

Sayers, Margery

From: Margina Luecking <Margina_Luecking@hcpss.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 8:05 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Surcharge increase on developers

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Please increase the surcharge on developers to help fund school renovations and to fund new school construction. I work in the overcrowded Hollifield Station Elementary School. We have 5 portables now. While we are doing our best, it is not a great solution to the overcrowding caused by new construction. Our children and teachers have to go outside in all kinds of weather to get to the portables. The teachers are isolated from the other staff, which can only negatively impact co-teaching and team cohesiveness. Please consider the needs of all the neighborhood children to a healthy environment for learning.

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Mendy Hunter <mendyhunter@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 5:44 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB 42

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Dear Howard County Council,

Over the past several years I have become disheartened with some decisions made by my local Howard County government, particularly on terms of budget and fees. I am disgusted when I learn that HCPSS doesn't have adequate funds for updating schools, adjusting start times to better meet teens' biological needs, and even improvement projects like repaving Stephens Road in North Laurel. I am aware that our county charges developers less than neighboring counties when they build homes here (homes for which we do not have adequate infrastructure and schools to support). This is the 3rd richest county in the US and I hear "we don't have enough money for that" far too often.

Please support CB 42.

Respectfully,
Mendy Hunter

Sayers, Margery

From: Katy Do <katycdo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 11:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Regarding CB42-2019

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I am a Columbia, Md resident. I would like to see that when doing building new housing developments that we take in to account school developments for those areas so as not to assist in over crowded areas, disrupting the community. We are suppose to have funds set in budgets for builders so as to acquire the proper funds to build schools before housing projects even get started. This disruption is very disturbing for our community. However that being said, I support the surcharge for construction. If bidders come in they must include school renovations and building of new schools in order to build in Howard county. I am also against busing in new students, when we can't even house the ones we have yet. Lets work on our community first before considering helping others. Its asking a lot of people when they are already trying to adjust to new circumstances, and your not even letting people know.. I find this disturbing as well. I am not against the issues, but I believe they should bring this up to the schools, and the community, and the one coming in. Its a big expense for us, when we need more money now just to build schools. Only surrounding areas should be bused in. Going outside of the county is going to cause a bigger charge on our pockets and not on the other community. I say help the teachers and schools in that area, but doing fund raisers and let that county work on that community to better itself. Throwing everything our way again is not fair.

Katy Do
Concerned Columbia resident.

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From: Heather Dalwadi <heather.dalwadi@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 10:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please pass CB42-2019
Attachments: Letter to County Council for Funding.docx

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Heather Dalwadi
3138 Elmmede Rd.
Ellicott City, MD 21042

9/10/2019

Dear County Council,

I am writing to request that you vote to approve the school facilities surcharge for school construction. As you are aware, HCPSS is currently experiencing severe overcrowding in many of our schools. It will be difficult to keep up with the adequate educational costs without increasing this facilities surcharge. I believe that this should be a TOP PRIORITY and I hope that you will strongly consider voting to approve this measure. Additional funds that could be obtained through this measure could help provide needed funding to help address over-crowding, including funds for development of the Talbott Springs Elementary School Replacement, High School 13, Hammond High and Centennial High renovations and potential new elementary schools. As a parent of two young children at St. John's Lane Elementary school, I can absolutely attest to the difficulty students and teachers are currently coping with due to over-capacity. For example, our current art teacher, Mrs. Moon, no longer has an art class! Instead she must use a portable cart to shuttle her art supplies from class to class for student art projects. This is because our art class (a "portable") had to be allocated for a classroom, since the demand for an additional classroom could not otherwise be met.

I hope you have paid attention to the outrage among parents and families throughout Howard County as over 7,000 students face the possibility of moving schools – in part because of OVER DEVELOPMENT and POOR PLANNING without requiring developers to pay their due. Parents and families are watching closely, and we will remember those who do not vote in favor of this bill.

Sincerely,

Heather Ann Dalwadi

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From: Heather Dalwadi <heather.dalwadi@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 10:13 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT CB42-2019
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Please see my attached letter in support of CB42-2019.

Thank you,
Heather Dalwadi, mother of two children at HCPSS

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From: Sara Britt <haydanek@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 8:57 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Written Testimony for CB42-2019

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To whom it may concern,

As a resident and parent in Howard County I feel increasing developer fees is long overdue. Our county is beyond the point of being at capacity and now struggles daily with over capacity. For example nearly *half* of our elementary schools in this county are over 100% capacity. *Over* 100%. That is completely unacceptable. This is due in large part to the rapid population increase because of the new developments. While it is not a bad thing to have a new development with new people and ideas and avenues of revenue and employment, part of the planning for this new development *must* include the feasibility of the addition of these new families into the community. We need to be able to properly and safely serve all residents of this amazing county. As we build and grow more developments we need to consider the costs of creating more classroom space and even entire new schools to accommodate more families. Increasing the developer fees will help to contribute towards the infrastructure costs required to establish this community. At this point we are so long overdue for the money we need to keep up with the population growth that children currently in schools are suffering. In the past several years our children have been subjected to necessary redistricting just to handle the burdens of development and population spikes. As a parent of two howard county public school children it both breaks my heart and angers me that as a resident of a county that touts its school system, our past council members have been so hesitant to encourage new members of the county to contribute to the added cost of a larger population.

In addition to adequate school concerns, as a resident of Ellicott City I am also deeply aware of the effects of over development on our environment. It cannot be ignored that the increase in development has contributed, at least in part, to two major and deadly flood events here in Howard County. In order to protect our community we need to consider the costs of creating better drainage and planning for how to react and adapt to the changing landscape as more development continues. As this costs money, it seems only fair that the developers of these new communities provide some funding for this.

I urge you to pass this bill and start making a more balanced fee for developers. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sara Britt

Sayers, Margery

From: BVivrette <bvivrette@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 8:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42 support

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Dear Council,

Please please please please please support and pass CB42 to raise impact fees. It is long overdue that developers pay their fair share for schools and infrastructure for the homes they build and from which they profit. Please do not give into the doom and gloom hype they will propagate; development still exists in other counties with higher fees similar to this level. Please, don't balk. We must begin to make up for years of underfunded construction, NOW. The state delegation has finally handed us this opportunity and we must act on it!

Sincerely,
Brian Vivrette

Sayers, Margery

From: Kevin Byndloss <byndloss@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 6:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42-2019

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I am in support of this bill, an increase to the school facilities surcharge on developers. These resources will assist in the support of keeping our class sizes low and and learning environment optimal. Please do something on this front. Our children need this!!

Kevin Byndloss

Sayers, Margery

From: Nicole Cestola <cestola@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 5:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony for builders funding

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Please consider this a request to increase the funding surcharge asked for builders in Howard County. I am in favor of increasing the surcharge to the proposed rate of \$6.80.

Nicole Cestola-Crocker
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Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: snemir SN <snemir@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 5:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42-2019

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Please support the proposed increase to the school facilities surcharge on developers that could raise tens of millions of dollars in school construction funds for Howard County if passed. Raising this surcharge would help fund critical capital projects, including the Talbott Springs Elementary School Replacement, High School 13, new elementary schools, and the Hammond High and Centennial High renovations/additions, among other school projects.

Our schools need the extra funding!

Sincerely,

Anna Nemirovsky

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Sarah B <goodridgebyndloss@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 2:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: School Facilities Surcharges

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Dear Council Members,

I support raising the school facilities surcharge for school construction on developers. This a priority for me as my children used to have a much better teacher:student ratio and are now left with much less support and individual attention which in my opinion is what made the Howard County school system a success and helped many students achieve excellence. Foreign language pilot has already been removed from my children's elementary school curriculum, please don't allow the school system to be eroded further due to overcrowding and over-zealous development.

Thank you,
Sarah G. Byndloss
Howard County Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Russ Dickens <rdickens@elmstreetdev.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 2:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42-2019
Attachments: HC CB42-2019 testimony (sept 2019).docx

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My testimony letter is attached.

Thank you.

Russ Dickens

Russ Dickens
11850 Farside Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21042

September 9, 2019

Howard County Council
RE: CB 42-2019
Via EMAIL

Council Members:

I am a 30-year resident of Howard County and a business owner/partner in the building/development business. I am writing to oppose CB 42-2019.

One of the necessities of operating a business is the transparency and predictability of good governance. This bill represents neither. There has not been any data or explanation to the arrival of the \$6.80 tax value, other than simply stating it is what is needed to build new schools, and it is better than the \$18 - \$25 value that some council members want.

There is no grandfathering provision in the bill in its current form. There are many contracts that have been committed to based on the current regulations and tax structure in place. While there is always the understanding that they may change, Howard County has made it a practice to allow for a grandfathering period in fairness to the existing contractual obligations and predictability for businesses. Having followed the discussions and debates from the State enabling legislation for this tax increase, it seemed that the legislators intended for a grandfathering provision as well.

Howard County has both APFO and an allocation process to control growth and plan for the infrastructure and facility needs. While the County has consistently built homes in a number that lags the allowable annual allocations, the County has not added enough school capacity to keep up.

While it is easy for the public to point to new development as the culprit of overcrowded schools, new development has only been responsible for around 40% of the new student growth over the past few years and is projected to be considerably less than that in 2019 and beyond. To task new development with the full costs of solving the problem is not fair nor justified. An increase and reallocation of the existing transfer tax that affects ALL sales evenly would balance the cost fairly.

Finally, the proposed tax increase will have a negative fiscal impact, is severely regressive, and poorly timed to hit at a time when the County is undergoing an affordable housing crisis. Not only would it obviously increase the cost of new housing by over \$13 k for a 2500 sf townhouse

and \$21 k for a 4000 sf single family home, but without an adequate supply of new housing to meet the incoming demand, the price of the existing housing will escalate rapidly and price out young families and those of anything but the highest income brackets.

Thank you for this opportunity to present my testimony.

Sincerely,

Russ Dickens

Sayers, Margery

From: D Royo <dawne.royo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 1:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support School Construction Funds - Pass CB42!

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Dear County Council Members,

I am in total support of passing CD42 to support more funding for our Howard County Public Schools construction projects. Families move to Howard County for the schools, yet our schools are in desperate need of updates, renovations, additions, and new school buildings to support the growing population. It is about time the developers help support our schools by increasing the school facilities surcharge they pay. If surrounding counties can do it, so can Howard County!

Sincerely,
Dawne Royo
HCPSS - retired

Sayers, Margery

From: Bonnie Dorsey <Bonnie_Dorsey@hcpss.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 12:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: support for CB42-2019

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I fully support CB42-2019, an increase to the school facilities surcharge on developers that could raise tens of millions of dollars in school construction funds for Howard County if passed. Raising this surcharge would help fund critical capital projects, including the Talbott Springs Elementary School Replacement, High School 13, new elementary schools, and the Hammond High and Centennial High renovations/additions, among other school projects.

Raising the school facilities surcharge for school construction is a priority for me. Please increase this surcharge on developers. They have paid WAY too little for WAY too long- which is why we are having this problem now. Thank you for your prompt action on this bill.

Yours,
Bonnie Dorsey

Bonnie J Dorsey
First Grade Instructional Team Leader
Teacher Development Liaison
Manor Woods Elementary School
410-313-7165

Sayers, Margery

From: Yi, Xin <yi.sheen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 12:38 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB42-2019

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Hi, Council Members:

I am writing in supportive of CB42-2019 because our school system is in desperate need for additional funding. Some school programs at Centennial Lane ES that relate to our kids are already being trimmed, such as the It's Academic club during school recess and the Math Olympiad learning. I don't want to see the threat of cutting important school programs occurring again in the future. Education for our kids are very important to us.

We can't continue to allow developers build in this county if they don't provide enough financial contribution to build the school infrastructure to support more students.

So please Vote Yes for CB42-2019. Thank you!

Sheen Yi
District 1 Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Rigby, Christiana
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 4:10 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: a constituent in District 3, owen brown village

Testimony sent just to CMR

Felix Facchine

District Aide, District 3

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From: rachel coutts <coutts.rachel@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 2:17 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: a constituent in District 3, owen brown village

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Hello,

I live in Hopewell, in Owen Brown village. I am in favor of CB 42 and CB 38. Please vote in support of these.

Thank you,

Rachel Coutts
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9354 Sharp Antler, Columbia

Sayers, Margery

From: Barry Mehta <elkridgedevelopers@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 1:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB-42-2019

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I sent an email opposing this bill already. I would like to add that whoever sponsors this bill or votes for it, must preface their action by saying, "I do not care about affordable housing in Howard County"

County housing is overly expensive as it is. This type of irresponsible bill will make home prices go thru the sky.

Barry Mehta

Elkridge Developers,LLC

Sayers, Margery

From: Barry Mehta <elkridgedevelopers@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 1:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB-42-2019

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I am a responsible and environmentally concerned land developer and am very concerned about both the bills and strongly opposed to this bill..

I am aware that Main Street in Ellicott City has many people very concerned but a blind and blanket attack on development is a negative regressive step.

There are already very heavy plan submission fees and impact fees and financially destroying the developers is not the way to get smart development.

I will be out of the country for next two weeks and not in a position to personally attend hearings.

Thanks.

Barry Mehta

Elkridge Developers, LLC

Sayers, Margery

From: Lisa Harbaugh <lharbaugh2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 9:29 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB38 & CB42

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Good morning,

As a Howard County resident, parent of school age children, and voter, I am fully in support of CB38 and CB42. I expect the County Council to approve these bills which increase the developer surcharge and protect the Patapsco Lower North Branch watershed and in doing so show that you support and prioritize the needs of your constituents.

Thank you,
Lisa Harbaugh