

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** xiaomin lin <xiaominlin@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 23, 2018 4:19 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CR 23

Dear Councilman/woman,

My name is Xiaomin Lin and I have a son who graduated from Cedar Lane School last year and has been in a DDA-funded day care program since last July. I am excited that you are taking up the issue of whether there is adequate services for disabled people in Howard County.

Our son was at Cedar Lane School since 5 years old. Special education is wonderful in Howard County, not to say no problem at all. But the services for adult or transition youth with severe disabilities are really at the opposite spectrum. There is almost no agency in Howard County whose program takes in people with severe disabilities, who can't work at all. Agencies who does are at full capacity. I think the county should provide certain incentives to the care agencies to get them to establish a site in Howard County. One of the studies you can do is a survey of Cedar Lane graduates, and you will find how high the percentage is of graduates who have to go to other counties for day programs.

Again, I am grateful you are taking up this issue. Please contact me if I can be of any help.

Best Regards,

Xiaomin Lin

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Feldmark, Jessica  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 3:10 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin B; Calvin Ball (philosopherpoet2@yahoo.com); CouncilmanJon@gmail.com; Fox, Greg; Greg Fox (Greg.Fox@Constellation.com); Weinstein, Jon; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Terrasa, Jen  
**Cc:** Sayers, Margery; Wimberly, Theo  
**Subject:** FW: Testimony in Support of Resolution 23-2018  
**Attachments:** Resolution23.HHPCorp.docx

Fyi, please see attached testimony on CR23-2018.

Thanks,  
Jess

**From:** Grace Morris [mailto:gmorris@hhpcorp.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 2:28 PM  
**To:** Feldmark, Jessica <jfeldmark@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Resolution 23-2018

Hi Jessica

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend. Too bad we didn't get this weather!

Please find attached my testimony supporting Reoslution 23 as introduced by Ms. Terresa and Dr. Ball.

I am unable to attend the Council meeting this evening.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Grace Morris*

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-2018

My name is Grace Morris. I live at 5980 Avalon Drive in Elkridge, MD.

I am the Executive Director of Heritage Housing Partners Corporation (HHP Corp). HHP Corp. owns and manages affordable housing in Howard County primarily for seniors and persons with disabilities.

HHP Corp works in partnership with organizations such as the Arc, Humanim and Adaptive Living and others in providing affordable housing and services to nearly 100 residents in Howard County who are disabled.

We strongly support Resolution 23 - 2018 and we thank Dr. Ball and Ms. Terrasa for introducing this legislation on behalf of persons with physical disabilities. This population will continue to grow as the County ages. So, it is extremely important for the County to consider how these many issues impact our residents with disabilities and their **ability** to work, live and enjoy Howard County.

The unmet need for affordable, **accessible**, housing for those with disabilities and the many challenges faced by this population in attempting to utilize the public transportation system, I believe, are already well known to this Council.

Providing an opportunity to focus attention and planning and hopefully resources on these issues is much needed and long overdue. HHP Corp stands ready to support the Commission with their efforts.

We respectfully request that you support Resolution 23. We thank you for your time.

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