

Sayers, Margery

From: Kathryn Tillman <kbillman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 9:12 PM
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; Ball, Calvin
Subject: Regional Senior Center to be built in East Columbia

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Howard County Executive Calvin Ball
Howard County Council Members

George Howard Building
3430 Courthouse Drive

Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Calvin Ball and Council Members,

I am writing in hopes that you will move ahead on the plans to build a new 50+ Senior Center at the East Columbia Library site. My understanding is that in 2015 a Master Plan was developed to "Create an Age Friendly Community". That Master Plan called for a 35,000 square foot Regional Senior Center to be built in East Columbia to replace the few rooms set aside in 1992. It was adopted in September 2015, FY16. By that plan, it should have been in a brand-new center in FY19. The FY20 proposed capital budget has reneged on this promise. It calls for **design and beginning construction in FY20, construction in FY21 and open in FY22**. The text clearly states that the construction portion of funds for the new 50+ center is in **FY21**.

Unfortunately, it often feels like the east side of Route 29 is neglected and its needs are not fully met - and I say this from a balanced perspective. I lived in the Centennial School District for 28 years, and our children graduated from Centennial High School. While living on the west side of Route 29, I taught for 20 years at Oakland Mills High School, and in 2006, my husband and I moved to the Owen Brown area.

The new Senior Center by Miller Library and the Florence Bain Senior Center offer much to seniors who live in those areas, while the small cluster of rooms at the East Columbia Library devoted to senior activities is woefully inadequate and doesn't meet the needs of seniors living in this area.

I strongly suggest that the original schedule be restored as promised in the FY19 budget with full funding for construction in FY20 and an opening in FY21. I ask that every Council Member urge the County Executive to amend the FY20 budget.

Thank you for your attention on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Tillman
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Sayers, Margery

From: YALE STENZLER <stenzler@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 9:54 AM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Subject: FY 2020 Capital Budget for East Columbia 50+ Center

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Dear County Council Member Rigby,

I have been a resident of Howard County since 1972 and have grown older (now 76) and attend and participate in programs at the East Columbia 50+ Center (now at the East Columbia Library).

We need your support to fund the new and enlarged East Columbia 50+ Center (project CO 335) in the FY 2020 Capital Budget. The design work has been completed and we really need to move this project forward this year.

Delaying the project another year will undoubtedly increase the costs from inflation alone and the potential for added costs for certain supplies and/or equipment.

If it is not possible allocate funds for his entire project, perhaps you could partially fund this project. You could for example approved the award of the contract and allocate the funds needed to meet the cash flow needs for the the upcoming year. Then provide the balance of the funds needed in the FY 2021 capital budget.

This would honor your commitment to the many senior citizens from several of the County Council Districts who utilized the East Columbia 50+ Center and provide the equity of facilities for seniors in Howard County.

Your assistance and commitment to move this important project forward is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Yale Stenzler

Sayers, Margery

From: James Chapple <heatgod@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 2:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Capital project C0335 East Columbia 50+ Center

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Dear County Executive Calvin Ball and Council Members,

I am writing about Capital project C0335, building a new 50+ Senior Center at the East Columbia library site. In 2015 a Master Plan was developed to "Create an Age Friendly Community". That Master Plan called for a 35,000 square foot Regional Senior Center to be built in East Columbia to replace the dinky few rooms set aside in 1992. It was adopted in September 2015, FY16. By that plan, I should have been in a brand-new center in FY19. The plan was simply ignored.

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James Chapple
Columbia Maryland

Sayers, Margery

From: Rigby, Christiana
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 1:55 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: URGENT - YOUR SUPPORT AND APPROVAL NEEDED

From: Jessie Barnes <jsldancer@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 6:02 PM
To: Ball, Calvin <cball@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; djung@howardcountymd.gov; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>
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Calvin Ball, County Executive
George Howard Building
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Ball,

I am writing to express my disappointment and dismay at the omission of construction funds for a new East Columbia 50+ Center (project CO 335) in the FY2020 budget. I have been teaching line dance classes at the center for more than 15 years and we really need a better facility that will accommodate my students.

I understand that the County has concerns about the parking for the site and wants to acquire land for additional parking spots. But, a parking site analysis was done last year and found that the parking lot meets the required number of spaces and that, in fact, there are 24 spaces above the minimum required.

You have acknowledged that seniors are the fastest growing sector of the County population and you have pledged to provide for that population. Delaying the construction will prolong the serious inequity in facilities and services that exist in East Columbia and will hurt seniors, particularly vulnerable seniors who need (and deserve) the planned Connections program.

I urge you to reconsider your decision to delay this project and put full funding at an accelerated schedule in the FY2020 budget. Please don't disappoint us; we need your support and approval.

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Jessie Barnes

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Sayers, Margery

From: Debra Ricigliano <daricigliano@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 3:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: East Columbia 50+ Center funding

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County Council
George Howard Building
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Council,
The Senior population of Howard County is vital and important and makes important contributions on many levels to benefit our County. Therefore, I am writing to express my disappointment and dismay at the omission of construction funds for a new East Columbia 50+ Center (project CO 335) in the FY2020 budget. It is my understanding that the County has concerns about the parking for the site and wants to acquire land for additional parking spots. But, a parking site analysis was done last year and found that the parking lot meets the required number of spaces and that, in fact, there are 24 spaces above the minimum required.

It has been acknowledged that seniors are the fastest growing sector of the County population and you have pledged to provide for that population. Delaying the construction will prolong the serious inequity in facilities and services that exist in East Columbia and will hurt seniors, particularly vulnerable seniors who need (and deserve) the planned Connections program. Seniors who use the East Columbia Senior Center have waited many years for a new center. I urge you to reconsider your decision to delay this project and put full funding at an accelerated schedule in the FY2020 budget. Please don't disappoint us.

Sincerely,
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Sayers, Margery

From: Jonni Gray <jonnimg@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 3:02 PM
To: Ball, Calvin
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: Captial Project CO335, A Senior Center delayed is a Senior Center deinid

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April 26, 2019

Howard County Executive Calvin Ball
Howard County Council Members
George Howard Building
3430 Courthouse Dr.
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Calvin Ball and Council Members,

It is my understanding that Capital Project CO335, building a new 50+ Center at the East Columbia Library site, has been omitted from the FY2020 Budget because of parking concerns. Car ownership is trending down because of ride sharing apps and Tesla projects that it will have a self driving car in two years. When they are not using their cars, Tesla owners will have the option to allow their electric cars to pick up riders and generate income. I currently carpool to classes at the 50+ center out of a desire to reduce atmospheric CO2. Acquiring land and putting down non-permeable pavement is a 20th century solution to a 20th century problem and a waste of taxpayer dollars.

The Master Plan for a East Columbia Regional Senior Center was adopted September 2015, FY16. If the previous administration had not ignored the project we would have a new center in FY19. Because seniors testified at budget meetings, wrote letters and delivered a petition, an amendment including the senior center in the FY19 capital budget was approved. The site adjacent to the East Columbia Library was deemed desirable and an excellent architectural design for that site was created. Unfortunately the FY20 proposed capital budget has delayed the construction portion of the funds for the new senior center until FY21. The delaying and dismissive tactics of the previous administration are apparently being repeated.

I have owned property in Howard County since 1982 and rented for several years before that. I currently pay over \$10,000 in property taxes annually and have paid for classes at the over crowded East Columbia 50+ Center since 2011. I have voted in every election since I turned 21 because I believe it is my responsibility for the privilege of being born in this democracy and because in a democracy it is essential for the people to hold public officials accountable.

I am asking that the County Executive's office amend the FY20 budget to restore full funding for construction in FY20 and opening in FY21. I also ask that every Council Member urge the County Executive to so amend the FY20 budget. **A senior center delayed is a senior center denied.**

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Sayers, Margery

From: leaouzi leaouzi <leaouzi@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 7:48 AM
To: Ball, Calvin B; CouncilMail
Subject: URGENT: 50+ Center (Capital Project C0335)

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Dear County Executive Calvin Ball and Council Members,

I am writing again about Capital project C0335, building a new 50+ Senior Center at the East Columbia library site. It appears as though the FY20 proposed budget has further delayed planning for the new center--which originally was to have been in place in FY19!

In 2015 a Master Plan was developed to "Create an Age Friendly Community". That Master Plan called for a 35,000 square foot Regional Senior Center to be built in East Columbia to replace the dinky few rooms set aside in 1992. It was adopted in September 2015, FY16. That plan would have had me and my senior friends and colleagues in a brand-new center in FY19. The plan was simply ignored.

The FY16, FY17, and FY18 budgets **had funds** for design but no design was undertaken. When the FY19 budget had the same language (4 years of no action), the seniors of East Columbia spoke out loudly in testimony at budget meetings of the County executive and the County Council, wrote letters, and delivered a petition to the County executive asking that full design money be allocated for FY19 with **construction in FY20 and opening in FY21**. Those efforts **led to an amendment to the FY19 capital budget**, which was approved. It had 2 options: if the library site was deemed feasible, we would have the new center **ready for use in FY21**. Otherwise a year of land acquisition would push the opening to FY22.

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The FY20 proposed capital budget has reneged on this promise. It calls for design and beginning construction in FY20, construction in FY21 **and open in FY22**. The text clearly states that the construction portion of funds for the new 50+ center is in **FY21. This is absolutely unacceptable!** The seniors feel ignored and rejected once again. My friends and colleagues have lived East Columbia for decades, paid our taxes, and voted. Seniors do not use many of the resources in Howard County, but we do need 50+ Centers for the growing senior community.

We ask that the original schedule be restored as promised in the FY19 budget **with full funding for construction in FY20 and an opening in FY21**. We are not getting any younger, and we have been waiting for 5 years for this project to move forward. **We would appreciate a response from the County Executive's office**, since an amendment would need to originate in that office. **We ask that every Council Member urge the County Executive to amend the FY20 budget**. Thank you for your attention to this extremely important matter.

Regards.

Jennifer Keefer-Frankfort
Resident of Owen Brown

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Helsel <srhelsel@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 12:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: East Columbia 50+ Center

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Howard County Council Members
George Howard Building
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Council Members,

I am writing to express my disappointment and dismay at the omission of construction funds for a new East Columbia 50+ Center (project CO 335) in the FY2020 budget. It is my understanding that the County has concerns about the parking for the site and wants to acquire land for additional parking spots. But, a parking site analysis was done last year and found that the parking lot meets the required number of spaces and that, in fact, there are 24 spaces above the minimum required.

Seniors who use the East Columbia Senior Center have waited many years for a new center. I urge you to reconsider your decision to delay this project and put full funding at an accelerated schedule in the FY2020 budget. Please don't disappoint us.

Sincerely,
Susan Helsel
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Sayers, Margery

From: Michael Femiano <mfemiano@fastmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 10:38 PM
To: Ball, Calvin
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: East Columbia 50+ Center

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County Executive Ball,

I have lived in Howard County since 1959, and owned property (paid taxes) since 1977. Now a senior, I would like to enjoy some senior - oriented amenities while I can.

It was disappointing to learn that you did not allocate funds for the complete construction of the new East Columbia senior center in the FY 2020 capital budget.

This project has been repeatedly delayed and sometimes forgotten since the master plan of 2014 first suggested the need for a new senior center in that area. It needs to be built soon and not be put off any longer. The architects have designed a beautiful building, the parking study shows that there are ample parking spots, the community wants and needs this center desperately.

Please put full construction funding for a new 50+ center back into the FY 2020 budget.

Sincerely,
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Sayers, Margery

From: Liz Larson <ealarson1@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 5:20 PM
To: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail; christianamercer@gmail.com
Cc: ealarson1@verizon.net
Subject: Please Fund the East Columbia 50-Plus Center in FY2020

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Dr Ball and Howard County Council Members –

I am writing to plead for the county to reconsider the denial of funding in FY2020 for an East Columbia 50-Plus Center. I am outraged that the already large Bain Center (24,350 sq ft) will be renovated, again, while we in East Columbia have only a tiny center (2200 sq ft for activities/3800 sq feet with closets, etc included – my Columbia house is larger than that) which is not anywhere near large enough to accommodate the 50-plus population here. We were also overlooked in the recent multi-million dollar renovation of the E. Columbia Library in which the current Sr Center is located – why was there money to greatly expand child-care facilities there, but nothing for the Sr Center? Since that renovation did not increase the size of the library, but only the areas dedicated to children’s activities, it seems particularly unfair to once again ignore the need for a new East Columbia 50-plus Center, preferably the one envisioned in the already-completed architect’s plans for which the county paid in excess of \$1,000,000 of tax-payer money.

I truly do not understand the lack of interest and commitment to Seniors who have spent their adult lives and careers residing in Howard County (in our case we have been property owners AND TAX PAYERS in Columbia since 1974), and chose to retire here. I resent that it appears that Seniors, because we are at the end of our lives, not the beginning, are not valued the way, for instance, developers are -- if developers paid their fair share there would most probably be enough money in the budget for many more amenities such as a Senior Center in East Columbia, and also for must-haves, such as flood remediation for Ellicott City. In the 45 years I have lived in Columbia, I have witnessed, over and over again, the inequities in funding services in different parts of Columbia and Howard County and the broken promises of politicians. Please don’t be part of that history.

A number of us recall that many of you supported the funding and building of this center, and we feel betrayed by your positions now that the election is over.

Over-50 citizens have a lot to offer, and keeping Howard County (and Columbia) an attractive place for older citizens to reside is in the best interest of the county and the state, fiscally, socially, and culturally, and amenities such as vibrant and welcoming Senior Centers constitute a large part of that equation. Please do the right thing and fund the East Columbia 50-plus Center in FY2020.

Sincerely,
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Columbia, MD 21046

Sayers, Margery

From: Fran LoPresti <fflopresti@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 11:57 AM
To: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Subject: FY20 Capital Budget Project C0335- East Columbia 50+ Center

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April 23, 2019

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Fran LoPresti
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Sayers, Margery

From: Rita Cohen <rcohen0126@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2019 11:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for East Columbia 50+ Center (Project CO 335)

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Calvin Ball, County Executive
George Howard Building
[3430 Courthouse Drive](#)
[Ellicott City, MD 21043](#)

Dear County Executive Ball, and Council Members,

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Delaying the construction will prolong the serious inequity in facilities and services that exist in East Columbia and will hurt seniors, particularly vulnerable seniors who need (and deserve) the planned Connections program.

Seniors who use the East Columbia Senior Center have waited many years for a new center. I urge you to reconsider your decision to delay this project and put full funding at an accelerated schedule in the FY2020 budget. Please don't disappoint us.

Sincerely,
Rita Cohen
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rcohen0126@aol.com

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Carmen <cmortiz3@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2019 7:35 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Project CO 335 FY2020 Budget

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Calvin Ball
County Executive

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Statistics show frequent extensive use of the current the East Columbia Senior Center, but it is rapidly showing its age and inadequacies.

We have waited many years for a new center to help us better enjoy the remaining part of our lives.

I urge you to reconsider your decision to delay this project and put full funding at an accelerated schedule in the FY2020 budget.

Please don't forget us. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Carmen Ortiz and Rafael Ortiz
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301-802-5176

Sayers, Margery

From: Carmen <cmortiz3@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2019 7:23 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Project CO335

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Sincerely,
Carmen Ortiz and Rafael Ortiz
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Columbia, MD 21044
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Sayers, Margery

From: Nirmala Mallya <nirmala.mallya@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2019 5:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: East Columbia 50+ Center (project CO 335)

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Howard County Council
George Howard Building- First Floor
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

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Nirmala Mallya
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410-489-4882
nirmala.mallya@yahoo.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Doris Rausch <darcyrau@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2019 12:49 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: aging
Subject: East Columbia 50+ Center funding

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Dear County Executive and Council,

I was VERY disappointed that you have withheld funding for the East Columbia 50+ Center in favor of renovating the Bain Center (which just has a renovation a couple years ago). My thinking is that the Bain renovation should be delayed until after the expansion of the 50+ Center at East Columbia is finished.

Senior citizens need the activities offered at a Center in this area (21044-5-6). With the Bain Center and East Columbia closed at the same time, Seniors will be deprived of locally-available activities and companionship.

Please reconsider this action.

Doris Rausch
6508 Golden Spring Lane
Columbia, MD 2044
410-730-2777

Sayers, Margery

From: Cristine Smith <cris4447@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2019 11:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia East 50+ Center

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I am very disappointed that funding will not be made available to build a new 50+ Center in Owen Brown. I have recently retired and was so looking forward to this project. Seniors need a reason to stay in Owen Brown and now that funding was not received I feel discouraged. I have been a resident of Owen Brown since 1978, living on Garland Lane the entire time. Building a senior community was something I not only was looking forward too, but vital to the well being of seniors. Cristine Smith

Sayers, Margery

From: Carolyn Rimes <cm60rimes@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2019 2:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fwd: East Columbia 50+ Center
Attachments: 6384 Scarlet Peta1.docx

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please restore funding.

6384 Scarlet Petal
Columbia, Md. 21045
April 19, 2019

Liz Walsh, Opel Jones, Christiana Rigby, Deb Jung and David
Yungman
George Howard Building
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD. 21043

Attention Council Members: Liz Walsh, Opel Jones, Christiana Rigby, Deb Jung and David Yungman,

I am saddened, upset and angry at the elimination of construction funds for the stand-alone East Columbia 50+ Center. This was project CO 335 in the FY2020 budget. It is rumored that the issue focuses on parking concerns. Apparently, the County has concerns about the parking for the site and wants to acquire land for addition parking spaces. To refresh memories; a parking site analysis was completed last year, and found that there are 24 spaces above the minimum number required.

As you are aware, seniors are the fastest growing sector of this Counties population, and the area east of rt. 29 contains a large proportion of seniors (who vote). Delaying or denying the construction of the 50+ center will adversely impact this population. The existing Center is too small to support this population and delaying/denying the center will hurt seniors.

Seniors were promised and have waited many years for a new center. Please reconsider your decision to delay (meaning to me deny) funding for this project. Please fully fund this project at the accelerated schedule in the Fy2020 budget.

Senior, east of Rt. 29 are not a fading constituency and would appreciate your support of the construction of the 50+ Center.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Rimes

410-290-9606

Cm60rimes@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: amccartn@aol.com
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2019 12:57 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: East Columbia 55+ Center

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Calvin Ball, County Executive
George Howard Building
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Ball,

I am writing to express my disappointment and dismay at the omission of construction funds for a new East Columbia 50+ Center (project CO 335) in the FY2020 budget. It is my understanding that the County has concerns about the parking for the site and wants to acquire land for additional parking spots. But, a parking site analysis was done last year and found that the parking lot meets the required number of spaces and that, in fact, there are 24 spaces above the minimum required.

You have acknowledged that seniors are the fastest growing sector of the County population and you have pledged to provide for that population. Delaying the construction will prolong the serious inequity in facilities and services that exist in East Columbia and will hurt seniors, particularly vulnerable seniors who need (and deserve) the planned Connections program.

Seniors who use the East Columbia Senior Center have waited many years for a new center. I urge you to reconsider your decision to delay this project and put full funding at an accelerated schedule in the FY2020 budget. Please don't disappoint us.

Sincerely,
Annette McCartney
6320 Raritan Court
Columbia, MD 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: Ping Mao <jpingmao@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2019 12:05 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fwd: Please Fund A New East Columbia 50+ Center in 2020 ...

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Howard County Council Members,

I am writing you and the County Council to express my disappointment and dismay at the omission of construction funds for a new East Columbia 50+ Center (Project CO 335) in the FY2020 budget.

It is my understanding that the County has concerns about the parking for the site and wants to acquire land for additional parking spots. But, a parking site analysis was done last year and found that the parking lot meets the required number of spaces. In fact, the study found that there are 24 spaces above the minimum required.

Increasing numbers of politically active seniors have attended - and testified, including me, at - Council and Budget Committee meetings. We also attended two meetings with the architects, who listened to our ideas and developed an innovative cost-efficient design for a 21st century facility that can serve the needs of seniors for years to come ... and become a showcase for the entire state.

You have acknowledged that seniors are the fastest growing sector of the County population ... and you have pledged to provide for that population. Delaying the construction will prolong the serious inequity in facilities and services that exist in East Columbia as compared to other parts of the county. The delay will also hurt seniors, particularly vulnerable seniors who need (and deserve) the planned Connections program.

Statistics show frequent extensive use of the current the East Columbia Senior Center, but it is rapidly showing its age and inadequacies.

We have waited many years for a new center to help us better enjoy the remaining part of our lives.

I urge you to reconsider the decision to delay this project and put full funding at an accelerated schedule in the FY2020 budget.

Please don't forget us.

Sincerely,

Jianping Mao, Ph.D.

6507 River Run

Columbia, MD 21044

410-531-7968

Sayers, Margery

From: Nelson Pollack <npollack@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 8:05 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Need to Fund New East Columbia Senior Center

Importance: High

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I am writing to express my disappointment and dismay at the omission of construction funds for a new East Columbia 50+ Center (Project CO 335) in the FY2020 budget.

It is my understanding that the County has concerns about the parking for the site and wants to acquire land for additional parking spots. But, a parking site analysis was done last

year and found that the parking lot meets the required number of spaces. In fact, the study found that there are 24 spaces above the minimum required.

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I urge you to reconsider your decision to delay this project and put full funding at an accelerated schedule in the FY2020 budget.

Please don't forget us.

Sincerely,

Nelson Pollack

6252 Golden Coin Court

Columbia, MD 21045

410-381-7744

Sayers, Margery

From: Rigby, Christiana
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 11:46 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Lack of Funding for the East Columbia 50+ Center in the FY2020 Budget

From: Carolyn Zimmerman <zimmercm@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 11:24 AM
To: Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Lack of Funding for the East Columbia 50+ Center in the FY2020 Budget

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Dear Ms. Rigby,

I was very disappointed to see the omission of construction funds for a new East Columbia 50+ Center (project CO 335) in the FY2020 budget. It is my understanding that the County has concerns about the parking for the site and wants to acquire land for additional parking spots. However, a parking site analysis was done last year and found that the parking lot meets the required number of spaces. In fact, there are 24 spaces above the minimum required.

I know from your kind note that you support this funding. I sincerely hope you will be successful in getting full funding restored in the FY2020 budget. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Carolyn M. Zimmerman
6679 Drowsy Day
Columbia, MD 21045
410-381-9347 landline
410-627-4126 cell

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Carolyn M. Zimmerman

Sayers, Margery

From: Carolyn Zimmerman <zimmercm@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 11:22 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: No FY2020 Funding for the East Columbia 50+ Center?

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Dear Council Members,

I am surprised, disappointed and dismayed at the omission of construction funds for a new East Columbia 50+ Center (project CO 335) in the FY2020 budget. It is my understanding that the County has concerns about the parking for the site and wants to acquire land for additional parking spots. However, a parking site analysis was done last year and found that the parking lot meets the required number of spaces. In fact, there are 24 spaces above the minimum required.

You and County Executive Ball have acknowledged that seniors are the fastest growing sector of the County population and you have pledged to provide for that population. Delaying the construction will prolong the serious inequity in facilities and services that exist in East Columbia and will hurt seniors, particularly vulnerable seniors who need (and deserve) the planned Connections program.

Seniors who use the East Columbia Senior Center have waited many years for a new center. I urge you to reconsider your decision to delay this project and put full funding at an accelerated schedule in the FY2020 budget. Please don't disappoint us.

Sincerely,
Carolyn M. Zimmerman
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Carolyn M. Zimmerman

Sayers, Margery

From: Betty Myers <bettymyers@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 11:23 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: East Columbia 50+ Center (project CO 335)-not included in FY2020 budget

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Calvin Ball, County Executive
George Howard Building
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Ball,

I am shocked to learn that construction funds for a new East Columbia 50+ Center (project CO 335) are not included in the FY2020 budget.

You have acknowledged that seniors are the fastest growing sector of the County population and you have pledged to provide for that population. Delaying the construction will prolong the serious inequity in facilities and services that exist in East Columbia and will hurt seniors, particularly vulnerable seniors who need (and deserve) the planned Connections program.

I hear that despite last year's parking analysis findings that the current lot exceeds projected needs, for some reason the County has concerns about parking for the site and wants to acquire land for additional parking spots. Is that the only reason to delay?

As a Senior who uses the East Columbia Senior Center, my colleagues and I have waited many years for a new center. I urge you to reconsider your decision to delay this project and put full funding at an accelerated schedule in the FY2020 budget. Please don't disappoint us. Remember, we built this city, and rely on your efforts to sustain it for us!

Sincerely,
Betty H. Myers
5238 Raccoon Court
Columbia, MD 21045

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Betty Myers
www.willowbrookpainters.com

Keep your love of nature, for that is the true way to understand art more and more.
-Vincent Van Gogh

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Souder <susansouder@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 10:16 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: East Columbia 50+ Center

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Calvin Ball, County Executive
George Howard Building
[3430 Courthouse Drive](#)
[Ellicott City, MD 21043](#)

Dear County Executive Ball and County Council Members,

I was very disappointed to learn of the omission of construction funds for a new East Columbia 50+ Center (project CO 335) in the FY2020 budget. It is my understanding that the County has concerns about the parking for the site and wants to acquire land for additional parking spots. But, a parking site analysis was done last year and found that the parking lot meets the required number of spaces and that, in fact, there are 24 spaces above the minimum required.

Seniors are the fastest growing sector of the County population and will continue to grow greater than ever expected, you have pledged to provide for that population. Delaying the construction will prolong the serious inequity in facilities and services that exist in East Columbia and will hurt seniors, particularly vulnerable seniors who need (and deserve) the planned Connections program.

Seniors who use the East Columbia Senior Center have waited many years for a new center. I urge you to reconsider your decision to delay this project and put full funding at an accelerated schedule in the FY2020 budget. Please don't disappoint us.

Sincerely,
Susan Souder
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Unit 908
Columbia MD 21044
410-370-8491
Susansouder@outlook.com

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Sayers, Margery

From: allison korn <allisonkorn@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 9:24 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please support the new East Columbia 50+ Center

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Dear County Council Representatives:

I am writing to express my extreme disappointment that funds for the construction of a new East Columbia 50+ Center (project CO 335) are not included in the FY2020 budget.

The seniors of East Columbia (and others from all over the county who use the center) have waited too long for our center to be built. We have watched as every other part of the county gets state of the art facilities and we think this inequity should be remedied now. The center is small and overcrowded. Because of size limitations the program offerings are not as robust as they could and should be. The proposed location adjacent to the East Columbia Library is convenient (land acquisition is a non-issue), and enthusiastically supported. The plan to include a **Connections** program for seniors with physical and memory problems is much needed in East Columbia. Currently people have to travel too far to other centers to use this program. I know of people who cannot use the program because the distance by bus for family members is simply too far.

It is well known that the senior population in the county is growing, and East Columbia already has a high density of seniors who want programs and services in their own neighborhood. The plan for a new center has been on the books for many years now and it keeps getting delayed and delayed. Delaying construction will prolong the unfairness in parity with other 50+ centers. Construction will cost more the longer it is pushed into the future. We want the project fully funded and accelerated.

Of course, I am also writing the County Executive urging the project be funded. I urge you to support restoring the project to the budget. Please don't disappoint East Columbia seniors.

Sincerely,

Allison Korn

6550 Carlinda Avenue

Columbia, MD, 201046

allisonkorn@comcast.net

Sayers, Margery

From: Jill Bartos <jillbartos@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 7:52 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: East Columbia 50+ Center

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Dear County Executives,

I am a 65 year-old resident of Kings Contrivance who attends a weekly painting class and movies at the Owen Brown senior center and I'm writing to you to express my disappointment and dismay at the omission of construction funds for a new East Columbia 50+ Center (project CO 335) in the FY2020 budget.

It is my understanding that the County has concerns about the parking for the site and wants to acquire land for additional parking spots. But, a parking site analysis was done last year and found that the parking lot meets the required number of spaces and that, in fact, there are 24 spaces above the minimum required.

You have acknowledged that seniors are the fastest growing sector of the County population and you have pledged to provide for that population. Delaying the construction will prolong the serious inequity in facilities and services that exist in East Columbia and will hurt seniors, particularly vulnerable seniors who need (and deserve) the planned Connections program.

Seniors who use the East Columbia Senior Center have waited many years for a new center. I urge you to reconsider your decision to delay this project and put full funding at an accelerated schedule in the FY2020 budget. Please don't disappoint us.

Sincerely,

Jill Bartos
7916 Red Jacket Way, Jessup, MD 20794
301-725-3022

Sayers, Margery

From: Wanda Daye <wrdaye@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 11:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Wanda Daye
Subject: East Columbia 50+ Center (project CO 335)

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Calvin Ball, County Executive
George Howard Building
[3430 Courthouse Drive](#)
[Ellicott City, MD 21043](#)

Dear County Executive Ball,

I am writing to express my disappointment and dismay at the omission of construction funds for a new East Columbia 50+ Center (project CO 335) in the FY2020 budget. It is my understanding that the County has concerns about the parking for the site and wants to acquire land for additional parking spots. But, a parking site analysis was done last year and found that the parking lot meets the required number of spaces and that, in fact, there are 24 spaces above the minimum required.

You have acknowledged that seniors are the fastest growing sector of the County population and you have pledged to provide for that population. Delaying the construction will prolong the serious inequity in facilities and services that exist in East Columbia and will hurt seniors, particularly vulnerable seniors who need (and deserve) the planned Connections program.

Seniors who use the East Columbia Senior Center have waited many years for a new center. I urge you to reconsider your decision to delay this project and put full funding at an accelerated schedule in the FY2020 budget. Please don't disappoint us.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Wanda Daye
5705 Little Bells Row
Clarksville MD 21029
Wrdaye@aol.com

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Wanda Daye <wrdaye@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 11:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Wanda Daye
Subject: East Columbia 50+ Center (project CO 335)

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Calvin Ball, County Executive
George Howard Building
[3430 Courthouse Drive](#)
[Ellicott City, MD 21043](#)

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Seniors who use the East Columbia Senior Center have waited many years for a new center. I urge you to reconsider your decision to delay this project and put full funding at an accelerated schedule in the FY2020 budget. Please don't disappoint us.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Wanda Daye
5705 Little Bells Row
Clarksville MD 21029
Wrdaye@aol.com

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: brenstokess@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 8:39 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FUNDING FOR A NEW EAST COLUMBIA 50 PLUS CENTER

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Dear Sir,

I ask that you please reconsider the funding for a desperately needed center for East Columbia - Project 335. Have you been to this center? Try walking through with your personal belongings and all the paraphernalia that's needed/required to take some of the classes. It's impossible to enter the walkway if another class is trying to exit. It's entirely too small.

There was some mention of not having adequate parking in the proposed plans. The parking lot analysis, however, showed that there is parking above the minimum amount of required spaces.

We need this building and for it to be included in the FY 2020 budget. PLEASE!

Sincerely,
Carollyn Alexander
5063 Thunder Hill Rd
Columbia MD 21045
410.730.4851

Sayers, Margery

From: Claire Femiano <cfemiano@fastmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 8:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: East Columbia Senior 50+ Center

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To all Councilpersons,

I have been a resident of Howard County for over 40 years. I am frustrated and dismayed to see that no funding for the new Senior 50+ Center in East Columbia was put into the FY2020 budget.

A new center is desperately needed- the present one is woefully inadequate and tiny for such a heavily populated part of Howard County. Additionally, memory challenged and disabled seniors have no programs available to them in that area.

County Executive Ball made a pledge to support seniors and specifically the many seniors that use the East Columbia Senior Center. This project has been delayed for over 5 years already and it is grossly unfair to ask elderly citizens to wait any longer. Please consider requesting that County Executive Ball restore full funding for a new center in the FY2020 capital budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Claire Femiano
3405 Font Hill Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042
Cfemiano@fastmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Ann Wing <annwings1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:54 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Subject: 50+ Center in Owen Brown

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Dear Ms Rigby

I have been extremely impressed with your willingness to listen to your supporters.

Right now, I am asking you to please fund the completion of the Senior Center in Owen Brown. in the FY 20 Capital Budget. (Project C0355)

- It is ready to be constructed....land is available, the design is complete,
- .it is needed in a community where many of us early residents of Columbia are growing older. Space for physical activities, for gathering with others...to keep ourselves healthy in mind and body.
- We need space that will help those who are caring for elderly family members who have mental and physical issues.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely

Ann Wing

7457 Swan Point Way

Columbia 21045



Sayers, Margery

From: Carmen <cmortiz3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 2:17 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Subject: Support Project C0335

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> Dear Ms.Rigby:

> I am writing to support Project C0335, the building of a new stand-alone East Columbia 50+ Center. I am a senior Howard County resident and a frequent user of the East Columbia center. The current center is seriously inadequate to support services and activities for the growing senior population in East Columbia.

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> I participate in exercise programs at the East Columbia 50+ Center. Since there is only one room large enough for exercises, only a limited number of programs are available. Furthermore, I play bridge twice weekly. The bridge room only holds two tables; therefore when we have twelve players, a third table is set up in a small area in the hall. I urge you to support full funding for the project on an accelerated timetable, specifically that it be completed in FY21.

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> The senior community has testified at many Budget Hearings and Council meetings over the last 2 years explaining why we think building a new center should be a top priority. We urge you to fully fund the project in the FY 20 Capital Budget. Thank you for your support of this project.

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> Sincerely,
> Carmen Ortiz and Rafael Ortiz
> 6602 Windsor Court
> Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: allison korn <allisonkorn@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 2:14 PM
To: Allison Korn
Subject: Reminder to write your letters RE new East Columbia 50+ Center (list 2)

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Time is running out, please send your letters now.

-----Original Message-----

From: allison korn [mailto:allisonkorn@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 07, 2019 8:09 PM
To: allisonkorn >> Allison Korn
Subject: Update on new 50+ activities and important request to write letters in support of new Center (list 1)

To Supporters of a New East Columbia 50+ Center:

We are writing for two reasons: to tell you about County Executive Ball's second budget meeting (held on March 5), and to ask you to write letters to the County Executive and County Council members in support of the project. We need a massive rush of letters before the FY20 budget is finalized.

1. The hearing went very well--over 40 people attended in support of our 4 speakers. The Tai Chi students wore their colorful uniforms; art students held "palette" signs and 20 others wore eye-catching orange "50+" badges. Our speakers did a wonderful job of explaining the reasons our current center is inadequate and the numerous benefits to be derived from a new, expanded center. Attached you'll see a photo showing the crowd as we waited for the hearing to begin.

2. IMPORTANT LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN---PLEASE SEND LETTERS BY MARCH 18

The budget is still being developed. We need to write letters NOW urging the County Executive and County Council to support FULL FUNDING on an ACCELERATED TIMETABLE. We are suggesting the following language for your letters. HOWEVER, it is preferable to customize by adding your personal views and experiences and not copying it word for word.

Email to: calvinball@howardcountymd.gov

For bigger impact, use regular US Mail to:

Calvin Ball, County Executive
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Ball,

I am writing to support Project C0335, the building of a new stand-alone East Columbia 50+ Center. I am a senior Howard County resident and a frequent user of the East Columbia center. The current center is seriously inadequate to

support services and activities for the growing senior population in East Columbia. I urge you to support full funding for the project on an accelerated timetable, specifically that it be completed in FY21.

The senior community has testified at many Budget Hearings and Council meetings over the last 2 years explaining why we think building a new center should be a top priority. We urge you to fully fund the project in the FY 20 Capital Budget. Thank you for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
[Your name and address]

Please send similar letters to all members of the County Council at:

Howard County Council
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Or by email to:

Liz Walsh at ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov Dear Ms. Walsh (District 1)

Opel Jones at ojones@howardcountymd.gov Dear Mr. Jones (District 2)

Christiana Mercer Rigby at crigby@howardcountymd.gov Dear Ms. Rigby (District 3)

Deb Jung at djung@howardcountymd.gov Dear Ms. Jung (District 4)

David Yungman at dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov Dear Mr. Yungman (District 5)

Thank you for writing your letters NOW!

Your East Columbia 50+ Center Steering Committee

(Fran LoPresti, Claire Femiano, Pearl Atkinson-Stewart
Henrietta Milward, Nelson Pollack, Allison Korn)

P.S. You can watch the hearing by pasting the following URL into your browser. Our speakers appear at approximately minutes: 43:30, 50 and 1:06.

http://howardcounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip_id=3778&fbclid=IwAR2dB1rKY5b4h_A74MPyZrPOI7O454MLWDbXtKeAsTdbh2jjm_z6Rbs-_z4

Sayers, Margery

From: leaouzi leaouzi <leaouzi@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 1:28 PM
To: Ball, Calvin; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David
Subject: Support for New East Columbia 50+ Center (Project C0335)

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Calvin Ball, County Executive
Howard County Council Members

George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Ball and Members of the Howard County Council,

I am writing to support Project C0335, the building of a new stand-alone East Columbia 50+ Center.

As a senior in Howard County and a participant in the current East Columbia Senior Center's Tai Chi program, I see first-hand that current facility is seriously inadequate to support much needed specialized services for the growing senior population in East Columbia – and throughout Howard County.

I urge you to support full funding for the project according to the proposed design developed by the architects, with considerable input from the senior community. I note that this state-of-the-art facility can be constructed on an accelerated timetable and cost-efficient basis because, e.g., existing county land adjacent to the East Columbia Library is available now.

Your senior community has testified at many Budget Hearings and Council meetings over the past few years and is united in advocating that this project be a top priority. We urge you to fully fund the project in the FY20 Capital Budget.

Thank you for your previous time and efforts, as well as continued support of this project.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Frankfort
Columbia, MD 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: Betsy Lew <blew7@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 9:15 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Subject: Support for Project C0335--- the Building of a New Stand-alone East Columbia 50+ Center

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Dear Ms. Rigby,

I have lived in Howard County since 1976, and I have participated in many activities in the various senior centers throughout the county. Since the opening of the East Columbia 50+ Center, it has been the senior center in which I have taken the most classes. and attended the most workshops. Through the years I have seen the East Columbia 50+ Center grow from a modest senior center to a vibrant, welcoming center with a fast-growing number of programs attracting increasing numbers of senior citizens.

Because of the increasing number of people participating in a growing number of programs, I want to request your support for Project C0335, the building of a new stand-alone East Columbia 50+ Center.

Currently, the East Columbia 50+ Center has very limited space. It is inadequate to support both the growing number of seniors who currently use the spaces in addition to those who will be eligible in the near future. Therefore, I urge you to support full funding for the project on an accelerated timetable so that the new East Columbia 50+ Center can be completed in FY 21.

I feel that the 50+ centers are crucial contributors to the mental and physical health, morale, and happiness of seniors. In the senior center, a senior can learn new skills, for example painting, dancing, knitting or crocheting; pursue a hobby, such as playing mahjong or card games; take part in an exercise program; practice tai chi or yoga, attend educational programs, and most importantly socializing with other people. All of these things can improve the quality of life for a senior.

Personally, I have benefited from the East Columbia 50+ Center for years. I feel strongly that my retirement years have been richer because of the opportunities to participate in the various programs offered by the center. For these reasons, I urge you to support the building of a new stand-alone East Columbia 50+ Center in order that others in the future will also have the opportunity to have a great quality of life in their golden years.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Betsy A. Lew

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From: Paul Verchinski <verchinski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 3:49 PM
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You should not support this project in your next budget. Only 10% of Older Adults in HoCo use these centers. Segregation of Older adults is not a good idea. Older Adults use the Community Centers in Ellicott City and North Laurel very well and get used through out the day by all generations. We need to get the most bang for our buck where more of our citizens can use facilities and not just a small group. This is to be a \$19M facility which IMHO is sited poorly. I live on the east side of Columbia and do not support this project.

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