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https://www.marylandmatters.org/2019/05/16/shortage-of-affordable-rental-housing-hits-md-poor-hardest/

Good Morning Mr. Ball,

Have I asked for more money for schools, yes. Can we pay for everything in our yearly budgets, no. I understand that, and I still hope we can give more to our children, with that we cannot forget about housing affordability. It is a County concern and a State concern. Howard County residents deserve to have rentals where we can stay in the county beyond kids aging out of school.

Thank you

Heather Urner

From:	no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent:	Tuesday, May 14, 2019 4:35 PM
То:	adina.ivanica@gmail.com
Subject:	Japanese knotweed

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Hello I just bought a house in December 2018 in Ellicott city and I have discovered that the county property next to my house is heavily populated with an invasive weed called Japanese Knotweed. This plant is hard to eradicate and has a root system like bamboo that can grow through asphalt and a house foundation. I tried to reach out to the parks and recreation's which the land belongs to, but they said there is no program in place to control for invasive weeds. This is a huge problem for not just for me but for the whole neighborhood and apparently as it's growing along the stream it will spread through the water. We need a joint effort to eradicate this weed before it takes over the whole county. I kindly ask that more research and funds go into this issue. Thank you!

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Natalie Dillon <natdillon7@verizon.net> Monday, May 13, 2019 11:06 AM CouncilMail Ball, Calvin Funding support for Merriweather Post Pavilion

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Thank you,

Natalie Dillon Merriweather employee

From: Sent: To: Subject: Dvorak, Nicole Monday, May 13, 2019 11:05 AM Sayers, Margery FW: About those developer fees...

From: Leslie Toussaint <l2saint@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 5:07 PM

To: Ball, Calvin <cball@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov> Subject: About those developer fees...

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Dear County Executive Dr. Ball and County Council Members:

I was disappointed to learn that Councilpersons Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann voted last Monday (5/6) to approve the Developer Rights and Responsibilities Agreement (DRRA) for the Jessup school property acquisition. This agreement provides various giveaways to the developer at the expense of the taxpayer.

- Allowing development regulations to be frozen, not just on the quarry land by the school site, but hundreds of acres nearby, as well.
- Amended to say the developers would abide by APFO, environmental and other regulations, but also stipulating they don't have to comply if changes to the regs affect them.
- Not subjecting the developer to any moratoriums.

There was an Amendment to Amendment 1 introduced by Deb Jung that would have made the regulations more durable, but it failed. If fully funding schools is a priority for the Council, why did so many of you vote for such a bad deal for the county?

In the coming months, the Howard County council will have the opportunity to introduce legislation to increase impact fees charged to developers. This is an opportunity to reverse the trend of building homes without ensuring an adequate revenue stream to support infrastructure. A 3.5% increase above Maintenance of Effort is insufficient in a school system growing as quickly as HCPSS. I, and my neighbors, will be watching closely with the expectation that you will all work together to end this annual cycle of asking our school officials to choose between cutting critical programs, or increasing class sizes.

Thank you,

Leslie Toussaint 12540 Folly Quarter Rd. Ellicott City, MD 21042

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Jody Adams <jodyadams12345@gmail.com> Sunday, May 12, 2019 7:03 AM CouncilMail Ball, Calvin Merriweather Post Pavilion - Funding Support

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Thank you,

Jody Adams

8600 Andrew Ellicott Court

Ellicott City, MD 21043

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Srilatha <latha.temb@gmail.com> Saturday, May 11, 2019 7:35 AM CouncilMail BOE@hcpss.org Fwd: Music Program

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From: Srilatha Temburni <<u>latha.temb@gmail.com</u>> Date: May 10, 2019 at 10:31:01 AM EDT To: <u>hcpsm3@gmail.com</u> Subject: Music Program

Hi,

I heard rumors about the Music programs being cut at Howard county schools from the next academic year. I strongly condemn and discourage this move as many of the talented students will be left out and kids will be disappointed if there are no music programs. Many kids will lose hope and will effect their day to day activities.

Please please don't try to remove this program and encourage young voices to be heard all through the county and country.

Thank You, Srilatha( Proud parent of two girls whose passion is singing)

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Kim MacLean <bkmaclean@verizon.net> Friday, May 10, 2019 9:24 PM CouncilMail Ball, Calvin Merriweather Post Pavilion

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Thank you, Kimberley MacLean 4994 Dorsey Hall Drive #C3 Ellicott City, MD 20142

To:

Aubree Corporandy <aubreecorporandy@gmail.com> From: Friday, May 10, 2019 4:48 PM Sent: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin Merriweather Post Pavilion Subject:

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From: Sent:	Jennifer Robbins <jgrobbins0519@gmail.com> Friday, May 10, 2019 3:00 PM</jgrobbins0519@gmail.com>
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Thank you, Jennifer Robbins 10891 Hilltop Lane #2 Columbia, MD 21044

From: Sent:	Jennifer White <jennifer.white@heart.org> Thursday, May 9, 2019 3:34 PM</jennifer.white@heart.org>
То:	CouncilMail
Subject:	FY2020 Capital Budget Testimony
Attachments:	Howard County Budget Hearing Testimony_040919.docx; Scanned from a Xerox
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Good Afternoon,

Attached you may find a copy of my written testimony for the FY2020 Capital Budget. In addition, you may find a copy of the affidavit of authorization.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know.

Thank you,



Jennifer Arice White, MSPH Community Advocacy Director Social Determinants of Health Strategic Policy Lead American Heart Association 217 Redwood Suite 1100 | Baltimore | MD | 21202 O 410.246.6708 M 410.635.4211



- To: Howard County Council George Howard Building 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043
- From: Jennifer Arice White, MSPH Community Advocacy Director American Heart Association

Re: Capital Budget Public Hearing

Date: May 9, 2019

To the Chair and Members of the Council:

My name is Jennifer White, Community Advocacy Director at the American Heart Association. Our mission is to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. Thank you for the opportunity to address the Council about the capital budget, urging you to fund biking and walking infrastructure paired with a strong complete streets ordinance.

The American Heart Association fully supports the \$2.2M in the budget to expand our bicycling infrastructure and support other bike and pedestrian projects in Howard County. We are delighted to see that transportation is a priority and that our executive leadership is committed to making improvements towards an equitable multi-modal transportation system.



Throughout Howard County we see areas where there is poor lighting, dangerous crosswalks, roads without protected bike lanes, and limited access to parks and sidewalks that accommodate all users. Because of this, it limits access to our schools, social and cultural institutions, employment, and other key services, which impacts our overall quality of life.

Significant funding for the Bikeway and other bike and pedestrian projects is a positive step in the right direction. Now that the budget reflects this important investment, we now need a complete streets law. This will create a transparent, accountable, and equitable process for community members to identify opportunities to develop a more safe and accessible transportation system that benefits all users.

The American Heart Association is here to support an equitable process and looks forward to work with you, the County Executive, and our community partners to carry out this community's vision for safe and accessible transportation. We strongly support the approval of \$2.2M allotted in the budget for biking infrastructure and to support other biking and walking projects.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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From:	Jolie Weinberg <jgw@wsfamilylaw.com></jgw@wsfamilylaw.com>
Sent:	Monday, May 6, 2019 6:57 PM
To:	Ball, Calvin B; CouncilMail
Cc:	Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David
Subject:	National Family Resiliency Center
Importance:	High

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Dear Dr. Bell and Esteemed County Council Members,

I have been a family law lawyer since 1990 and have practiced throughout the state of Maryland. Over my almost 30 years of practicing family law, I have represented thousands of families and children, served as a mediator, collaborator and children's counsel. My firm's main office has been in downtown Columbia since 1995.

I have become aware that the funding for The National Family Resiliency Center (NFRC) is in jeopardy. To say this would be a grave detriment to our community is an understatement. I can tell you that NFRC touches every one of my clients, their family and the community at large. NFRC, which has changed names over the years, most often known as Children of Separation and Divorce, is and continues to be a pioneer in divorce education, parenting programs, assisting families in a time of stress and transition, and most importantly, teaches children how to navigate the heartache of divorce. Let's be honest, divorce is often a stigma and is embarrassing and traumatic for families and definitely children even into their adulthood. NFRC provides a safe place to navigate the process, the emotional pains and the family relationships. I have watched this county flourish and grow, and I have also watched also how local programs get cut because of budget issues. I can tell you that any loss of any part of NFRC is a loss to all of us.

NFRC provides specialized services to children as young as 3 years old through young adulthood, adults, and services for individuals, families, couples, marriage counselling, pre-marriage counselling, separation/reconciliation/divorce and remarriage counselling. They offer support groups for men, women and children. They also help parents coparent together after a transition. Just today I had a 4 day trial that settled out of court thanks to the help of NFRC working with this family over the past year. NFRC puts the children first while allowing parents to maintain their dignity and involvement with their family in a healthy manner. NFRC taught this family how to work through the issues, talk to each other and avoid the heartache of court. All of these services helps families be healthy and also saves taxpayers from costly trials!

Howard County is a very diverse county in terms of religion, ethnicity, and other areas which makes Howard County a desirable place to live and raise a family. I know this as my family has resided in Howard County since 1993. Unfortunately, there is also domestic violence, high conflict situations, untreated mental illness, substance abuse and other complicated issues in our county. NFRC have been advocates for families in Howard County, the state and throughout the country with a national reputation by helping families from all socioeconomic backgrounds.

I could continue to speak about NFRC's laurels, but I will conclude with this thought: without NFRC, we, and I speak for most all of my colleagues, have no place to send our clients and the Howard County community for services that assist them through one of the most difficult times in their lives. NFRC fills the void that allows us to offer valuable services to our community and what a loss that will be to everyone if such services are not available. No other therapist/counselling group offers what NFRC offers! I plead that you do everything possible to keep NFRC funded so they can continue the great work they do for our county.

Thank you for reading this lengthy email and please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Very Truly Yours,

Jolie Gelman Weinberg





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From:Gina DeLeonardis < hajiinai1@verizon.net>Sent:Monday, May 6, 2019 11:12 AMTo:CouncilMailSubject:Funding testimony FY20Attachments:Council2019testimony.docx

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Hello,

Please find attached testimony to be delivered to the Howard County Council members and Dr. Ball for their final funding deliberation.

I have also sent copies to the council members' individual addresses, as I was unsure which would arrive more promptly.

Thank you for your assistance in delivering it for today's meeting.

Gina

Gina DeLeonardis, LCSW-C National Family Resiliency Center 2000 Century Plaza 10630 Little Patuxent Parkway, Ste 115 Columbia, MD 21043 410-740-9553

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We respectfully submit the following testimony in support of <u>restoring full funding for FY2020</u> to the National Family Resiliency Center budget.

When an annual grant award arrives at 10 pm on a Friday in late April, it can't be good news.

The National Family Resiliency Center, known to many as the Children of Separation & Divorce, has been located in Columbia for the 30 years of its organizational history, serving at-risk families with clinical and educational services across the state of Maryland and delivering state of the art training nationally. Our director regularly contributes to the national dialogue around family needs and justice system reform. We have proudly served the Howard County community despite our annual budget seeing no increase for the past 6 years in the \$28,000 until last year's allocation of \$28,560.

The news in the dark of night was to cut that allocation in half, now to only \$14,000. Whoever was tasked with delivering that news had to know what a miscalculation it is.

We are the "family" that stretches that dollar beyond what is possible, asking staff and volunteers to go far beyond the job specs to pitch in on behalf of the clients we serve. Our Peer Counselor volunteers have been showcased in numerous venues where they directly help and educate other families to move toward health and recovery when families change. Our model of care targets the needs of vulnerable children to thrive and grow so that the children might not get caught in unhealthy patterns when parents separate.

That County allocation affords families who might otherwise not be able to afford services to have full participation in individual or group supports. We awarded \$20,000 over this year in scholarship assistance for parent education, co-parent skill training, child and adult group therapies and individual crisis and on-going therapeutic services. Over 1600 clients utilized services in FY19. Imagine the positive impact even a part of that service has on our county. Stabilizing families helps us all. That County contribution also stitches together the volunteers who help organize other volunteers to reach out at fairs or educational venues to let our populations know we are here for them.

You know us. We have lived in this county over 30 years. You have probably volunteered with us, done some running with us, raised funds on our behalf through the organizations you belong to. And many have utilized the talent, expertise and compassion of our staff when you most needed it.

This community deserves better than to pull the rug out from under this organization that contributes to the healthy, forward thinking community where we choose to work and live. Not to restore our funding level would indeed be a travesty.

Gina DeLeonardis

Tom Vassil

-since 1995

Volunteer

Staff member

Lester Bradshaw

since 1989
Volunteer
Staff member
Trainer
Ex-officio Board member

-since 2000 Executive Volunteer Current Board of Directors President