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Dear Council Members

I am writing to express my support for CB41-2019. Having been through the process of trying to fight a development, I know how difficult it is to navigate the processes within the County. Many residents are afraid to testify due to the quasi-judicial nature of the process and the absolute need for a land use attorney. During our fight we also found it nearly impossible to retain a land use attorney that did not have a conflict of interest with the land use attorney representing the petitioner for a conditional use hearing. In addition, having the council members serve as the zoning board limits the ability for our elected council members to speak out on our behalf and limits their ability to provide us with advice and counsel. I feel that there is still a lot to vet regarding this position and how it affects other aspects of the land development process (e.g. the difficulties of average residents to participate in a quasi-judicial process and the fact that the Design Advisory Panel can only provide comment for a conditional use and cannot require plan revisions).

Thank you for your consideration

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