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Good Afternoon Council,

My name is Heather Urner, and I live at address: 10212 Hickory Ridge Rd, Apt 203, Columbia MD 21044. As a Howard County Public School Parent, I side with PTACHC in not letting developers pressure allowances. We hold the cards, not them, they should meet with back and forth, not use land to fill their demands. For our next high school on Mission Road, do not let them bully our County to this agreement of extending for 25 years and passes to subsequent property owners. Generally speaking, this agreement and others like this, give the developer 25 years free of APFO restrictions and any alterations to zoning in the area. They would be subject to no Moritorums (such as the currentpause in development in Ellicott City because of flooding in the watershed) and would be free to continue to operate and/or develop the property as they see fit pursuant to the existing Special Exception to operate that they currently have. They put the Board of Education and the you all in a difficult spot because we so desperately want and need a new high school. Also note, that because of the politics of those entities, they may not in a position to speak out against the Agreement. PTACHC does not have the same restrictions. The PTACHC Legislative Committee is recommending that PTACHC take a position in the interests of our children. We are not speaking out against the site choice. That choice has been made. We do feel that the county should not enter into an agreement which gives anyone a position to be free of restrictions related to adequate public facilities, zoning and/or land use moratoriums next to a school. Such agreements are not appropriate for the safety of our children. We want you to continue to pursue acquisition of the said property without these restrictions.

Thank you

Heather Urner

