

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** gloria.larkin@outlook.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 2, 2019 1:53 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin  
**Cc:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Protect the Lower North Branch watershed and #PassCB38Now

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#ThisWatershedCantWait.

Gloria Larkin

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Heather Hill <hhill9598@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019 7:21 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Protect the watershed

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County Council members,

I am a lifetime Howard County resident and tax payer. My grandparents moved to Howard County in 1967. I grew up in Owen Brown and Allview Estates. I graduated from Oakland Mills High school and earned my degree in Nursing at HCC. I currently live in Elkridge. I am writing to plead with the Council to put a halt to further development in Howard County, especially in the vicinity of the Ellicott City watershed. I have watched as our farmlands have been destroyed and developed into luxury neighborhoods. And more recently general over development throughout the entire county. Our schools are overcrowded. We have very little green space left in the county. We have had flooding that has caused death and destruction in our historic gem, Ellicott City.

I don't believe this was Mr. Rouse's vision for Columbia and the surrounding county. It is heartbreaking that greed and over development have taken priority over preserving our natural surroundings. How is this allowed to continue? I want my children to have the experience of growing up and going to school in what I have always considered a very special place. I see nothing special in continuing on the current path that Howard County is on.

Thank you,  
Heather Hill

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**From:** Gary Rohrback <grohrback@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019 2:30 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Cb38

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Protect the watershed area. Please pass this bill. And stop taking money from developers so they can build in watershed areas.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Lindsey <lmlund07@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019 11:25 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB38 Vote Yes

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I'm a lifelong Marylander who took a chance on OEC and moved to the area from Baltimore City in 2016. I love OEC and want to see it continue to rebound after the catastrophic flooding. To do so, Howard County needs to protect OEC by better protecting and preserving the last bits of undeveloped land in the watershed surrounding OEC, limit Developer entitlements to avoid State and County environmental laws, and reduce flood risks. As one of your constituents, I ask you to please support Council Bill 38.

Best,  
Lindsey Lund

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**From:** Julia A <julia.cuder@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019 9:37 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass CB38

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Dear Council,

Please pass this bill. I live on Bonnie Branch Rd and watch as this area grows more and more houses and less and less trees. No matter how much developers pay the County, its not worth it in the long run. Do your duty. Protect the land.

Julia Allison

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**From:** john.barbare <john.barbare@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019 9:05 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Ball, Calvin  
**Subject:** Please pass CB 38 and CB 40

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I live 1 mile from old EC and the construction over the last 20 years has flooded my house and lost power for weeks. Please pass these Bills for consideration of re election and helping the community.

John Barbare  
8055 High Castle  
Ellicott city md 21043

Thanks

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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**From:** Bob Frantz <bob@pcfmanagement.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019 12:08 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** New Home Development

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We cannot take any more road,roof,drive way, runoff,it's been over development now!Please stop it now before its too late! Thank You! Robert Frantz 3948-A Cooks La. Elliott City

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**From:** Jane Neville <janesneville465@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019 10:06 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail

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For example:

Two houses in Valleymede have been purchased by the county and now destroyed due to flooding. How can anyone possibly approve the Bethany Glen development on Route 99. It is hypocritical!

Thank you.

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**From:** DENNIS <jneville604@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019 9:32 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB38

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Thank you.  
Jane Neville  
Valleymede

Sent from Xfinity Connect Mobile App

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**From:** Janene Holzberg <janeneholzberg76@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019 9:24 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Stop development on Rt. 103

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Dear County Council,

I support stronger legislation to protect the Old Ellicott City watershed, specifically in the form of CB 38. Allowing Beazer Homes to cram 79 units - nearly double the 44 units originally proposed - onto a 7-acre plot that's been squeezed amid other development that has occurred on Montgomery Road in recent years is a terrible idea that could result in life-threatening consequences for persons and property downstream.

While controlling runoff must be the priority, I have another bone to pick.

How can another 160 vehicles be sent out onto a road that is already an F-minus in traffic flow anyway? The light at the entrance to Long Gate Shopping Center already functions poorly, and that's an major understatement.

I know another lane is coming to Route 103 between Long Gate Shopping Center and Old Columbia Pike, but even that improvement could never atone for the original, fatal mistake of building the Long Gate Shopping Center in such a way that only eastbound traffic can exit the center onto Route 100 and the rest of the traffic must use Route 103 to get to Route 29.

Vehicles exit Route 100 by the dozens to avoid the standstill where 100 dumps onto 29 at certain times of day and also drive along this stretch of Route 103. This road - with no shoulders, I should add - is simply not designed for this level of use/abuse.

Enough is more than enough. Do the right thing and protect the watershed. Developers' rights/wishes must be secondary.

Janene Holzberg  
Ellicott City

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**From:** Michael Ferguson <michaeldferguson4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2019 7:16 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass CB #38

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I encourage all council members, including David Yungman my councilman, to vote for CB #38. There has been enough development that has occurred in eastern Howard County. All of the excessive development has helped cause extreme weather conditions in our communities.

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**From:** Brian Edwards <brianledwards@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2019 4:38 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Fwd: CB38 Support

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Just wanted to send my support of CB38, which I firmly believe I am part of the majority that believes new development in Howard county must take a long break to allow infrastructure, roadways, and schools to catch up.

Kudos to Liz Walsh!

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**From:** shyampraba obla <shyamkarthik@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2019 12:08 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support CB38

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Hi  
I am in favor of CB38.  
Thanks  
Shyam Obla  
[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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**From:** Julian Manelli <julian21043@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2019 11:31 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Regarding: CB38

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I am requesting that the language of CB38 should not further damage business activity in the Historic District of Ellicott City. By including restriction which would halt the ability to “change primaries and alternative compliance applications” the council bill would do irrevocable damage..

I am Julian Manelli and reside on 3774 Old Columbia Pike and operate a business on 3751 Hamilton St. Both locations are in the heart of the historic district of Ellicott City. I and my family have been both a business and resident in the historic district since 1972. CB38 should enable business that have survived the flood and economic hardships to have the ability to “change primaries and alternative compliance applications”. My property, my company is one of the oldest continuing operations in Ellicott City. To restrict the ability of existing property owners the ability to apply for change as noted in CB38 would be to destroy business flexibility and the survival of small business that have weathered the floods. Delete this language and give business and property in the Historic District the ability to change with the times, remain and prosper, revitalizing our wonderful town.

Thank you for your help,

Julian Manelli

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**From:** Julia Hawrylo <oychoolie@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2019 11:20 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Walsh, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** Council Bill 38

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Dear Council members,

I have submitted written support for CB38 before but was unable to testify at the hearing. Once again, I am writing to encourage you to pass it. If this bill is not perfect, work on it.

We can no longer afford to do things the way they've always been done in this county; ignoring Maryland environmental rules, allowing builders to use out-dated stormwater management requirements, permitting building on steep and susceptible slopes, disregarding historic and scenic roads, letting development replace stands of forest while pointing to those laughable forest conservation plots as acceptable exchanges for large trees and underbrush that support an assortment of wildlife and provide exponentially more oxygen. Perhaps worst of all is accepting fees-in-lieu from a builder who desires to ignore rules: a "fee-in-lieu" is nothing but a bribe paid to the County.

I admire all of you for taking on the difficult task of governance; I am sure that at least one part of your desire to participate at this level was your eagerness to make things better. You have the opportunity to protect Howard County's citizens and it's unique beauty as well as the health of the environment. Howard County must demand the best from people wishing to build here; the best adherence to environmental rules and the best ethics in construction. Please stop doing things the same old way. You are new: do something new. Pass CB 38

Sincerely,  
Julia Hawrylo  
Ellicott City

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Robert B. Martin <robertbmartin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2019 9:21 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB38

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Hi,

Can someone please tell me when the vote will take place for CB38?

Thanks,

Rob

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**From:** jetaylor91 <jetaylor91@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2019 12:03 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support CB38 - Liz Walsh is on the right side here.

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It's bad enough that on the national level corporations and the rich and powerful own the politicians and are destroying our public lands.

Now we won't stop the local robber barons from doing the same locally in HoCo?

Why are you continuing to support the gobbling up of what little green space we have in the eastern county, causing recurring flooding by continued attempts to develop our flood plains, not to mention continuing to overcrowd our schools, with no room to build new ones.

Separately, I am also very skeptical of DPZ's apparent cozy relationship with builders. I think that a financial audit of DPZ decision makers would not be a bad idea just to make sure all is on the up and up. Maybe I watch too much TV but this seems like an environment ripe for this.

John Taylor  
6032 Montgomery Rd  
Elkridge Md 21075

[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=2483079121911845&id=2302494333303659](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=2483079121911845&id=2302494333303659)

Who doesn't want a good neighbor like Beazer Homes.

🔗 Illegal signs constructed at the New Cut road closure barriers, to sell 55+ "luxury elevator townhomes" just feet outside the old Ellicott City building moratorium, and just up the hill from families and homes who've lost almost everything. (March 15, 2019 photo in comments below, intersection of New Cut and Hillsborough)

🔗 Median signs along Route 40 naming the same high school still featured in its on-line listings—"just five miles" from this "top rated" incentive—to sell even more "luxury homes" in the midst of County-wide redistricting. (June 30, 2019 and August 3, 2019 photos in comments below, Route 40W near Kiwanis-Wallis, plus September 28, 2019 screenshot of Beazer on-line listing)

🔗 And then this, this stunningly tone-deaf plea for relief from the one and only change to land-use regulations proposed by Howard County's Department of Planning and Zoning—in response to the 2018 Watershed Safety Act—that might possibly have the effect of protecting the old Ellicott City watershed from further harm. So that Long Gate Overlook on Montgomery Road/Route 103 (across from the Target) can build into seven+ acres perched at the very tippy-top of that watershed, having only just recently been "re-engineered" to comply with stormwater regulations—to control a 100-year storm—that have been in effect now for almost thirty years, since 1990. (June 11, 2018 photo in comments below, facing the spotlight out of the Long Gate Shopping Center onto Route 103)

It's time. It's long past time. To do something right. To do something lasting. To do something not purely motivated by self-interested and shortest-term Developer profit.

It's time to pass #CB38. Howard County's Council votes on the bill Monday, October 7. Please be sure to email us why you need us to #ProtectThisWatershed before then, at [councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:councilmail@howardcountymd.gov).

Sent from my smartphone

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**From:** Sarah Roogow <sroogow@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 29, 2019 6:59 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support for Council Bill 38

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

To the Howard County Council,

I am writing to express my support for CB38. The rapid development in Elkridge is mind blowing and CB38 will help to protect the Patapsco watershed. The amount of flooding as a result of such rapid and dense development has been crippling to the Ellicott City and Elkridge communities. CB38 will help protect and preserve our communities.

Thank you,  
Sarah Roogow  
D1 resident

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Rossana Marsh <rossanamarsh1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 29, 2019 5:04 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Ball, Calvin  
**Subject:** In Support of CB38 and CB40

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

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my full support for CB38-2019 and CB40-2019.

I am a resident of Taylor Village and like many others, was horrified by the loss of life and extensive damage caused by the floods we experienced in 2016 and 2018. To think that the construction of the very neighborhood we live in might have contributed to additional runoff and flooding was sobering to say the least. Contrary to what the Taylor Village Association suggests, we are not all opposed to CB 38 and CB 40!

I urge you to do everything you can to strengthen and expand environmental sustainability in the Patapsco Lower North Branch Watershed. It is inconceivable that developers should continue to be allowed to bypass environmental laws via fees-in-lieu, waivers, etc.

Additionally, extending the Watershed Safety Act (CB40) will allow the council to more thoroughly address the issues related to flooding, storm water runoff and how any zoning changes might affect the Tiber Branch Watershed and Plumtree watershed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

*Rossana Marsh*

4927 Rushing River Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

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**From:** listan 1 <listan1@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 29, 2019 12:23 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Ball, Calvin B  
**Subject:** Pass CB38

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I live in a historic home which, to the rear, overlooks New Cut Drive and a stone's throw from Main Street (but thankfully well uphill). We are so very dismayed at the County's utter failure over the years to protect Historic Ellicott City (to the great detriment of the County and larger community, and obviously risking the life and safety of citizens), but after 2 floods and so much loss, what we are at a complete loss over is the county's failure now to drastically overhaul processes and practices. This is an emergency but Howard County, under your leadership, is virtually in status quo mode. Modest changes are a joke in light of what we have lost and what we have yet to lose. I implore you to support CB38 and take all other aggressive measures you can take to protect Old Ellicott and the surrounding environment. History will judge you on this. Do the right thing.

And a first question is whether the Council needs to protect Old Ellicott City and the environment and citizens from the Department and Planning and Zoning, which has absolutely failed to do what is needed. They have laid out the red carpet for developers, the citizens, the historic district, and the environment be damned. It's time for the Department of Planning and Zoning director Valdis Lazdins to go before more damage is done.

As the Baltimore Sun recently united, the floods are "stark warnings that we need to take strong action to prevent further irreparable harm to our local environment. ... We can no longer plan to do business as usual here in Howard County." We need to right now pass this bill which would expand the historic town's watershed by relabeling it under a state-recognized watershed zone. We need to bar developers from disturbing parts of historic district and would expand protections for buffers around wetlands, steep slopes and all waterways, including man-made streams. We need to protection our precious forests. "Woods in good condition are widely considered the gold standard of stormwater management."

"Decades of inadequate stormwater management requirements and the natural topography of the community are to blame for disastrous flooding, experts say. With the 2017 National Climate Assessment projecting heavier rains for the Northeast, Ellicott City

could see similar floods in the future.” Astonishingly, we “still allow developers to obtain waivers or just pay fees to get around sound environmental law already on the books.”

We can no longer waive basic environmental regulations. We can no longer allow developers to disturb stream buffers, remove old trees and clear scenic buffers. We need to act to pass CB38, as a first step to aggressive action and securing this administration’s and council’s and community’s legacy to be the time things changed. The time the tide turned.

Please act. Thank you.

Lisa Orenstein and Becca Lyter  
(On behalf of our children and their future)  
4341 Stonecrest Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
301-873-0244

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**From:** mteske1@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 29, 2019 11:08 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support CB38

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Hello Council members,

My name is Michael Teske and I live in Valley Mede. I moved here two years ago with my wife and two young daughters. I really like living here a lot. I grew up in Bowie and moved here after college at Towson (lived in MD my whole life). I want to write in support of CB38 and the issues that Liz Walsh supports. I don't know her, but I've been following her social media campaign and it resonates a lot with my beliefs. Please consider all the information available and pass this legislation for the future generations. Thanks for you time and hard work. I'm sure your jobs are not easy. I remember in highschool when people would say how nice Ellicott City was. I'm glad to now live here and want us to keep that reputation.

Sincerely,  
Mike Teske

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Shopping <mhayres@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 28, 2019 9:26 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB38

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To Whom It May Concern,  
My family and I are in support of CB38.  
Sincerely,  
Judy Brubaker  
4550 Vinter Way  
Ellicott City 21043

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** bill marsh <vball.marsh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 28, 2019 5:15 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB 38 and CB 40

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Dear Council Members,

I fully support CB 38 and CB 40. No way we should have more development upstream of downtown Ellicott City.

Thank you,

William Marsh  
4927 Rushing River Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

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**From:** Anna Nemirovsky <snemir@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 28, 2019 10:38 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail

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I support CB38!! Please vote for it! The development in OEC area and in HC in general is out of control, causing other problems, such as schools overcrowding, excessive traffic and overuse of already insufficient public facilities.

Anna Nemirovsky, EC resident

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**From:** Chao Wu <chaowu2016@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 28, 2019 10:16 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** support council bill 38

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to support council bill 38. As the climate changes are more unpredictable, our county needs make sure we don't approve developments in environmental sensitive area, either in Patapsco , or the Old Ellicott City.

It is easier to prevent disaster than to recover from a disaster.

Thanks.

Chao

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Chao Wu, *PhD*  
*Board Member of Howard County Board of Education*  
website: <https://www.chaowu.org>

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**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support for CB 38

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to vote FOR CB 38. Developers should not be allowed to continue developing in the fragile Ellicott City watershed at the expense of current residents. No amount of remediation will cure a problem of overbuilding! Let's not let the powerful building lobbies rule our county through their political donations, when common sense says enough is enough!

Ann Smith  
Brett Lane  
Columbia, MD 21045

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**From:** zhanat sharipova <zshar2@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 27, 2019 1:47 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Zhanat Sharipova

HoCo Resident  
8355 Academy Rd  
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**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support CB38

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Thanks,  
Grace Suk  
8094 High Castle Rd  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

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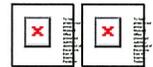


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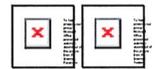


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Please support our county appropriately.

Thank you,

Robert B Martin

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**From:** Sarah Jane Krom <sarahjkrom@gmail.com>  
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Greetings,

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Thank you,  
Sarah Krom

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**From:** Bruce Taylor <btaylor@taylorservice.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 10:35 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Ball, Calvin  
**Subject:** additional testimony against CB 38 & CB40  
**Attachments:** Testimony supplement against CB38 & CB40 .pdf

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Please see the attached additional testimony against CB 38 & CB 40, requested that these bills not be amended or approved.

Thanks,

Bruce T. Taylor, M.D.

Office: 410-465-3674  
Cell: 410-868-9871

**Testimony against CB 38 & CB 40**

**September 24, 2019**

Bruce T. Taylor, M.D., Taylor Properties Community Association  
5304 Dorsey Hall Drive Ellicott City, MD 21042

This testimony sent by email is a supplement to my testimony given orally and by email on September 16, 2019.

Email testimony from three people at 3819 Mulligan's Hill Lane expressed the view that a 20 unit development above their home had failures which contributed to damages to two homes on Mulligan's Hill Lane. As the president to the Taylor Properties Community Association responsible in part to maintain the storm water management for the 20 unit Autumn Overlook development on College Avenue, I want to advise you that the claims made in these three email testimonies are not founded in fact. There has never been any failure of any stormwater management facility at Autumn Overlook, even in the two terrible floods of 2016 and 2018. This development was approved prior to the 2016 flood and all required stormwater management features are included.

The facts of this development are similar to those of other parts of the Taylor Properties Community Association:

- The stormwater management facilities are maintained according to county standards.
- Less water and better water quality leave the developed property than had the area been left undeveloped.
- The properties abut areas maintained forever as forest conservation.
- The open space of the properties abut the state park which abuts the railroad tracks before any runoff heads to the Patpasco River.
- The properties preserved over 50% of open space and forested lands as well as steep slopes.
- This development and other parts of the Taylor Properties Community Association are beneficial, not harmful to Ellicott City and Howard County. It provides environmentally sensitive homes. It contributes to the County tax base. Its residents provide welcome diversity and workforce for the County and community.

The two major floods created significant rainfall which damaged many properties in and of itself, regardless of any runoff reaching other properties. It is unfair to say that these modern developments with proper stormwater management caused any damage to these homes and that future developments should be stopped. Older development, prior to the 1980's, of College Avenue and the homes around it, with next to no stormwater management, along with the direct impact of the storms themselves, contributed to the damages.

As I noted in my testimony previously, no extension of time is needed for the moratorium of CB 56 already on extension. The moratorium has been bad for Ellicott City in that it has delayed projects which will help flood management and the economy while forever preserving sensitive environments. CB 38, if enacted in any form, will hurt not help Ellicott City and many other parts of the County.

**In summary, we urge you to vote against CB 38 & CB 40 which will have a negative impact on Ellicott City, the County and its residents.**

Thank you,



Bruce T. Taylor, M.D.

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**From:** Burnet Chalmers <burnetchalmers@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 1:49 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Burnet Chalmers; Cathy Hudson  
**Subject:** Testimony on CB-38 - Howard County, MD

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My name is Burnet Chalmers. I live at 6560 Belmont Woods Road, Elkridge, MD 21075. I'm a lifelong resident of Howard County.

Please – all council members – support CB-38 or a slightly amended version as may be needed so that you can support it.

Our zoning process has evolved to the point where waivers, fees in lieu of and various exceptions seem to be common practice. Exceptions and waivers should be occasional, not a matter of course. Fees in lieu of should be extremely rare or, perhaps, non-existent.

In 1972 Hurricane Agnes caused extreme flooding in our area. It inflicted extensive damage in the Patapsco River Valley, including Ellicott City and Elkridge. After Agnes, Howard County took a strong leadership position developing storm water laws and regulations. One of my daughters is a wetlands specialist with Vermont Department of Natural Resources. She told me that Vermont and several other states modelled their laws and regulations after those developed here after Agnes. She asked what went wrong that allowed such intensive development in our area that contributed to devastating flooding of Ellicott City twice in recent years. My answer was that, very sadly, many years of waivers, fees in lieu of and various other exceptions took the teeth out of our laws and regulations. One example is the apparent disregard of Maryland's Forest Conservation Act by Howard County DPZ.

The word radical means return to basics or roots. A dictionary example is "a radical overhaul of the existing regulatory framework." Once far off course, radical action is needed to return to basics or roots.

You are a fresh group of new County Council Members.

- Please take a fresh look at the mess you have inherited in our DPZ process.
- Please work together to resolve it by supporting CB-38 or an amended version as you deem necessary.
- Please get Howard County back to basics; back to its roots of good stewardship.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Burnet Chalmers  
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Please note my new email address [burnetchalmers@outlook.com](mailto:burnetchalmers@outlook.com)  
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**Attachments:** Cindi K. Ryland Testimony CB-38-2019.docx

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Hello Howard County Council Members:

Apparently my emailed request to testify regarding this bill was either overlooked or arrived too late; as a result, I was not permitted to testify yesterday in person. I would very much appreciate your reading my attached written testimony and adding it to the record .

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi K. Ryland

Howard County Resident  
102212 Quee's Camel Ct  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
443-745-2358

and

Old Ellicott City Business Owner

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410-988-8949

I speak as a Howard County resident and a business owner in Old Ellicott City: I believe that we can fix the flooding issues AND continue to grow; we need more people living, working and shopping on Main Street and its surrounds.

Walsh bill CB 38, designed to stop development in the whole Patapsco watershed, would do nothing to reduce or manage flooding - and it would certainly not allow our glorious county - or our wonderful town - to thrive or prosper. The CB-38 is nothing more than an anti-development bill that would stop all growth and would not fix any problems. The “no-growth-ers” are unfairly using the flood issue to further their own agenda – and they ignore the fact that similar top down flooding occurred in the 1950s.

It should be pointed out that there are many large, impervious surfaces in the Old Ellicott City drainage area with NO storm water management: the Courthouse and its parking, from the Golden Triangle to Route 100 - so many acres of impervious surfaces and no storm water management ... all those residential communities developed pre-storm water management requirements also dominate our drainage area.

Dr. Ball's CR 122 and 123 have a fee in lieu option: if a new development cannot achieve the "storm of record" (2016) storm water management on site, then the developer would have to pay huge sums of money to the County – this money should certainly be used to retrofit those areas that pre-date storm water management guidelines.

We cannot allow Old Ellicott City - our wonderful historic gem – and its surrounds to become stagnant and die! Ellicott City has been named one of the Top 10 Places to Live numerous times – in order to retain its well earned title, it must be allowed to continue to grow and flourish.

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Frances O'Connor <chettyoak@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 11:17 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass CB 38-2019

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Dear Elected Officials-

I urge you to **pass CB 38-2019 in full**, as written, with no amendments to weaken any element of this bill. There are good, sound, environmental regulations in place for a reason -- to protect citizens' lives and our critical environmental resources. Waivers and fees-in-lieu threaten lives and future prosperity. Disaster costs are increasing nationally. We do not need any more devastating floods in Ellicott City. Let's close the loopholes and strengthen the protections now. Let's keep our County safe & sound.

Sincerely,  
Frances Keenan  
District #1  
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## 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