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From: roberta brown <rbrownjhu@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 9:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 42 and CR 112
Attachments: County Council Letter.pdf

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Dear Howard County Council,

Please find my letter attached regarding CB42 and CR112.

Roberta Bardini

September 25, 2019

Dear Elected Members of the Howard County Council,

I urge you to vote NO on CR 112 and YES on CB 42. Your predecessors in Howard County have created a problem by caving to developer's interests. This, coupled with zoning regulations, have forced the bulk of affordable housing in Howard County in the eastern part of the county. Instead of concentrating on zoning changes in some rural portions of the county and forcing developers to pay for infrastructure such as roads and schools, you have the gall to recommend that HCPSS integrate based on socioeconomic factors. This is complete insanity. This will be a never-ending cycle until the county council fixes the problems that only YOU can fix. Clean up your house before you demand that someone else clean up the problem that your predecessors created.

Sincerely,

Roberta Bardini

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From: jetaylor91 <jetaylor91@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 1:28 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: [SUSPECTED SPAM] I support CB42

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Developers find it profitable to build homes in Howard County because of its school system. For 15 years, developers have not only profited from building homes, they have also profited from low school surcharge fees.

School surcharge fees are used to partially cover the cost of new school construction. In Howard County this fee was set at an arbitrary value of \$1.00 per square foot and pegged to inflation.

The fee in 2019 is \$1.32 per square foot- a mere 1.7% increase since 2004. According to the 2018 Department of Legislative Services Report the fee in Montgomery County is on average \$30,575 per home, which represents a 10% increase since 2004.

In the last 15 years, the County has approved a minimum of 24,000 new homes. At this rate, the county has forgone nearly \$530 million in school surcharge fees. The three-year average school surcharge fee in 2017 was less than \$5,500, while the cost of building new schools could be a minimum of \$60,000 per new student.

While the proposed fee of \$6.80 is a step in the right direction, I think the fee can be higher. I urge you to raise the fee to \$8 per square foot. I also urge you to provide no exemptions to any developer. No grandfathering of projects.

Raise the fee now so our school system can get the funding it needs to build schools and students can find the resources they need.

Thank you to Councilpersons Christiana Mercer-Rigby and Deb Jung for introducing this legislation.

Sent from my smartphone

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From: jetaylor91 <jetaylor91@comcast.net>
Date: 9/30/19 12:03 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: councilmail@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: I support CB38 - Liz Walsh is on the right

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From: Pamela Cohen <pastryam2@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 7:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Cb42

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Dear Council Members:

My name is Pamela Cohen and my children are students at Atholton High School. I am writing to urge the Council to approve CB42-2019.

Due to the lack of adequate funding for school infrastructure my son had to go to school in portable classrooms in elementary school. He attended a middle school that the minute it was built would face overcrowding within two years of its completion. He now attends classes in high school that has 30 or more students per class after only 6 years after remodeling and adding more classrooms. With the addition of all of the new building in the Town Center area we anticipate even more students feeding into these schools. We live in one of the richest counties in the U.S., we should be ensuring our schools are funded as such.

This week's announcement of delays to much-needed school capital projects underscores the urgency of increasing the school surcharge fees on new residential construction to be closer to the actual cost of adding a new student seat to a brick and mortar classroom. CB42 does exactly that.

Please support CB42. Our schools cannot wait!!

Sincerely,

Pamela Cohen

Council District 4

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From: joel hurewitz <joelhurewitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 2:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Impact Fees in Relation to Housing Prices and Affordable Housing Supply

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Dear Council,

Here is a study on impact fees and housing prices.

Joel Hurewitz

[http://www.impactfees.com/publications/burge-Impact Fees in Relation to Housing Prices-2016.pdf](http://www.impactfees.com/publications/burge-Impact_Fees_in_Relation_to_Housing_Prices-2016.pdf)

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From: LINDA Wengel <lwengel@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 1:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Surcharge on affordable housing

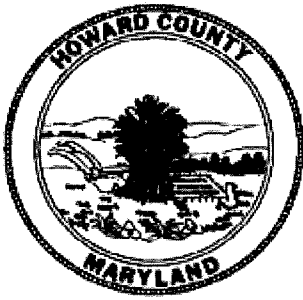
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You might have to ask the state delegation to fast track an amendment to their legislation in January before a new surcharge takes effect. I know Delegate Atterbeary voted against her own bill because it didn't exempt all affordable housing. Linda Wengel

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From: Tara Scully <taramscully@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 12:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Yes to CB42, No to CB112

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County Council Legislative Work Session
Continuation – Day 2
Friday, September 27, 2019
C. Vernon Gray Room
11:00 a.m.

Agenda

- Council Bill 42-2019 - Introduced by Christiana Mercer Rigby and Deb Jung; Co-sponsored by Opel Jones and Liz Walsh - AN ACT to alter the school facilities surcharge in accordance with Chapter 744 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019; and generally relating to the school facilities surcharge.
- Council Resolution 112-2019 – Introduced by Christiana Mercer Rigby, Opel Jones and Deb Jung - A RESOLUTION requesting the Howard County Public School System to draft, approve, and implement a lawful multi-year Integration Plan to ensure that Howard County Public Schools are integrated by socioeconomic factors.

Please consider my feeling toward the bills from District 5 - Valleymede voter.

Yes for CB42 - make the developers pay more and let them charge it to new home buyers. We need money for the schools!

No for CB112 - our school system is one of the most diverse in the entire country. We need more money for facilities not more money being spent for busing children around. Children also need their sleep and don't need to be on long bus

rides. Provide more funds and resources to schools that need it to close the achievement gap. I lived in Howard County and I'm a product of Hammond Elementary, Hammond middle and Atholton high school, class of 1999. I'm a life long resident, who also works in HoCo.

- Tara =)

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Shavondalyn Givens <shavondalyn1998@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 3:47 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for raising school facility surcharge

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

My name is Shavondalyn Givens and I support the legislation to increase the school facility surcharge. We need the money for upgrades to Hammond high school and building a new high school in Howard county.

Shavondalyn Givens
9517 Donnan Castle Ct Laurel MD 20723

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From: Ashley Hopper <ashley.jolissaint.hopper@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 2:55 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Yungmann, David; Kittleman, Mary; Rigby, Christiana
Subject: Written Testimony CR-42
Attachments: Testimony_Ashley Jolissaint_CR-42.docx

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please see the attached written testimony in support of CR-42 with recommended amended language enumerating specific usage of developer fees.

Thank you for all that you do in your service to our great county.

Best Regards,
Ashley Jolissaint
Polygon 1166, District 5

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Testimony CR-42

Council Members, first, thank you for your service to our County. I am requesting consideration and approved passage of CR-42.

1. **An Affirmative Step.** I submit to you, Council Members, that you have the power to create a Master Plan to address Howard County's current challenges and to prevent catastrophe. CR-42 is such an affirmative step in reducing overcrowding and funding schools. CR-42 will help to ensure that future development is aligned with the actual cost of new students at schools.

2. **Determine and Enumerate Specific Use.** However, Council Members, I submit that CR-42's language be redrafted. It appears that Council may believe there are certain priorities in our current education system. Thus, if Council Members prefer this money to be utilized and allocated in a particular way, then I submit the language of CR-42 should specify those priorities. For example, all fees will be used for new construction, maintenance, and renovation expenses [for Fiscal Years 2021-2025]" or "at least fifty percent of all proceeds will be used for construction, renovation, and maintenance of school facilities" and "no more than thirty percent will be used for teacher salaries."

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From: Barbara Tindall <barbara.tindall@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 11:22 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB42

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Since this "vote" in support of CB42 is so late, I simply state that it is vitally important to our county's well being that the bill passes.

First, the county continues to grow at rapid rate increasing the need for new schools.

Second, developers and contractors are taking advantage of a "boom town" mentality to make meritless, overblown profits. Numerous walks in different parts of the county reveal patterns of cookie-cutter-designed housing devaluing the general landscape while making money for developers/contractors.

Third, our posterity is assured when we support education for every single child.

Thank you.

Barbara C. Tindall

Sent from my iPad

Decrease Developer Entitlements

I support CB38-2019 that prohibits waivers for builders who want to build in Ellicott Cities floodplain.

I support CB40- 2019 that extends the life of CB56-2018.

I support CB42-2019 that will raise developer's impact fees to market rates.

Past and present County Councils and Executives major problem is and has been that they cannot say no to developers. Our elected representatives have amended the APFO rules and/or regulations to meet developer requirements for more than twenty years.

The results continue to be severe flooding in Ellicott City and overcrowded classrooms that hinder a quality education for some students and redistricting for others through out Ho Co.

I encourage the entire Ho Co Council to
unanimously support the aforementioned
bills with their votes.

Harry Dunbar, AKA Slow Growth Dunbar
Owen Brown

09/23/2019