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Subject: MBIA CR83 Testimony of Concern - Please Re-format Chart to Adhere to CB1 Before Passage
Attachments: BUILDING INDUSTRY CR83 TESTIMONY IN CONCERN.pdf; Amended School Chart Format Per CB1-2018.pdf

Dear Chairwoman Sigaty and Members of the Howard County Council,

The Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA), representing over 1,000 business members and 100,000 employees in Howard County and across the State, writes in concern with CR83 – the School Capacity Chart required by the County’s Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance. It is the belief of MBIA, the School Capacity Chart presently before the County Council does not meet the definition of “School Capacity Chart” adopted in CB-1-2018 and should be amended for accuracy, transparency and strict adherence to CB1 before passage. Specifically, the chart does not include the two (2) years of projections following adoption of this chart as required by CB1.

Please find attached a recommended example of the 2018 School Capacity Chart using data from the BOE Report attached to CR83’s webpage, which adds the missing columns for 2019-20 and 2020-21. This change would not impact, in any way, whether a project passes or fails the schools test, but it will increase accuracy and transparency to the Chart.

In the interests of accuracy, transparency and strict adherence to CB1, the MBIA asks the County Council to amend CR83 to include current projections for 2019-20 and 2020-21.

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

Best regards,

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Re: BUILDING INDUSTRY CR83 TESTIMONY IN CONCERN

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Specifically, the definition of School Capacity Chart contained in CB-1-2018 states:

SCHOOL CAPACITY CHART MEANS A CHART INDICATING WHICH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REGIONS AND WHICH ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOLS ARE OPEN TO NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND WHICH ARE CONSTRAINED TO NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TEN YEARS.

In the context of CB-1, “*the following ten years*” refers to the ten years following adoption of the School Capacity Chart. The Chart presently before the County Council includes ten (10) years of projections beginning in the 2021-22 year, the APFO testing year (“Scheduled Completion Year”). MBIA believes CB1 requires the chart to include ten (10) years of projections beginning after the adoption year, in this case, 2019-20. While this change in format does not impact, in any way, the results of an APFO test for schools (passing or failing), the projections for the two years immediately following adoption of the Chart include potentially useful information about exact year-to-year changes in student enrollment. Specifically, transparency regarding projections in these two (2) years, will help the County and the School System better gauge how accurately the projections reflect actual student enrollments.

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