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From: LISA MARKOVITZ <lmarkovitz@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 12:14 PM
To: HOWARD-CITIZEN@yahoogroups.com
Cc: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Subject: Re: [HOWARD-CITIZEN] HCCA Very Disappointed in Outcome of Scenic Road Bill

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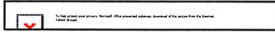
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From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 4:13 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Veto override request

From: Hannah Vogel <hannahevogel@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 8:38 AM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>
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Dear Council Member Jones (and the entire County Council),

Thank you for representing Howard County admirably already in your first months on the Council. Since I first met you, when I was interning with the Brown campaign (I was the college math student back then), I looked forward to your taking a leadership position in the place where I grew up and we both call home.

I'm also pleased with Dr. Ball's leadership as county executive, but I am writing you today to urge you to override his recent veto of a bill to expand the Howard County scenic roads buffer from 35 to 100 feet. I strongly favor the expansion for a variety of reasons, including improving quality of life for people who enjoy the rural character of part of our county. Each year, more development takes over former farmland, leaving fewer places where county residents can find respite from dense development and associated stresses. A healthy county needs both urban and rural land use, and also pleasant routes between them. The expanded buffers would help protect the rural atmosphere of areas that are being converted to suburban tracts. Such balance protects property values as well as reducing stress and protecting historic value and local community integrity.

Even more significantly, Howard County is part of a global community, which needs to act in recognition of two deepening crises: loss of biological diversity, and climate disruption. Mathematically, the difference between a 35 foot buffer and a 100 foot buffer, on scenic roads throughout the county, would be tremendous for both wildlife habitat and carbon sequestration. Removing 65 feet more of trees along every mile of scenic highway, replacing old oaks and wild trillium with lawn grass and driveways would harm our wildlife, our ecosystems, our collective carbon footprint, and our climate resilience. We can no longer accept the careless destruction of forest environments when we need those spaces more than ever. There are solutions to biodiversity loss and climate chaos; all we lack is a political will.

Please take a stand for quality of life today and especially for a thriving future in Howard county and everywhere. Please vote to override Dr. Ball's veto.

Thank you. Sincerely, Hannah Vogel

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From: Jones, Opel
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From: Valerie <valerieleonard@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 1:52 PM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CB11-2019

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Councilman Jones,
I am writing to ask that you OVERRIDE County Executive Ball's veto of CB11-2019. We need to continue to have greenery and scenic drives instead of just developments and wider roads.
Thank you,
Valerie Leonard
5479 Hound Hill Ct.

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