

Sayers, Margery

From: Georgina R Harding <georgina.r.harding1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 7:44 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Route 108/Columbia Road Intersection

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Please stop all further development at this intersection! I have lived in the Centennial neighborhood for thirty years. I now have water issues and major traffic problems due to overdevelopment in this community. The new 92 houses on Old Annapolis Road have caused major congestion on the roads and overcrowding in our schools. More houses are now being built and a 100 unit senior development is being proposed for an overcrowded intersection.

PLEASE STOP!

Georgina and John Harding
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Sent from my iPad

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From: Rosemary Gemp <rcgemp@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 27, 2019 9:22 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR89-2019

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Dear Council members,

Please reconsider the sale of 1 acre property near 108 and 29. The intersection at 108 and Columbia Rd. is already very stressed at high traffic times. It has even backed up onto rt 29. or Old Annapolis Rd. in the other direction. The county needs to hang on to this land to be able to mitigate the already present problem not allow more stress on the intersection from added traffic coming from proposed condo residents. Please reconsider allowing the sale of this property even if a traffic resolution is not immediately planned. We need to be forward thinking. The evidence of need is present. Be good stewards please.

Thank you,
Rosemary Gemp

Sayers, Margery

From: Karen Knelly <hampandkaren@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 9:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Route 108/old strip

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To one and all:

We would like to weigh in on CR89-2019 dealing with the sale of Old 108. We believe that the road should be saved by the county for the benefit of the public and not sold to the developer of the adjacent property. They already have their zoning, for a project that is way too big for the parcel. It should never have been zoned that way. However, since it was, this letter is not to complain about what has already been done. We want to urge you to keep Old 108 for future use in a land bank, used for a future turn lane, for widening 108, storm water management, or such. In addition, the distance from Columbia Road to the first apartment building is 60 feet. That is currently allowed. But, if that part of the road were to be widened, there would not be enough space for a lane to be added. That setback should be re evaluated. 108 and Columbia Road is a very busy intersection. Another 120 units of people using those roads will only add to the congestion. There is an additional problem that makes that intersection back up. The left turn lane at Old Annapolis Road can back up, causing the Columbia Road traffic to slow down or back up, causing the 108 traffic to slow down or back up. The traffic patterns, in that area, need to be reassessed and corrected for the maximum flow of traffic. Keeping this parcel is the right thing to do. Once it's sold, it's gone.

PS We heard that the developer spent over a million dollars an acre to acquire the land that the apartments will be built on. We heard that the county may ask only \$50,000, a very small amount, to sell this piece of land. With overcrowded schools, tight budgets, increased taxes and water management needs in EC, the county deserves to get full market value for this parcel, should you decide not to save it for the future.

Karen and Hampton Knelly

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From: Kathy Benton <KSBenton1@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 3:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR89--2019

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Who has the guts to stand up for the citizens of Howard County instead of investors? Remember you got their by votes and you can leave the same way

Kathy Benton

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From: David Jones <dwj9496@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 3:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Land sale at RT 108 and Columbia Rd

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I understand the land at the intersection will be sold to a developer for only \$50,000. This seems a low price. How was this figure determined first of all, and why does this location need to be developed at all? This is a very busy intersection and the addition of over 100 new families and several hundred cars will overwhelm that small corner.

David Jones
Tuscany Rd
Ellicott City

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From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 10:11 AM
To: lisapark4@yahoo.com
Subject: CR89-2019

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Street Address: 4021 Pebble Branch Road
City: Ellicott City
Subject: CR89-2019

Message:

I have lived in the Dorsey Search/Dunloggin community for over ten years. This community is so lucky to be accessible to Route 29, allowing for access to major highways. However, given the growth of our community, traffic is a nightmare. Especially at the intersection of Route 108 and Columbia Road. We knew that when Dorsey Overlook was built, traffic would become even worse at the intersection of Old Annapolis Road and Columbia Road. And this horrendous traffic spreads each morning, afternoon and night around Route 108 and for those exiting from Route 29. It's unsafe. There are pedestrians and bikers on Columbia Road. Babies in strollers, runners and walkers. Because of this, I do not support CR89-2019. It boggles my mind why Howard County government would even consider selling a acre of land for \$50,000 to a developer knowing that this area is already congested and unsafe. I highly encourage you to vote against this resolution and use this land to alleviate traffic and congestion. Thank you. Lisa Park

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From: Mahon. <jj.mahon@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 5:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Oppose CR89-2019

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My understanding is that this resolution would permit the county executive to sell over an acre of county property for only \$50,000. I question the appropriateness of such sale given this sale price and request that the council closely compare the fair market value of said property with the sale price contained in the resolution to assure that such sale is in Howard county's financial interest. JohnMahon, 3808 Graceland Ct., Ellicott City, Md. 21042.

Sent from our iPad Jack & Kathy

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From: Steve Drummond <sdrummond52@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 4:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR89-2019

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Please check the Nextdoor app for Ellicott City.... Something seems amiss with the proposed sale of an acre to a developer for \$50k. Sweetheart deal or something we all need to know?

Thanks

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From: Mark Brown <wiz.d.kidd@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 3:43 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote Against Council Resolution 89-2019

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Regarding the sale of property at Rte 108 and 39 for the paltry sum of \$50,000 -- please do not let this happen!

Waiving the normal bid process to convey the property directly to a developer is just another example of how the council is in the pockets of developers. Allowing overdevelopment and waiving rain water management around the old Ellicott City area has devastated our city on two occasions. And the recent devastation of parts of David Force Park (a nature preserve) to benefit the Turf Valley developers is inexcusable. How is this "preserving" anything but the pocketbooks of the developers?

It is time for OUR council to act in the best interest of existing citizens (not potential future citizens) by limiting the developers stronghold on our community. Yes, some growth is necessary, but what you are allowing is unconscionable, and is destroying -- not improving -- our community.

Mark Brown
23+ year resident

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From: Norine Wojtanowski <norinewoj@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 3:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Council Resolution 89-2019

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Dear Council Members,

As a resident of the Burleigh Manor neighborhood, I am a frequent traveler on Columbia Road and Old Annapolis Road. The traffic in this area has exponentially increased due to unrestricted development in the sixteen years that I have lived here. The additional units that are proposed will only exacerbate the traffic situation. As I understand it this developer is now attempting to purchase a county road for well below market value.

As a council it would seem appropriate for the county to charge the developer the fair market value for this land and to utilize the funds for budget deficits in other areas. Please represent the citizens of Howard County and stop giving sweetheart deals to developers that are not paying for the impact to our community.

Sincerely,
Norine Wojtanowski

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Linda Fleming <ltf2860@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 2:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: County Resolution CR 89-2019

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As registered Democrats, we find it appalling that more than 1 acre of land might be sold to a developer for only \$50,000. We seriously doubt that condos are the highest and best use of that parcel, and even if it is and traffic will not be severely hampered, why is the developer paying what amounts to a pittance for the 1+ parcel?

Sorry, Mr Ball, this action looks like you are in the pocket of the developer. It is not the best signal to send to your constituents during your first year in office. If the county chooses to sell the land at a reasonable price, you can put the funds to good use in easing overcrowded schools, or funding lunch programs, or even delaying tax increases. There are so many more worthy uses than building more condos. We were hoping for a more aspirational leader when we cast our vote in November.

Linda and Matthew Fleming
Ellicott City, MD

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From: WILLIAM THOMPSON <willietom@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 2:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Re Council Resolution 89-2019

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I understand that this proposal would sell this one acre parcel waiving the provisions of Section 402.1 requiring advertising and bidding. Further that it would be sold to the developer for \$50,000. Can someone explain to me why this price? Has the property been appraised? Why sell it below fair market value?

William F. Thompson

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