, U, X, and FF.

There is strong potential with amendment H, if the following protections can be added: (1) protect schools by adding cap for individual capacity, and (2) add high school test now.

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I call on you, as our elected officials, to continue the necessary work to ensure that we have an APFO legislation emerge that better addresses the impacts of growth in Howard County.

Sincerely,

*Sarah and Michael Elwell  
9374 Paulskirk Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21042*

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Niki McGuigan <mcniki1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 3:11 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Include Necessary Amendments to Council Bill 61

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard County Council,

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Niki McGuigan

District 1

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**From:** Laura Wisely <laura.wisely@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 2:58 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Include Necessary Amendments to Council Bill 61

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

Thank you,

Laura Wisely

5811 Main Street Elkrige

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**From:** Ginna Rodriguez <rodriguez.ginna@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 2:25 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin B; Weinstein, Jon; Terrasa, Jen; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Fox, Greg; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** High School Test needs to have an adequate threshold for capacity  
**Attachments:** High School Test.xlsx

Dear Council Members:

I am looking forward to seeing the final amendments for CB-61. I hope that we will see amendments that take into account the feedback you have received from the community about the need to put higher priority in the quality of education we are providing our kids vs. development goals for the county. Overcrowded schools result in lower quality education.

Please know that the high school test is an important part of the amendments needed for CB61. The threshold for this test should be no higher than 110%. The recent development feeding Long Reach High School is a great example of why development needs to start slowing when a school is at 110% and not later.

Based on data provided to the APFO Review Task Force, the residential site development plans (projects with more than 30 units) as of 12/31/2014 would add 43 high school students to Long Reach High school, or 3% of the school capacity. Within two years, 66 middle schoolers coming from the new development construction will join the high school, or another 3%.

If the high school is already at 120% utilization, this additional construction would put the high school at close to 125% utilization which is unacceptable. If the high school is at 115%, this additional construction would put the high school at close to 120% utilization which is also unacceptable. The slowing needs to occur at 110% (at most). At 110%, the high school would be at 115% utilization which is not good but it is more manageable. So even though, developers claim that new development does not bring many high school students (the estimate is about 0.06 per housing unit), when we are building between 700 to 3000 units this can represent between 43-201 students, or between 3% and 13% of capacity of a high school like Long Reach.

The residents of Howard County are asking the county to introduce measures that would protect schools from overcrowding by slowing down development when a high school is already at overcapacity (defined as anything above 100%). Please know that anything above 115% puts a school in an out of control situation so the threshold for APFO should be below that.

If you have any questions about the analysis, please let me know.

Below I am including the table with the details of the analysis described above. Additional details can be seen in the attached file.

Source: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=7W75gjZn7Zg%3d&portalid=0>

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In process residential site development plans, projects with more than 30 units 12/31/14

	Type of Dwelling	Number of Units	High School
Brompton House	Apartments and Townhomes	194	Long Reach High School
Oxford Square	Apartments and Townhomes	156	Long Reach High School

Blue Stream Towns Apartments and Townhomes  
Oxford Square Apartments and Townhomes  
Howard Square Apartments and Townhomes  
Oxford Square Apartments and Townhomes  
Morris Place Apartments and Townhomes

105 Long Reach High School  
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Long Reach High School Capacity

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**From:** Kathleen V. Hanks <Kathleen\_Hanks@hcpss.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 2:13 PM  
**To:** Gina Desiderio Edmison; Weinstein, Jon; CouncilMail  
**Cc:** BoE Email; Kittleman, Allan; superintendent@hcpss.org  
**Subject:** RE: [BoE Email] - APFO Amendments

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education regarding the Attendance Area Adjustment Plans. Your email will be saved as written testimony for the public hearing process. Please note that written testimony is part of the public record maintained by the Board Office and will be posted online as part of the public hearing.

The next public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 7 p.m. at River Hill High School. The public is able to submit written testimony until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at [BOE@hcpss.org](mailto:BOE@hcpss.org)

The Board is currently scheduled to take action on the Attendance Area Adjustment Plan on Thursday, November 16, 2017. Once again, thank you for contacting the Board.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hanks  
Administrator  
Board of Education  
Phone: 410-313-7194  
Fax: 410-313-6633  
Email: [kathleen\\_hanks@hcpss.org](mailto:kathleen_hanks@hcpss.org)

**From:** Gina Desiderio Edmison [mailto:desiderio@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 6:06 PM  
**To:** Weinstein, Jon <jweinstein@howardcountymd.gov>; councilmail@howardcountymd.gov  
**Cc:** BoE Email <boe@hcpss.org>; akittleman@howardcountymd.gov; Superintendent <superintendent@hcpss.org>  
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Sincerely,  
Gina Edmison  
4713 Roundhill Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

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**From:** Jon Lemich <jonlemich@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2017 3:03 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** APFO

I'm writing to express my support for the Board of Education amendments to the APFO regulations.

I know it won't stop redistricting. Even if we had more money tomorrow, the schools need to be redistricted to relieve overcrowding in the eastern half of the county. I don't have any problem with redistricting. I am concerned with development that costs taxpayers too much money - development that doesn't contribute enough for adequate public facilities.

I like development. Once we get APFO fixed, we can open the gates to development again. But then, we'll have better funds to pay for roads, stormwater management, and schools.

Sincerely,

Jon Lemich  
9568 Patchin Ct., Columbia MD 21045  
Oakland Mills resident since 2009



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**From:** Lisa Link <LLink78@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2017 3:08 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** AKittleman@howardcounty.md.gov  
**Subject:** Written Testimony For Council Bill 61

To Members of the Howard County Council:

My name is Lisa Link. I reside in the Dorsey Hall neighborhood of Ellicott City, MD. My husband also owns his own small business, with an office located in Columbia, MD. My oldest son currently attends Northfield Elementary and my youngest is in the MINC-RECC program at Waverly Elementary School.

I am writing out of concern for the current development in our county. It seems to be way exceeding that which can be accommodated with the present infrastructure. Many people, like my family and I, moved to Howard County (HoCo) to have access to great schools, communities and easy access to the major highways of the Baltimore/Washington Metropolitan area. In the twelve years we have lived in in HoCo we have seen tons of development, both residential and commercial. I recognize how growth, such as updates to the Columbia Mall and Columbia Lakefront areas benefit the community both culturally and monetarily. However, continuing to build public housing in areas already beyond capacity actually makes the county less appealing to those living here, or looking to move to the area.

Schools are of the utmost concern to my family. Redistricting has caused schools to be changed already once in the past ten years with talk of another change currently in the works. The disruption to students is not conducive to learning, nor is being forced into trailers to accommodate overcrowding. Bussing is also becoming a scheduling nightmare, as drivers fight the increased traffic resulting from the over-development. Drop off times can differ by up to a half hour, making it difficult to know when students will actually arrive home.

I am pleading with the council to amend Council Bill 61 with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

- School capacity limits – INCLUDING high schools – to be set at 100%. Schools are closed to new development at that level.
- Mitigation (funding, additional time, or both) begins when a school reaches 95% capacity.
- NO reductions to the current wait time for housing allocations or school tests.
- AFPO needs to be reviewed every 4 years.
- Increase real estate transfer tax by 1.0%
- AFPO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.

I voted for Allan Kittleman last election, believing he would do what is best for the citizens of HoCo. Action on this AFPO legislation will heavily influence my voting in 2018.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Link

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**From:** Colleen Morris <info@actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2017 12:10 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Adopt HCPSS BOE APFO Amendments

Council Members ,

Please adopt the HCPSS Board of Education suggested amendments to the county's APFO regulations. These amendments will ensure that our students receive the individualized instruction and classroom space they deserve.

Colleen Morris  
cmorris@mseanea.org  
5082 Dorsey Hall Dr  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

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

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

Thanks so much,  
Debbi Holihan  
3090 Greenhaven Court  
Ellicott City MD 21042

410-440-3395

*"When you love what you do, you convey that feeling, that attitude, that resolve, that love to all around you." ~ Ayrton Senna.*

*Ask me about my strengths \*Positivity \*Activator \*WOO \*Harmony \*Consistency*

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**From:** Deborah D. Holihan <Deborah\_Holihan@hcpss.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 4:24 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !

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I have lived in Howard County for 26 years. I have a daughter who recently graduated from Mt. Hebron and another daughter in the third grade at Waverly Elementary. My husband and I have both worked for the Howard County School System for 25 years each. Mr. Kittleman visited my classroom in Clarksville Middle a couple of days ago. My biggest concern with APFO is that the developers are getting a free pass on the back of the taxpayers.

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

Thank you for standing up for our county.

Sincerely,

Courtney Skinner

3020 Grotto Walk

Ellicott City, MD 21042

410-465-2112

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**From:** Courtney Skinner <courtneyskinner35@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:54 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!

My name is Courtney Skinner and I have been a Howard County resident for 8 years. My children attend Howard County Public Schools. I am also a teacher in the Howard County Public School System. I am reaching out to you today because I am unhappy with Howard County's weak APFO. Our schools are already over capacity. My children sit in classrooms where they lack the space and materials to learn. My son's middle school level, GT Science class only has 17 laptop computers for 32 students. They are told that there aren't enough to go around. Howard County has received accolades for years for student achievement. People uproot their families to move to our county just for our schools. However, how is this expected to continue when we allow our schools to become over-populated? How are HCPSS students supposed to receive top-notch instruction in over-crowded classes with insufficient supplies and instructional materials? We need a stronger APFO, so that Howard County can continue to excel in education.

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

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Elizabeth Garstecki <edgarstecki@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 7:16 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !

### **Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !**

Good evening and thank you for taking time to address my concern. I have lived in Howard County for fifteen years and currently have two children in Manor Woods Elementary School (and first and third graders). Obviously I have a great concern regarding school redistricting but I realize that it is inevitable and is for the greater good of the community. What has me more concerned is the constant "big" housing developments, overcrowded roads and overburdened police, fire and hospital services. I have had to use the services of Howard County General Hospital's emergency room four times over the last year (thankfully a unrelated doctor finally found the problem). Most recently I waited for 8 hours to be seen by anyone! Can you imagine being in pain and having to wait in the emergency room (waiting room) before you can be seen? it is simply unacceptable.

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

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

Now is the time to add the following parent-endorsed amendments to APFO to ensure that Howard County continues to attract businesses and residents to our strong schools and communities:

- i. Set school capacity limits -- INCLUDING high schools -- at 100%. Schools are closed to new development at that level.
- ii. Begin mitigation (funding, additional time, or both) when a school reaches 95% capacity.
- iii. NO reductions to the current wait time for housing allocations or school tests.
- iv. Increase transfer tax percentage on resales to help off-set the costs of new seats being added from resales.
- v. Add measures for public safety, roads, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.
- vi. Review and update APFO every 4 years

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

I realize that many council members have reached their three-term limit and hope they do not bow out by tabling this important issue. For those who are up for reelection (and need my vote), I can guarantee that I will be watching the outcome of this important APFO legislation and my vote WILL reflect this outcome. For your files, my name is Elizabeth Garstecki and I live at 3024 Carlee Run Court, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

Thank You,  
Elizabeth Garstecki

- APFO to be reviewed every 4 years
- APFO to include measures for *all* public facilities, including public safety, emergency services, recreation and other community facilities

Thank you.

Christine Lemyze



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Michael Young <michaelyoung16@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 7:48 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Cc:** Christine Lemyze  
**Subject:** Re: CB61

Dear Council Members and County Executive,

I support my wife's position in amending CB 61, as she so clearly outlined in her email below.

We moved to Howard County 30 years ago for the reputation of the school system, which delivered for our two children. I believe the school system is still the biggest advantage Howard County has over surrounding counties, hands down, therefore I support amending CB 61.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Young  
3861 Woodville Lane  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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**From:** Christine Lemyze <clemyze@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 8:43 AM  
**To:** councilmail@howardcountymd.gov  
**Cc:** AKittleman@howardcountymd.gov  
**Subject:** CB61

Dear Council Members,

My name is Christine Lemyze; I live at 3861 Woodville Lane in Ellicott City, 21042.

I have been a resident of Howard County for over 30 years; my husband and I picked this county primarily for the reputation of its schools. While Howard County schools are a source of pride, we have to acknowledge the persistent overcrowding issues and painful redistricting exercises which have existed for years and, as responsible government officials and citizens, strive to address them.

To that end, I am requesting that CB 61 be amended as follows (consistent with recommendations from the Board of Education, presented last week):

- School capacity limits—including high schools—to be set at 100%.
- Mitigation (funding and/or additional time) to begin when a school reaches 95% capacity
- No reductions to the current wait time for housing allocations or school tests

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Todd Garner <info@actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2017 8:08 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Adopt HCPSS BOE APFO Amendments

Council Members ,

Please adopt the HCPSS Board of Education suggested amendments to the county's APFO regulations. These amendments will ensure that our students receive the individualized instruction and classroom space they deserve.

Todd Garner  
todd\_garner@yahoo.com  
7116 Millbury Ct  
Elkridge, Maryland 21075



continued argument that has been made is it's not development its resale's, means we need to have this threshold even more!! Resale's are more gradual, it's easier to find room for one or two kids than 300 at a time. AND if we build new homes, guess what, we now have more homes that can be resold!! We can't control resale's, APFO can control the development of new homes/buildings. If everyone starts paying their fair share then I think we can make it work. Developers don't even blink when paying in lieu of fees for MIHUs, so they don't have to build affordable housing that is required, they also don't blink when funding campaigns. Think of what we can do with that money when used properly.

4. APFO needs to be looked at every 4 years if not more in the beginning. Significant changes are needed and in that we need to keep an eye on things to make sure things are running smoothly. For some changes, the effects won't be seen until a few years down the road. A regular review needs to happen. Also, the process needs to be transparent. Not done from just the developers or anyone that has a financial gain to twist the numbers, but an independent open look at it. The public has lost faith in those who produce the numbers, this to needs to change.
5. Need to include fire, police, sewer, etc. into the APFO. Many times, I hear that for instance the fire department is getting help from neighboring counties. We drain the resources from our neighbors, what would happen if there was a major disaster. We need to have better resources that can handle more than one simultaneous fire or rescue.
6. A school test needs to be passed each and every time. Right now, after 3 years, the 4<sup>th</sup> year developers can do what they want regardless. How is that right? Especially when there is no financial anything coming in those 3 years to help things out. This is why mitigation needs to start earlier rather than later. This is why the thresholds need to be lowered. Everyone needs to help pay for the county needs.
7. Roads test needs to have a higher grade than F. If people have to sit through 5 lights before they go through, that is not good enough. It shouldn't take 60 minutes to go 5 miles. I don't think anyone would want that.

Howard county for too long has not done the right thing. It's very nice for the developers to simply suggest, redistricting will cure all, but as we have seen that is not a good solution for our county, unless you want neighborhoods and the citizens to be driven apart every couple of years, we can do better and is not the Civility way, it's the easy, way for the developers not for us. It's another Band-Aid. The current APFO regulations and the current state of our infrastructure proves it is not working. The development community has taken advantage of Howard county and its high time something changes. When a huge chunk of the community bans together and agree it's time to listen. 3 nights of testimony is almost unheard of for one bill, its time to listen. I heard testimony from the BOE, Teacher's Union, PTA Council of Howard County, Muslim Association, Hispanic Association, HCCA, Savage Association, just to name a few and they are all in agreement. It's time to change. The only ones not favorable to it are ones that have financial interests, not that of the people who vote for you. We are a great county, it says so in all the polls and lists out there, now let's get everyone in the county to feel it. Let your legacy be one where you actually made a difference. We are all here to help.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**From:** lisaloveless@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:18 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Written Testimony for Council Bill 61

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to you to make much needed changes to CB61 and not to approve the bill from the way it is written. APFO in its current form is weak and the changes brought forth from the executive are not making it stronger. I am a concerned citizen who has lived here for 20 years. I have seen the quality of life go downhill for many. I am also a mom of two school aged daughters and I want them to get an excellent education in a building, not a trailer. I am also a PTA member/volunteer and have spent countless hours giving up my time to help in the schools and I have seen firsthand how inadequate facilities affect everyone during the school day. I also drive down the roads and am dismayed that it takes me 60 minutes to go 5 miles some days, or to wonder how on earth a firetruck will get down a residential road that is narrow and has barely the room for two cars passing each other. I am also a taxpaying citizen of this county and I demand better from a county that touts how great it is, let's start putting our money where our mouth is.

Infrastructure is the foundation of the quality of life for those living here. If the foundation isn't solid, as with buildings, they will crumble and fall. Our "building" is ready to crumble and no matter how many coats of paint you put on it, it will still fall. It's time the truth matches the PR. What drives many people to live in Howard County are the schools. If they are not adequate, it doesn't matter how great the teachers are, volunteers, or how hard the BOE/Superintendent work to make the learning great, crowded schools are not ideal and many parents will either move out of the county or never come in. Then what will be left, a lot of empty houses that won't help the economy. Let me be clear. We are not advocating to stop development permanently. We need to be smarter. There are plenty of projects already in the works, but we can't keep doing business as usual. It's going to take everyone working hard together to figure this out (and I mean every department working together, not separate entities) and there are many parents in Howard County that have degrees and have shown dedication to help this along.

Here are my suggestions for improvements:

1. Include high schools in the school's test. I don't know where everyone thought the kids would go once they finish middle, they are still relevant and they must be included. We have seen in Howard High especially what happens when they aren't. Getting a 13<sup>th</sup> high school is nice and we are happy for it, but it doesn't solve the problem. We need to stop seeing these as the solutions, they are the Band-Aids.
2. Start mitigation of school funding when a school reaches 95% capacity with a projected outlook of reaching 115% in the next 5 years. We need to be more proactive than reactive. It seems that now nothing is done until the capacity is too high. Developers need to start paying as they do in other jurisdictions.
3. Reduce the capacity threshold to ALL (Elementary, Middle & High) to 100%. Other jurisdictions do. I believe it is what we have to do NOW in order to give us time to come up with solutions and get ourselves back on track. Yes, it will reduce development from what they are used to, but as I said before there are plenty of projects in the works, and it won't devastate them. Plus, the

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**From:** Randall MacCuaig <rdm@prestonsp.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:19 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support Council Bill 61 as Drafted

Dear Howard County Council,

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard Council,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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**From:** Marc Friedlander <marc.friedlander@calatl.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:04 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Sincerely,

Marc Friedlander  
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Columbia, MD 21046  
marc.friedlander@calatl.com

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**From:** Patricia Lins <patricia.lins@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 7:20 PM  
**To:** Weinstein, Jon  
**Cc:** AKittleman@howardcountymd.g; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Written Testemony for Council Bill 61

Ellicott City, September, 23 rd, 2017

To Whom it may concern,

I am a U.S. citizen and a resident of Howard County. Recently, the ongoing school redistricting process brought chaos in mine community. I'm worried that if the county doesn't do a better job controlling and planning for development the schools will be forced to redistrict again in 2-3 years.

Therefore, I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

- School capacity limits - INCLUDING high schools - to be set at 100%. Schools are closed to new development at that level.
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- APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.

Sincerely,

Patricia Silva  
8603 Manahan Drive  
Ellicott City, MD, 21043



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**From:** Jennifer Wilson <info@actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 11:52 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Adopt HCPSS BOE APFO Amendments

Council Members ,

Please adopt the HCPSS Board of Education suggested amendments to the county's APFO regulations. These amendments will ensure that our students receive the individualized instruction and classroom space they deserve.

Jennifer Wilson  
Jenanwil@gmail.com  
10813 Henley Ct  
Columbia, Maryland 21044

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**From:** Cindy Zhao <4chsinfo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 9:48 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR COUNCIL BILL 61

I am a resident of Howard County for 18 years.

In Spring 1999, I moved to Howard County. The beginning of 10 years, my commuter was to Silver Spring, the congested road spot on 29 was right around route 650 - outside Howard County.

Today, the congestion of route 29 in Howard County is close to Beltway. And NOT just road, all other facilities as well. i.e. for my family, we have found that it's difficult to find public tennis courts available often. So many times, we have to spend an hour to check out each nearby tennis court, and then ended up outside Howard County.

I am concerned that the direction we have been, the diminish of our quality of life.

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Cindy Zhao

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Ellicott City, MD 21042

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**From:** Sarika Hirose <sarika.hirose@gmx.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 12:21 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB61-2017 is for the public. Please fix the APFO

CB61-2017

I am Sarika Hirose in Ellicott City. I request the County Council fix the Adequate Public Facilities Act to align with the public's needs. The current version is aligned with developers needs due to too many contributions to the county executive and some council members. This was given to me. It is public information and the cause of my concern. Mr. Kittleman had donations over the limit from a developer who has felony criminal charges for financial crimes. His last name is Jaffe and his first name is sometimes S and sometimes Bruce. Donations to Committee to Elect Allan Kittleman for filing years 2016 and 2017 amount to at least \$35,500 from developer S. Bruce Jaffe and his companies even though the legal donation limit to a political campaign in Maryland is \$6000 per entity per 4-year election cycle. The current cycle is January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2018. Donations from companies located at Mr. Jaffe's headquarters at 8600 Snowden River Parkway, Suite 207, Columbia, MD 21045:

2017 filing year

\$1,000 from Stein Properties, Inc. on 4/21/2016  
\$2,500 from Oak Run I Limited Partnership on 12/14/2016  
\$4000 from Chapeldale Properties, LLC on 10/26/2016  
\$3000 from USF Facilities Services, LLC on 10/26/2016  
\$3000 from TSC/Marriottsville LLC on 10/26/2016

2016 filing year

\$5000 from The Sanford Companies, Inc., 1/4/2016  
\$5000 from Red Branch Warehouse Assoc, Lp. 1/4/2016  
\$6000 from Sanford B. Jaffe on 7/24/2015  
\$6000 from F & S Associates LP on 4/1/2015

All donations from Mr. Jaffe himself and all donations from companies of 80% ownership of his are one entity under Maryland's election law and must not be more than \$6000 in a four year cycle. TSC/Marriottsville LLC is 100% owned by The Jaffe Family Trust. How much is Mr. Jaffe's percent?

Two donor companies at 8600 Snowden River Parkway, Suite 207, had forfeited the right to conduct business in Maryland PRIOR to writing checks to Allan Kittleman's election campaign.

<https://egov.maryland.gov/BusinessExpress/EntitySearch>

These two companies are:

Stein Properties, Inc.,

--- forfeited in 2015 for "failure to file a property return"

--- In 2016 donated \$1000 to The campaign to Elect Allan Kittleman.

USF Facilities Services

--- forfeited in 2014 for "failure to file a property return"

---In 2016 donated \$3000 to The campaign to Elect Allan Kittleman.

This is too much money from the same person. He is buying away our rights! And this is allowed!!!!??? Council members, please request the county council fix the Adequate Public Facilities Act to align with the public's needs. The current version is aligned with developers needs due to too many contributions to the county executive. I request a fix to this.

Sarika

Thank you for your consideration,

-Vlad Patrangenaru

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**From:** Vlad Patrangenaru <vpatrang@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 12:44 PM  
**To:** Weinstein, Jon; Ball, Calvin B; Terrasa, Jen; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Fox, Greg; CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Written Testimony for Council Bill 61

Dear Council Members,

My name is Vlad Patrangenaru of 4053 Pebble Branch Rd., Ellicott City, MD 21042. I have been following the debate about Council Bill 61 closely over the few months, and wanted to add my voice on record in regards to the contents of this bill:

My wife and I are recent first-time home buyers with two small children. Like many others have mentioned in their testimonies, we made a decision to plant roots in Howard County largely because of the quality of the schools. We consciously paid a large premium for our home so that our children can live in a diverse community and have access to a world-class education.

We made an investment in Howard County and the community it represents that transcends a financial transaction - purchasing a home and settling down here it is an investment into our kids future and their well-being, and there is no investment more important for us!

With that said, the council does not appear to recognize how critical the outstanding reputation of the HCPSS is to the overall appeal of the county, or at least is not willing to prioritize investing in maintaining this reputation. As a county, we are very fortunate to have strong tax base that comes in part from property taxes of sought-after homes, and from being a community with a large portion of prosperous residents. As we continue defer making the necessary investments to ensure schools are not overcrowded, and delay adding new schools and expanding existing ones for as long as possible, our education quality suffers. This will show up more and more in our test scores and overall student performance, at which point home valuations will begin to drop, tax valuations will soon follow, and we will find ourselves in a full-fledged downward spiral. This pessimistic scenario is, I'm afraid all too plausible to ignore. Even developers stand to suffer in the long run if we allow this scenario to unfold.

I have heard multiple council members mention our real problem is an imbalance in our utilization, and that we have schools in the west that are being under-utilized. To this I say the following: If we were to perfectly balance all of our High Schools county wide they would all be at 111% utilization in 2022 with current projections, and this is the earliest we could possibly have another HS come online. **This is why we need an APFO HS test.** In reality, there will be multiple schools that will exceed 120% at that time, regardless of any redistricting scheme, as busing children around can only get you so far ... This goes beyond quality of education and starts to encroach on questioning safety standards are adequate at these grossly overburdened schools.

Wouldn't it be wiser to make the sure proper incentives are in place such that development happens primarily in areas that have the existing infrastructure in place to support it? A strong APFO (**fees substantially increase at 95% to account for the marginal cost of each additional student, and construction delayed while a tested school is above 105% for up to 7 years from the initial application**) would concentrate development to those areas, all while providing incentives for the politicians and developers alike to find the funds necessary to build and expand schools so that school overcrowding will stop being a chronic stain on what otherwise appears to be a well-managed Howard County.

Raj Kathuria  
8398 Governor Run  
Ellicott City, MD. 21043

Testimony for CB61-2017 & CB62-2017

For past few months I have been meeting resident of our County, attending all the County Council's Public hearings on APFO, attended AAC meetings and much more!  
It has become apparent to me that all the major issues in the county like overcrowded schools, inadequate public facilities - massive traffic on 29/40/70/100, flooding / storm water issues, they all point directly to 5 people that are known as our County Council!

It is County Council's authority & responsibility to approve any rezoning / new development within the County. Our Council have failed in their tasks by approving multiple projects with as high as 2400 residential units without any consideration of the impact on our existing facilities.

Here's what I believe is needed for the County to move forward:

1. Immediately build 2 High Schools in the County HS #13 already initiated, but we should also talk about HS #14.
2. Accept the School Board recommendation and make APFO stronger by:
  - (a) Adding High School to Capacity Testing
  - (b) Reducing open / close capacity to the number recommended by BOE.Please see Page 45 & 46 of **09 07 2017 APFO Legislation BR.pdf for the latest proposed amendments.**
3. Should bring impact fees in-line with the neighboring Counties.
4. Should add Police, Fire & rescue, Hospital, Roads & Bridges and other essential services to the APFO.
5. Find out how many schools have been using "Temporary Classrooms" for over 5 Years.  
This would mean that we need a permanent solution for those classrooms.
  - Consider adding permanent classes to these schools if there is room to build an addition to those Buildings.
  - Quickly add new MES & ES that are on the books to be added.
6. Get better, correct, and current data. It is widely known that the Data used at present is flawed or old data.
7. Council need to stop approving all haphazard development & demand smart and thoughtful development projects from the developers.
8. Redistricting is inevitable!

We need to have a thoughtful & smart way of redistricting with minimal impact on our Students, Parents & the Community.

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Rajneesh Kathuria <rajkathuria@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 12:58 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Testimony for CB61-2017 & CB 62-2017  
**Attachments:** Testimony for recomendations cb61-cb62.pdf

Please see the attached testimony!

Regards,

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Raj Kathuria

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Cindy Vaillancourt



Dr. Martirano's departure from West Virginia was well known to folks in HoCo and education in Maryland. Many of the Board Members had either met or heard of Dr. Martirano in the past. His qualifications are extensive, his HCPSS and HoCo roots and experience, and his references all fit our immediate needs. As far as I know, he is not related to anyone within HCPSS or the Board.

I can tell you that I attended a seminar at Marriotts Ridge High School several weeks before the departure of the now former superintendent where Dr. Martirano was coincidentally the keynote speaker. I was very impressed. I shared that experience with my colleagues. Others were also contacted and considered. If they choose to come forward to identify themselves, that is their prerogative. Others also contacted various Board Members offering their services. The Board did not conduct a search or make any offers prior to concluding the negotiations with the former superintendent.

When the separation agreement was finalized and we were free to speak to potential candidates, on behalf of the Board I called the candidates we had discussed.

On the morning of May 2, I called Dr. Martirano and asked if he would be available to come to Ellicott City to discuss the possibility of becoming the interim Superintendent. He agreed and met with the Board that afternoon.

In a closed meeting May 2, the Board voted to offer Dr. Martirano the position of "acting" superintendent while it evaluated the options and process available to choose an "Interim Superintendent" within the timeline required by the Statute. The Board signed a contract with Dr. Martirano for the immediate position of "Acting" Superintendent at the next Board Meeting, which I believe was May 4.

The Board then considered the options for conducting a search for an "Interim Superintendent" with a term that would be required to run from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. After considering all the factors involved, we determined that the most reasonable course of action was to offer Dr. Martirano the one year Interim position, and direct our resources and attention to the process that will begin in the Fall to search for a "permanent" Superintendent whom we will be required to give a four year contract.

The Board and Dr. Martirano concluded negotiations and signed a one year contract at the June 22, 2017 Board meeting. The contract that was signed has been made available to the public, and to you, I believe. All the details of the compensation and terms of his employment are included.

You have also suggested that there were public funds used to pay the personal expenses of Board Members relative to the lawsuit filed against us in our individual capacities by the now former superintendent. This is an interesting take on the situation, but inaccurate.

Individual Board Members have immunity from these kinds of lawsuits, and never should have been included in their individual capacities. The Board Members in their individual capacities had already been dropped from the lawsuit prior to the separation agreement. That is a matter of public record. Sadly public money was used to defend the Board and the Board Members in the lawsuit that was brought against us. It was a terrible waste of resources. There are no "receipts". The costs incurred by the Board of Education for the totality of the litigation and other actions taken by the now former superintendent are public record. I don't know if there is a separate accounting for the expenses that can be attributed solely to resolving the matter of individual board members being immune from this kind of litigation.

Finally, this board and this Board Member (me) have tried to be responsive to your emails and MPIA requests, and provide answers to your questions. The HCPSS MPIA Office is absolutely going to be responding to MPIA requests in the spirit, and not just the letter, of the law. However, you frequently combine general information requests with requests for documents. Where there are no documents responsive to your information requests, that means the MPIA Office can't send you any documents. Where you have general information questions, I am happy, as the Board Chair or as an individual Board Member, to try to provide the information you seek.... even where it doesn't fall strictly under the MPIA.

It is clear you are frustrated with how this all unfolded. I dare say the rest of the Board and I might actually have found this whole process somewhat more frustrating over the past several months. I will continue to do my best to respond to your requests for information. I am also confident that the new administration will also do its' best to be responsive to your requests. Please feel free to continue to copy me on anything you send to the MPIA office. If I can figure out what you are looking for, I will be happy to try to help.

Sincerely,

Friday, July 21, 2017 at 12:20:38 PM Eastern Daylight Time

**Subject:** FW: [BoE Email] - PIA request

**Date:** Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 12:27:24 PM Eastern Daylight Time

**From:** Cynthia Vaillancourt

**To:** Michael Martirano, Karalee Turner-Little

**CC:** akittleman@howardcountymd.gov

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**From:** Cynthia Vaillancourt

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 05, 2017 10:15 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Kathleen V. Hanks; Mark Blom; Joan R. Fox; Bess Altwerger; Christina Delmont-Small; Christine O'Connor; Cynthia Vaillancourt; Kirsten Coombs; Mavis Ellis; Sandra French

**Subject:** FW: [BoE Email] - PIA request

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**From:** [REDACTED] ]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 1:12 AM

**To:** BoE Email; Howard Public Education List; Superintendent; akittleman@howardcountymd.gov; Kathleen V. Hanks; Student Board Member; Linda T. Wise; HCPSS MPIA Requests; [REDACTED]; Joan R. Fox; Cynthia Vaillancourt; office@ptachc.org; Kirsten Coombs

**Subject:** [BoE Email] - PIA request

Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

I have been following your correspondence with the new MPIA officer. It appears to me she has been trying to provide you with the documents that you have requested, at least to the extent that they actually exist.

The MPIA generally involves documents. Your correspondence, however contains questions that do not necessarily have corresponding documents. I hope it is OK with you if I try to provide answers to the questions that appear to remain. I know there are folks in the community who do not follow every move of the Board of Education or the HCPSS who are also interested in the answers to these questions. We have tried to put this information out, but perhaps this will help fill the holes you have identified.

Specifically, you have questions about the Separation Agreement with the former Superintendent. This document has been shared with a number of people, yourself included. It includes the specifics of the payments, how they were determined and the schedule under which they will be receive. You also have questions about how these payments will be funded.

The separation agreement with the former superintendent includes payments that will be made over the next three years. The initial sums that were paid came from the budget and additional funding provided by the County Executive. As you no doubt recall, there were sums slated to be transferred to the fixed charges category to pay down the deficit in that category. Those amounts were reduced in order to keep sufficient funds in the salaries category to fund the initial payout. All fy 2017 expenses were paid out of the fy 2017 budget. All future costs involved are included, or will be included, in the approved budget for the appropriate year.

You have also asked about how the interim Superintendent was identified, and the timeline of the Board of Education's activities around searching for an interim replacement for the now former superintendent. You suggest that there was a secret process over a period of time. That is not the case.

I believe most of the Board Members had been on the lookout for a suitable replacement for the superintendent in the event there would be a parting of the ways. I know I was. There was no search. When the now former superintendent's departure was imminent, one of the considerations of the board was whether we would be able to find a suitable replacement for the interim period while we conduct a complete search. We considered internal candidates, and others with experience within HCPSS who would be able to step in, get up to speed quickly, and were fully qualified with superintendent experience.

perhaps the situation is so close to us that many residents and leaders did not think to question it; it seemed okay. We can't fix systemic injustice this way. I very much appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Kristine Lockwood  
Columbia, Maryland

Furthermore, in hiring Dr. Martirano, the interim superintendent, the HCPSS illegally avoided compliance with equal opportunity employment laws. Regardless of their excuses and denial, each board member is fully aware of this. I hear them conveniently using the term "equity" a lot: that term seems to get them carte blanche support for their not-very-transparent redistricting plans. The reality is a very inequitable situation.

Dr. Martirano is most recently from West Virginia and then St. Mary's County before that.

West Virginia is 95% white.

St. Mary's County is more diverse, but not so much that he's had experiences that qualify him to mass redistrict Howard County.

Adequate leadership affects overcrowding just as much as adequate facilities.

Dr. Martirano's actions show the opposite of equitable and adequate leadership. His executive leadership team is 70% male. His planning data for county demographics was flawed, and he still plowed ahead. That's not the picture of equity. Yet, he seems to have voices around the country helping him spread rumors that residents who oppose the plans are racists, although that tactic has not worked as well as he probably would have like because it turned out the people who opposed his redistricting are minorities. So he and his helpers switched to referring to concerned residents as selfish "me" people. I quote from Dr. Martirano's Twitter post:

-- Begin quotation --

**Petty, self-absorbed & "all about me" people don't impress me. Is this ME-centered behavior learned? They are draining. #NotImpressed**

7:37 AM - 17 Sep 2017

-- End quotation --

After he tweeted that statement, I heard versions of it parroted to concerned residents as if residents are not allowed to have feelings about their deep roots in their established school communities.

It's not okay that the board of education excluded all women and minorities and other protected classes from the application opportunity for the interim superintendent position and instead searched exclusively within their own network, which is a majority white network ( <https://goo.gl/J9y5yb> ) and then as a result brought in a white man from a 95% white district to dictate to our minority communities, our immigrant communities, our FARM communities, and also redraw 50-year Columbia neighborhoods as if he is unaware of Columbia's value as a planned community with distinct neighborhoods carefully designed for multiple types of integration. Those of us who recognize this for what it is and expressed concerns have been treated with hostility.

It's a situation set up for inherent racism and gender bias, and the setup is unnecessary because HCPSS has more than enough highly skilled, thoughtful administrators who understand and appreciate the community and its neighborhoods. Any one of them could have filled in during a long-term search for a permanent superintendent.

Adequate leadership matters just as much as adequate facilities. Please adjust APFO, and then address the leadership problem. Right now, I feel as if so many in our community rightfully address racism and misogyny and racial and gender bias when it happens somewhere else, and that's great, but I really need leaders to address it when it happens here too instead of allowing the hostility to fall on the backs of the few of us willing to voice our concerns. Perhaps it looks normal,

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Kristie L <kristielockwood@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 3:13 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Re: APFO  
**Attachments:** BOE Email 070517 REDACTED (1).pdf

Corrected link: <https://goo.gl/Ra7rqd>

I have also attached the document to this email.

On Mon, Sep 25, 2017 at 2:58 PM, Kristie L <kristielockwood@gmail.com> wrote:

From: Kristine Lockwood

Columbia, Maryland

To: Howard County Council

Dear Howard County Council Members:

Please consider my testimony as you work on APFO today.

APFO should be designed so that schools stay under 100% capacity. Even at the under-enrolled schools, hallway crowding is a frequent complaint, adding stress to students' school day.

To address some details and a larger issue:

I do not oppose portable classrooms, although I do object to portables used inappropriately. Parents and students have cited a lack of bathrooms in portable classrooms. Perhaps APFO could require bathrooms in all portables used as classrooms. Lack of safe passage to and from the main school building is another concern. Yet, construction of a hallway passage is a practical solution.

I would also be in favor of APFO requiring HCPSS to offer open enrollment options at any school with less than a given capacity, such as 97%, and priority could go to students assigned to overcrowded schools.

Our current school leaders have many options available to reduce some overcrowding. Instead, the current BOE and interim superintendent have used overcrowding as an excuse to force their ideas onto the community without truly working with community members. When the board initially requested applications for the public to join the AAC, the board advertised it as adjusting elementary school boundaries, and the BOE never once attempted to correct that notion even as they were completing the feasibility study and knew they were misleading the public by not correcting the misinformation. Perhaps some AAC members would still have wanted to apply, and perhaps others would have not applied if they had known the scope of the task. Similarly, the board's misinformation denied opportunities to residents who would have wanted to submit an AAC application if they had known the true scope. It saddens me to see how this lack of transparency has negatively impacted the community.

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** stukohn@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2017 3:08 PM  
**To:** howard-citizen@yahooogroups.com; CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan; Wilson, B Diane  
**Subject:** Some Encouragement Regarding APFO

FYI

There maybe some hope based on the County Council's Work Session held yesterday regarding the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance, APFO Bill - CB61-2017. Councilman Calvin Ball, much to his credit, invited Steven Snelgrove, President of Howard County General Hospital and his staff to discuss the concern that the Hospital should perhaps be a part of APFO as a measurement for future residential growth in the County. We were undoubtedly encouraged that the conversation was even introduced as it is an important piece of potentially ensuring we have thoroughly analyzed our infrastructure to determine future development.

As you know the Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA has for many years been advocating that quality of life issues regarding categories such as Hospital, Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Services, etc. to be a part of the APFO. These categories of concern would be used to analyze if a proposed development is warranted for a given area. We testified to this on 17 July which can be found on our website at <http://howardcountyhcca.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/HCCA-APFO-Testimony-to-Council-17Jul2017.pdf>. We also produced a report a few years ago which further provides recommendations titled, "Howard County APFO Needs Review and Action for our Future" which can be found at <http://howardcountyhcca.org/apfo/>.

Mr. Snelgrove did state that he has major concerns with the influx of our population growth, the increase of our aging population, not enough personnel, not enough inpatient beds, and the impact of the downsizing of Laurel Regional Hospital. These are concerns that must be taken into consideration when our decision makers assess approval of development. The question is what has precedence -- the economy or quality of life issues?

The Work Session is to be continued to discuss other areas where APFO should be considered as part of the package. The date for this meeting has not been established as of yet.

All one has to do is see <http://planning.maryland.gov/PDF/YourPart/773/20130325/AdequatePublicFacilitiesDraftReport032513.pdf> and refer to page 9, "Counties with APFOs in Maryland." When reviewing this Table the question arises is why is Howard County not as inclusive in APFO categories as compared to other neighboring Counties?

Hopefully the APFO Work Session with the Council's discussions will indeed lead to not just rhetoric, but action we can really say Thank You for not only listening, but taking the necessary action for the betterment of our future.

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn  
HCCA, President

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Kirsten Coombs <Kirsten\_Coombs@hcpss.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Board & Student Member; Mark Blom; Danielle Lueking; Karalee Turner-Little  
**Subject:** APFO Legislation

Council Members,

Thank you for your time & attention at Monday's work session. We are discussing updates to the proposal that we originally submitted. Is it possible to grant us a delay?

Thank you,  
Kirsten

**Regards,**

**Kirsten Coombs**