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**From:** ome <pjfarragut@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2018 9:08 AM  
**To:** cball@howardcountymd.gov; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Fox, Greg; Terrasa, Jen; Weinstein, Jon  
**Subject:** Proposed salaries for County Council and County Executive

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Howard County Council members,

I read that the Compensation Review Commission has recommended that County Council salaries be increased to \$80,000 for members elected during the next election cycle. I do not agree with this recommendation. I strongly believe that the County Council position should be viewed as a part-time job so we continue to have citizen representatives that serve not because of salary but because of their desire to improve our community and serve the public. I know from personal experience that if one has a full time job, there are many challenges in sometimes working 80 hours in a week. However a number of people who served on the Council met this challenge. The fact that Council members have a professional assistant along with other Council support staff make the task manageable.

I think the new salaries for Council members and the County Executive should reflect the current rate of inflation of slightly more than 2% per year, so over the four year term, the salary should increase 8 to 10%. I believe the public would view this increase as reasonable and justifiable.

Thank You

Paul Farragut

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Stu Kohn <stukohn@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 04, 2018 4:28 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan; Wilson, B Diane; howard-citizen@yahoogroups.com  
**Subject:** Super Bowl Monday -- Council's Legislative Hearing - 5 Feb 2018

All,

Tomorrow, 5 Feb at 7PM could be considered the Howard County Legislative Super Bowl for our decision makers – the County Council. They will be voting on several important Bills and Resolutions which will undoubtedly have a major impact regarding our future. See <https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/olis/PendingLegislation.aspx>. These are CB1 thru CB4 and CR10. They represent the Adequate Public Facilities (APFO) revisions, proposed Salary increases for the County Council, and County Council Procedural Changes, in particular eliminating Groups from testifying for 5 minutes. The Howard County Citizens Association (HCCA) sent written testimony to the Council on these Bills. See <http://howardcountyhcca.org/member-info/reports-documents-and-testimonies/>.

HCCA has been very involved in APFO for many years in an attempt to make it much stronger. One of these areas is Quality of Life. We would like to ensure that development does not outpace the ever increasing need of adequate Health (Hospital), Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). To this end, Councilperson, Jen Terrasa is introducing **Amendment 8** to try and have her Council colleagues approve a very worthwhile endeavor. Go to <https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/olis/LegislationDetail.aspx?LegislationID=2955>. At the first go around Councilpersons Terrasa and Ball sponsored a similar Amendment, but their attempt was unfortunately defeated 3 to 2. We are very appreciative they made the attempt. This was the first time after all these years our decision makers not only listened but took action. THANK YOU!

We fully support the increase of salaries for both County Council Members and the County Executive regarding CB3 and 4 respectively. In both 2010 and 2014 we went before the Compensation Review Commission to advocate for salary increases for both entities.

I am pleased to announce that we are working with the Councilperson Terrasa to ensure that the 5 minute rule for Groups is not eliminated. See **Amendment 2** introduced by Councilpersons Jen Terrasa and Greg Fox. Please see <https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/olis/LegislationDetail.aspx?LegislationID=2973>. We want to THANK BOTH for having the insight to realize the importance of Group testimony and what it brings to the table.

We cannot afford to commit any fumbles, because it would be difficult to recover on such important legislation. Hopefully, the Council's decisions tomorrow will bring a Super Legislative Bowl so the citizens will all be winners and extremely proud.

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn  
HCCA, President

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Christine Lemyze <clemlyze@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 03, 2018 4:04 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Fwd: Council Bills 3-2018 and 4-2018

Resending as I didn't get a response to my prior email. I also wanted to include my address: 3861 Woodville Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042. Thank you.

Christine Lemyze

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Christine Lemyze <[clemlyze@hotmail.com](mailto:clemlyze@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Council Bills 3-2018 and 4-2018  
**Date:** January 17, 2018 at 5:47:45 PM EST  
**To:** [jweinstein@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jweinstein@howardcountymd.gov)  
**Cc:** [StuKohn@thehcca.com](mailto:StuKohn@thehcca.com)

Dear Mr. Weinstein,

I am a resident of Ellicott City District 1. I attended the Howard County Government public hearing yesterday evening and after doing some research on the proposed bills CB 3 and 4, I wanted to:  
1/ Ask you to vote IN FAVOR of a pay increase for council members. The current compensation of council members is not in line with neighboring counties such as Baltimore or Montgomery. I also support the proposal from the Howard County Citizen's Association to make the role a full-time position.

2/ However, I am AGAINST raising the salary of the county executive (who himself said he was not in favor). I believe his current compensation to be adequate; the proposed increase would make the Howard County executive the highest paid in the state, and there is absolutely no rationale for this.

Thank you.

Christine Lemyze