

**Sayers, Margery**

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Here is the testimony I gave at the Public Hearing on September 17, 2018.

Thanks so much.

Chris Alleva

## Your Way- Ode to Howard County Council 2018

Music by: [Claude François](#) and [Jacques Revaux](#), Lyrics by Paul Anka, Pronoun transposition by Chris Alleva

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September 17, 2018 Public Hearing

And now, the end is near

And so you face the final curtain

And to your friends you'll say it clear

You'll state your case, of which your certain

You've lived a life that's full

And traveled each and ev'ry highway

And more, much more than this, you did it your way

Regrets, you've had a few

But then again, too few to mention

You did what you had to do , You saw it through without exemption

You planned each charted course, each careful step along the highway

And more, much more than this, you did it your way

Yes, there were times, I'm sure you knew

When you bit off more than you could chew

And through it all, when there was doubt

you ate it up and spit it out

you faced it all and stood tall and did it your way

For what is a man, what has he got?

If not yourself, then ye has naught

The right to say the things you feel and not the words of one who kneels

The record shows you took the blows and did it your way!

## **Council Bill 70**

Testimony of Jervis Dorton 5963 Gales Lane, Columbia 21045

Madame Chair and Council Members

I am here to testify in support of CB 70.

As an architect and planner, I have testified five times in the last two years at Planning Board Meetings and Hearings. The attendance of the Zoning Council proposed on page 2 “at all Planning Board Hearings on development plans for Downtown Columbia for the purpose of producing evidence and testimony supporting adherence to the Downtown Columbia Plan” is of profound importance. Provisions C and D pertaining to limits on building height and any other adjustments to the Downtown Columbia Plan resonate with me particularly. I am concerned with our built environment ie. the maintenance of the three-dimensional form of Downtown created by the Maximum Building Height Plan, the Street Framework Diagram, and the Primary Amenity Space Framework in the Downtown Columbia Plan and the streetscape and architecture requirements of the Design Guidelines.

I have testified against changes proposed by Howard Hughes and others on five occasions in the last two years without success. The Planning Board simply followed recommendations in DPZ’s and Technical Staff Report. In 2008 and 2009 the County oversaw 9 Public Charretts and 11 Public Meetings, the results of which are reflected in the 2010 Downtown Columbia Plan consequently **NO** change should be entertained without public endorsement being sought via a similarly extensive process, and certainly not simply left to the judgement of DPZ.

I am a design professional, not a lawyer, and find facing the opposition of the Petitioner, DPZ and the Office of Law at Hearings intimidating and exasperating. The support of the Zoning Council will make for more informed testimony on my part and invaluable help in framing replies to cross examination.

Approval of CB 70 will be a giant-step forward in conducting equitable Public Hearings.