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**From:** stukohn@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 26, 2018 11:28 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; howard-citizen@yahoogroups.com  
**Subject:** Major Decision Day for Council Members  
**Attachments:** HCCA Testimony CB54 - Courthouse.docx; HCCA Testimony CB59-2018 Erickson - PSA Expansion.docx; HCCA Testimony CB56-2018 Ellicott City.docx; HCCA Testimony CB58-2018 Scenic Roads.docx; HCCA Testimony CR119-2018 Amending Water and Sewer.docx

Dear Council and Listserve Members,

Tomorrow, Friday, 27 July will play a major part in each of the Councilmembers legacy. They will be voting on several all-important Bills and a Resolution that will forever have a major impact on our County for years. These Bills are CB54 – the Courthouse, CB59 – the expansion of the Planned Service Area (PSA), CB56 – Moratorium for Mitigation for Ellicott City, CB58 – Scenic Roads legislation, and CR119 – Amending the Water and Sewer line.

Please refer to the attachments which is our Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA testimony presented to the County Council during two nights. The Council we only hope will consider the very compelling testimony which was heard on these Bills and Resolution. We believe the Council should vote as follows:

**CB54 – *Table*** until such time all the facts have completely been answered especially the financing and the contract arrangements. If true -- we do not understand why two losing bidders will each receive \$500,000?

**CB59 – Vote *No or let the Bill Expire*.** The New Council should be completely in charge of this decision. We don't for the life of us understand the explanation of the Office of Law that this is a "Planning" issue not a "Zoning" issue. The content of the Bill states otherwise. Under the HC Code of Ordinances, Title 16, Section 16.211 the Council is not permitted to act on Zoning matters after the Primary.

**CB56 – Vote *Yes with recommended amendments*.** This Bill should have occurred two years ago when Councilman Weinstein introduced it, but unfortunately none of his colleagues supported him. Now they are which is appreciated.

**CB58 – Vote *Yes with amendments*.** Something needs to be done to save some land and potentially make things safer.

**CR119 –** Despite the fact Administrative rules were completely ignored the Council should vote *Yes* because of declared Health hazards.

You can go to our website at <http://howardcountyhcca.org/member-info/reports-documents-and-testimonies/> to see our testimonies. Not all of the aforementioned Bills and Resolution have been posted on our site but will be soon.

Hopefully the Council will make the right decisions at their Legislative Hearing starting at 10AM at the George Howard Building.

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn  
HCCA, President

Date: 23 July 2018

Subject: HCCA Testimony CR119-2018

My name is Stu Kohn and I am the HCCA President testifying against this Resolution.

We are against this proposal on the grounds of general principle. CR119 was not Pre-filed as required or Late-filed. Under the rules regarding Pre-Filed Legislation as you all know it states on the County Council website that items are to be Pre-filed 11 calendar days before that legislative session. During these 11 days, you will be able to view Pre-filed legislation listed on this page. Once the legislation is introduced, it is considered "current legislation." The problem is that your constituents did not have the opportunity to view this particular proposed legislation. This is simply not right as it fails the test for transparency and the established administrative rules.

However having stated the aforementioned if the residents surrounding the Church or satisfied with the decision of providing public water and sewer due to the health problem as declared by the Health Department then HCCA would relinquish our opposition to the Resolution.

Thank You,

Stu Kohn  
HCCA, President

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**From:** JOHN SMITH <jdsmith51@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 26, 2018 12:31 PM  
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**Subject:** Council bills 54, 59, 56,58, CR119

To: Howard County Council  
From: JD Smith  
Date: July 26, 2018  
Re: Council Bills 54, 59, 56, 58 and CR119

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**Dear Council Members:**

**I would like you to take the following actions regarding the subject bills:**

**CB54 – *Table*** until such time all the facts have completely been answered especially the financing and the contract arrangements. If true -- I do not understand why two losing bidders will each receive \$500,000? Too many unanswered questions, the main one being is this the best way of spending taxpayers' money when there are so many other needs that need addressing.

**CB59 – Vote *No or let the Bill Expire*.** The New Council should be completely in charge of this decision. I don't understand the explanation of the Office of Law that this is a "Planning" issue not a "Zoning" issue. The content of the Bill states otherwise. Under the HC Code of Ordinances, Title 16, Section 16.211 the Council is not permitted to act on Zoning matters after the Primary.

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**CR119 –** Despite the fact Administrative rules were completely ignored the Council should vote **Yes** because of declared Health hazards.

Thank you for considering my request.

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