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FYI,

We want to **THANK** Councilperson Deb Jung for taking the time to not only listen to our suggestion but take the necessary action to resolve a major concern. Councilperson Jung has pre-filed legislation – CB32-2019 -- An act requiring that the Department of Planning and Zoning designee appear at quasi-judicial Planning Board hearings under oath, under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Department of Planning and Zoning see -- <https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/olis/LegislationDetail.aspx?LegislationID=12303>.

The Howard County Citizens Association testified on CB16-2018 which was an act amending the Howard County Code to modify the process for piecemeal map amendments and development plan approvals by the Zoning Board; and generally relating to Zoning Board hearings. This included the DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING, OR THE DIRECTOR' S DESIGNEE, SHALL ATTEND A ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A PETITION FOR PIECEMEAL MAP AMENDMENT OR DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND, UNDER OATH AND SUBJECT TO CROSS-EXAMINATION, SUMMARIZE THE DEPARTMENT'S FINDINGS, EXPLAIN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, AND ANSWER ANY RELATED QUESTIONS.

We realized there was an oversight with CB16-2018 as this did not include the ability for anyone to question the Department of Planning and Zoning regarding Planning Board cases. Thus the introduction of CB71-2018 see -- <http://howardcountyhcca.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/HCCA-Testimony-CB-71-2018-DPZ-PB.pdf> which was introduced by Councilpersons Calvin Ball and Jen Terrasa. Unfortunately much to our surprise the proposed Bill failed by 3 to 2 with only Ball and Terrasa recognizing the error.

We see absolutely no reason why CB32-2019 should not pass to correct the oversight and promote a more transparent process regarding quasi-judicial Planning Board cases.

In addition, we have been successful in having the Zoning Board's Rules of Procedure officially updated thanks to Councilpersons Liz Walsh and Deb Jung. Once again progress was made and is very much appreciated. The last time these Rules were updated was in 2002. The Planning Board's Rules of Procedure last updated in 2007 are in the process of being revised as we have been working with the Department of Planning and Zoning.

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