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From: tinatakovich@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 10:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Tax elimination for the poor

I am in favor for the elimination of taxes for the poor,
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From: Carolyn Stallings <castallings@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2018 11:40 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB55

We live in a mobile home park in Howard County and we would appreciate it very much if you could do away with the tax that is charged every month. We just recently had to file bankruptcy because of our bills and having to move my mom into assisted living and having to pay for that also has taken its toll over the past couple years. Thank you very much

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From: louannp@aol.com
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2018 10:17 AM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Cc: Kittleman, Allan; CouncilMail
Subject: CB 55 Elimination of Mobile Home Site Rental Tax

Dear Council Chairperson Sigaty,

RE: CB 55-2018 - Elimination of Mobile Home Site Rental Tax

I noticed in the Howard County Times that you indicated you wanted to hear testimony at the public hearing before making a decision on the tax repeal.

Unfortunately, I did not take the initiative to present the case of my neighbor due to my unease in speaking before an audience and I apologize for the lateness of this email. I saw my neighbor at the grocery store where she works Sunday prior to the Monday (July 16) hearing. I asked her if she had called or emailed her support for CB 55. She said she hadn't because she had not been feeling well. When I asked what was wrong she mentioned the type of ailment she had and that her legs were on fire at that very moment. She indicated that when she got home from work many times her legs hurt so badly she could hardly stand up to slice a tomato for a dinner sandwich and she had to move around the kitchen holding onto things. Asked if she took medication, she said she can only get it renewed so often because of her deductible. This is a senior who was unexpectedly let go from an office position she held for over 20 years and she still has to work to pay her bills. These are the situations that some resident's face.

The increase in our lot rent this year more than doubled every previous increase we've had. When the rent goes up so does the Site Tax. There are no rent controls, so we are at the mercy of what the park owners want to charge.

When people compare our "lower" lot rents to apartment rents, it is important to understand that people living in mobile homes, unlike people living in apartments, are responsible for paying for all upkeep, including new roofs, windows and doors; deck and/or porch staining, painting or replacing; replacing heating/ac units; replacing all major appliances (stoves, washers, dryers, refrigerators, water heaters, etc.); power washing homes; the upkeep of our yards (mowing, trimming, mulching, etc.) and generally the type of repairs any home owner pays for.

I live near Guilford Park and have noticed a number of improvements there over the past several years: re-paving the pathway, which in my estimation since I walk there all the time did not need it; new fencing around the basketball court; cutting down several large trees to improve the condition of the ball field; replacing some wood on the dock; repairing some curbing. And, just last week, painting the seldom used tennis court, which was black, with brilliant green and blue paint. While this can understandably be considered for the "common good," it can also be waved against helping others who struggle to meet their bills.

I do hope we can count on your support for passing CB 55-2018. Thank you for your time.

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