

Sayers, Margery

From: Jennifer (Dicks) Cary <jrdicks3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 3:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote NO to Council Bill 42-19

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Dear County Council,

I strongly oppose Council Bill 42-19. I believe this expensive and unsupported increase will be detrimental to housing affordability and the development industry across the County.

I respectfully request the Council vote NO on Council Bill 42-19.

Sincerely,

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Sayers, Margery

From: Rose Edwards <rosewards@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2019 9:00 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB 42-2019

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I support CB 42-2019. It is time for Howard County to increase the school facilities surcharge on new homes in Howard County to be similar to that of surrounding counties. Our schools need help.

Rose Edwards

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: E Kato <euk369@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2019 8:57 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42-2019

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I am writing in support of CB42. People move to Howard County because of its schools. If we fail to invest in building and staffing schools to meet the expanding population, we will no longer be able to maintain the current high standards of education. Developers have profited immensely from growth in Howard County and have consistently dodged their fair share. It's time to bring charges in line with the true costs of development. If this had been done 20 years ago, the increase would not have to be so steep now, but it's only going to get worse if we continue to kick the can down the road. My thanks to the current council for taking this issue on.

Sincerely,
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Sayers, Margery

From: Mj Monck <mjmonck@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2019 6:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42-2019

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I am writing in strong support of this bill.

For far too long money has been siphoned out of our county coffers and into the hands of a few. Those funds should have been going to meet the needs of our county, most specifically the needs of education. Education includes not only Pre-k through 12 but also Howard Community College and the libraries, all partners in providing the most important public good there is.

I read the the Chamber of Commerce opposes this bill. Why? I find it comical that they would use "regional competitiveness" as a reason. We have been uncompetitive for years in that we have been charging so little compared to surrounding counties.

Developers, builders, and real estate agents have been reaping the rewards of using Howard County, and it is time we said no more.

By using these funds for school capital projects, we raise our school system. We provide an even better educated populace. We say education matters.

Please vote in support of CB42-2019.

Marijane Monck

Sayers, Margery

From: fuller.evan@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2019 5:32 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB42-2019

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Dear Council Members,

I encourage you to pass CB42-2019, School facilities surcharge rates.

As a parent of students in Hammond Elementary School and Hammond Middle School, I have paid attention to redistricting issues as well as the Milk Plant development. Central to both these issues is the overcrowding of some Howard County schools. While I personally would rather not have a new housing development adding to congestion in my community, I recognize that development as a whole benefits the County, and the owners have the right to put in higher-density housing. As a County, we want to encourage development while making sure that it pays a fair share of the increased costs as a result—traffic and schools, as well as utility lines and the like. Our schools need more capacity, which means they need more funding. Setting a school facility surcharge that is tied to the actual costs of growth makes sense to me as a fair way to apportion this cost.

In short, I support increasing the fees on residential developments in order to ensure that we can maintain enough school capacity for the children that will be in our system.

Thank you,
Evan Fuller
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Sayers, Margery

From: Neil Hunt <nwhunt@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2019 10:31 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support surcharge increase (CB 42)

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Dear County Council,

I am writing in support of CB 42 legislation to raise school surcharge fees. I applaud Chair Mercer Rigby, Councilwomen Jung, and Councilman Jones for introducing the legislation and doing their part in setting the course right in our county with this long overdue fee increase.

Thank you,

Neil Hunt
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District 3

Sayers, Margery

From: Richard Demmitt <rjdemmitt@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2019 9:33 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Bill 42-19.

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Please vote No for Bill 42-19.

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Sayers, Margery

From: Jonathan Sindler <Jonathan_Sindler@hcpss.org>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 3:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42-2019

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Greetings!

I would like to thank you for supporting CB42-2019. So many of our school buildings are in need of either expansion or renovations. At Mount View Middle School, we desperately need another room for our music programs. In the last 4 years, our numbers have jumped from 6 ensembles totaling around 450 students to this year when we now have 9 ensembles totaling over 600 students, roughly 3/4 of the total school population. We currently only have 1 large and 1 medium sized rehearsal room. We have been forced to utilize the Park and Rec. room but since that technically is not our room, we have to strike the room every day and reset the next morning (which takes away from instruction time) so that Park and Rec. can use the room in the evening. This is just one example across the county and while I know it's not the largest priority, it does emphasize the need.

Thank you again for your support!

Jonathan Sindler
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Doing your best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment.
- Oprah Winfrey

Sayers, Margery

From: cpixiew@verizon.net
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 12:56 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Wed, 9/18, CB 42-2019, Altering School Facilities Surcharges

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Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Good evening, County Council Members,

My name is Carolyn Weibel, and I have resided in Valley Mede in Ellicott City for over 40 years. I am going on record that I am in favor of raising school facilities surcharge fees.

I have spent the last 4 years testifying about zoning issues, Rt 99 Traffic Safety, and APFO legislation, particularly those involving raising the school facilities surcharge fees paid by the developers. It's been long overdue to correct this imbalance.

I feel like Howard County citizens are caught up in a vicious cycle. Smart growth has long gone by the wayside, developers continue to build, schools are overcrowded, and our infrastructure is insufficient. As these conditions continue to worsen, one thing has not changed - and that is the surcharge fees paid by the developers. The previous County Councils and Administrations had, and now those of you in front of me, have a fiduciary responsibility to raise these fees. This impacts all of Howard County, not just your council district.

Taxpayers like myself can't continue to shoulder the burden of paying for new schools and the related infrastructure improvements because previous administrations (and I am talking 20 plus years) have not planned properly for the uncontrolled growth Howard County has seen and have avoided their fiducial responsibility to have developers pay accordingly.

I have two more points to make:

One: I don't think the proposed fee of \$6.80/square foot is sufficient, and I think it should be higher and more like \$8/square foot.

Two: I am recommending no exemptions to any developer, and no grandfathering of any projects.

The taxpayer, like myself, who is retired and has no children in the school system, has been and is now through with subsidizing profits for developers. Previous administrations have allowed this to happen, and we need to correct it now.

Thank you for your time,

Carolyn Weibel
Longview Dr, Valley Mede
Ellicott City, MD

Facchine, Felix

From: Casey Retterer <casey_reterer@hcpss.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:13 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Subject: Support for school facility surcharge bill (CB42-2019)
Categories: Leg - 2019-CB42 School Facilities Surcharge

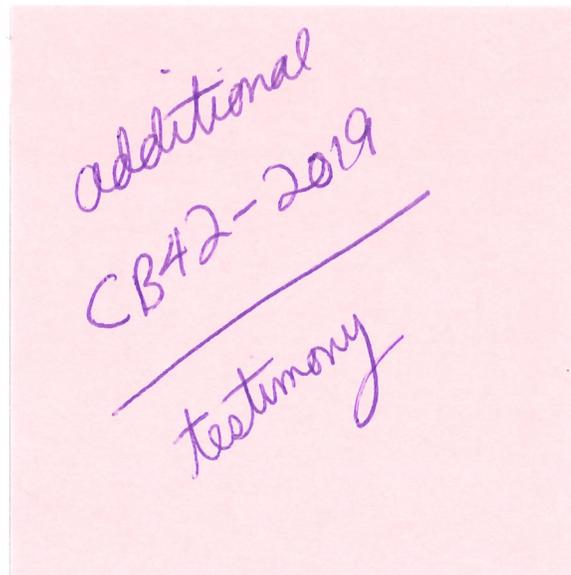
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Christiana Rigby,

Hello,

I'm writing to you in support of the school facility surcharge bill (CB42-2019). For too long developers have been undercharged (as compared to neighboring counties) and profiting off of the citizens of Howard County, who have been paying for it through the impacts this has had on the school system (and elsewhere, as these issues tend to ripple throughout the county budget). While it would be unfeasible to try to recoup the losses we have suffered thus far, the proposed bill fixes something that's been broken for far too long. The best time to have addressed this issue was years ago. The second best time to fix it is now.

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Facchine, Felix

From: Anna Gannon <agannon@hcpss.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:15 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Subject: Our Children Deserve Better

Categories: Leg - 2019-CB42 School Facilities Surcharge

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Christiana Rigby,

I am extremely concerned about the continued deferred funding issues that remove crucial funding from our schools and from our children. As a resident and parent, it is disheartening that we adults have positioned our county to not be able to provide the best k-12 school experience in the nation. I urge you to vote in favor of CB42-2019 to ensure that educational funding is more than adequately administered but also, is calculated in a way that continues to support our children today and in the future. They deserve better and we need to do not only what is right, but what we have a responsibility as citizens to do.

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Facchine, Felix

From: Shelley Mansolillo <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:03 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Subject: Support bill CN42-2019 and the Hammond High Renovations

Categories: Leg - 2019-CB42 School Facilities Surcharge

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Christiana Rigby,

Please support bill CB42-2019 which will create more funding for capital projects like the Hammond High School Renovation. Please do not remove the money from the budget for the Hammond High School renovation. This renovation was brought to light in 2007, 2007!!! 12 years ago - this is unacceptable that many schools have gone ahead of us and now a new HS13 is being built and we can't even maintain the buildings we have. The funding for construction for the renovation and addition to Hammond High School must remain as a TOP PRIORITY project 2021 and no deferral in funding. Hammond High is the lowest rated facility in the school system. Our school is too small, is missing vital spaces for Special Education, the ONLY county high school without and auxiliary gym and is NOT ADA complaint. It is not equitable to have thousands of students go through this school knowing the deficits and continuing to postpone work on the school. The systems are old and failing. There is mold in the school. It is unconscionable to defer another seven or eight years when you have already spent funds on the design plans, and the have commitment of the school and broader community to the effort to move forward now.

I sincerely appreciate your time and support on this matter.

Thank you,
Shelley Mansolillo

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Facchine, Felix

From: Lauren Palguta <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:28 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Subject: Vote YES to CB42-2019

Categories: Leg - 2019-CB42 School Facilities Surcharge

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Christiana Rigby,

I ask that you please vote yes to CB42-2019. Our schools are overcrowded, and the developers continue to add more children with no help on solving the problem it creates. We should restrict development and increase taxes for companies to ensure our children have the facilities for the superior education our county prides itself on.

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Facchine, Felix

From: Tracy Stansbury <tracy_stansbury@hcpss.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 5:19 AM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Subject: support of CB42-2019

Categories: Leg - 2019-CB42 School Facilities Surcharge

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Christiana Rigby,

Hello,

Please vote in support of CB42-2019.

For too long, the county has levied incredibly low impact fees on developers who are building new houses in our county. Without adequate impact fees, our county cannot support and sustain the infrastructure needed for our ever-increasing population. Please make the people responsible for adding costs to the county's infrastructure pay their fair share. Please stop making it so easy for developers to build without consequences.

I am concerned about the cost of mitigating storm water run-off from new construction sites and the impact of this on the environment.

I am concerned about the overcrowding in our schools and the constant need for redistricting in our county, leading our kids to lose their sense of community and belonging. The developers building the new huge development off of 103 near Bellows Springs project that NO families with children will move in. That is unlikely and the developer should share the cost of the increased enrollment at BSES as well as the added traffic on an already highly trafficked road.

I am saddened that our schools and teachers don't have access to all of the supplies and supports necessary to give our kids the best education possible, due to overcrowding and underfunding.

I am annoyed about the increasing traffic that makes getting across town a nightmare. Please vote in favor of CB42-2019 to help keep Howard County the "best place to live in America".

Thank you,
Tracy Stansbury

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Facchine, Felix

From: Shari Spearman <shari_spearman@hcpss.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 3:48 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Subject: Vote Yes to bill (CB42-2019)

Categories: Leg - 2019-CB42 School Facilities Surcharge

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Christiana Rigby,

Please vote yes to the surcharge our schools are a reflection of the education and caring that is provided.

When we are short on maintenance the students and staff suffer. We all want to look beyond the facade and know the true character of whats being taught.

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Facchine, Felix

From: Kristin Yakas <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2019 7:59 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Subject: School Facility Surcharge

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Christiana Rigby,

Please support the school facility surcharge bill (CB42-2019). There's no excuse not to do this. We need to fix the problems in our overcrowded county.

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Facchine, Felix

From: Sarah Roogow <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2019 8:29 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Subject: Support for CB 42

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Christiana Rigby,

Developers must pay if they are directly

Contributing to the over crowding of our schools. Schools are bursting at the seams and the proper infrastructure is nowhere to be found! Fix this NOW!

Sarah Roogow

District 1

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Facchine, Felix

From: Elizabeth Van Patten <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2019 9:17 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Subject: Support CB 42-2019

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Christiana Rigby,

County Council Members,

Please support CB42-2019. Two of my four children currently attend a school that is celebrating 65 years! Saint John's Lane Elementary school is burdened with overcrowding. Support for this bill would allow a new elementary school to be built to accommodate all of the children in the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration,

Elizabeth Van Patten

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