

Sayers, Margery

From: Jack Duke <JackDuke37@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 2:06 PM
To: CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David
Subject: Current Redistricting Plan is Unsatisfactory

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Howard County Council,

If you're not supporting the plan - you can skip reading this email.

If you're not supporting the plan - read on.

Redistricting based on the premise of FARM is faulty. HCPSS has not looked at all the factors involved in making this decision - traffic, transportation, social changes for the +7000 students, student confusion/distractions, the effect on property values, collective school test scores and educational disruption of our students.

The heart of this issue is how the arrival at the "solution" came about. HCPSS paid a ton of money to uninformed, biased, overpriced consultants to make a "recommendation". The end result of the plan was predetermined. Influenced by race-based thinking, the whole deal reeks.

The residents of Howard County will not stand for this nonsense. Redistricting decisions must be made on solid multi factorial issues based in data. The current plan is unsatisfactory.

I am sorry you're in an elected office during the reign of Michael J. Martirano.

Martirano will be short for his position. This is regardless of the final decision. He served his purpose after the Fosse circus. Good riddance to Martirano. The Martirano circus has commenced. The guy had so much promise...

Unfortunately, there is a high probability that supporter of the plan will not be re-elected. It will be on this one issue. I voted for some of you. You appeared to be qualified. Big mistake. You're not representing the voice of the residents you serve.

There is a better way. A better plan. A plan that is multifactorial. Your task is to proactively insist that Martirano come up with this plan.

Ironic in all of this, I do not have a child that will be redistricted.

Jack Duke

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 11:58 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Disappointment over CR112, but thank you for fighting CB38 and CB42

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
Howard County Council
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410-313-2001

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From: J Zhuo <jiachen.zhuo@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 12:20 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Disappointment over CR112, but thank you for fighting CB38 and CB42

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Dear Ms. Jung,

As a Howard County resident and registered voter, I want to express my disappointment of the pass of CR112. But I do thank you for voting YES to CB38 and voting NO to table 42.

I also do appreciate your willingness to listen to us and trying to work things out on CR112. Unlike some other council members who do not care to respond to my emails (Jones or Rigby).

It is clear that all these are linked. Over development in Howard County is a problem, and has been a problem for many years. The county government is too deeply connected with developers, from the top down. I am never an activist or interested in politics. But the current wave of redistricting prompted me to look at the links with development and county policy, and honestly it is eye opening. We residents are not dumb or blind. We can see it and will weight in with our vote next time.

Pease keep fighting and keep doing the right thing.

And especially **please please help pass CB42 as soon as possible**. We are at a growth rate of 1100 new student every year. County school will quickly be out of space county wide, which will not easily be solved by redistricting. Redistricting is extremely disturbing to any family, as you can see from this wave of the action, and the wave 2 years ago, and a foreseeable wave coming when new high school 13 opens.

We family needs stability here in the county.

Also in terms of development and school redistricting, I would propose we need to:

- 1. Update the student yield equation, which is so outdated and cannot accurately capture student increase at all. - URGENT**
- 2. Increase school impact fee to the proper level - pass CB42 - URGENT**
- 3. We do need to redistrict to solve over crowding, and equity if possible. But it should not be equity over everything.**

I thank you for your consideration.

Best regards.

Jiachen Zhuo, PhD
Resident in Highland, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 1:52 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW:

From: Jared Barsky <jbarskylaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 10:44 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject:

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Dear Ms. Jung,

I have a concern about CR-112. As you know, closing an achievement gap can be done in at least 3 ways. Lowering the top, raising the bottom, and raising all students, are among 3 examples.

Please clarify your position as to whether or not you support policies that do not help and may hurt some students but still close an achievement gap.

I wish CR 112 would use more precise language than merely to refer to closing a gap, which does not discount harm to some students.

Thank you,

Jared Barsky

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 10:39 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Good job on school integration compromise...

-----Original Message-----

From: Glenn Schneider <sfmglen@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 8:16 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Good job on school integration compromise...

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Thanks for finding a path forward that moves the County ahead.

Really appreciate it.

Glenn and Janice Schneider
12106 Blue Flag Way
Columbia, MD 21044

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From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 10:30 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: CR 112

-----Original Message-----

From: Ainy Haider-Shah <ainyhaider@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:08 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: CR 112

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Thank you for passing CR112 without gutting it. I am grateful that you all did the right thing.

Thank you.

Cheers,
Ainy

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 7, 2019, at 12:37 PM, Ainy Haider-Shah <ainyhaider@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Deb,

I just want to start off by saying that I know you are under pressure because of some of the terrible tactics used by racist groups and I'm sorry that people think it's ok to say the awful, horrible things they are saying about our community.

In fact, I thanked you a few weeks ago because I thought you took a principled stand by co-sponsoring CR 112.

Now, however, by introducing amendments that completely gut the resolution, you've in fact done quite a bit of harm. The loud racists feel justified in their awful tactics and they will most certainly organize against the right side of history again because you've given them that power.

Candidly, I'm sorry you thought this was the right thing to do. I thought I knew you better than that.

I'm hurt and disappointed but I'd like to understand your thought process. Please feel free to explain when you vote tonight.

Sincerely,
Ainy Haider-Shah

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 10:21 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Thank you CR121

From: Becky McKirahan <Becky@TacoBird.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 7:18 AM
To: Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Thank you CR121

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Dear Council Members,

I know you get so many letters of requests, opinions and complaints. I wanted you to receive one of gratitude today. I am sorry I was not able to attend last night due to family commitments, and yet I watched and cheered on from home!

As a community, we feel it is imperative to follow the progress of fulfilling the Board of Education's vote in March 2018 to open HS #13 in Jessup. Thank YOU very much for voting to pass CR121 to pass the land to the school system. We so appreciate your support and dedication to help ensure the school opens in 2023, for all of Howard County.

Becky McKirahan
Why Not Jessup

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 10:19 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: In support of CR112

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
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From: Garima Bhatt Handley <garima.handley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 8:00 AM
To: CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: In support of CR112

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Hello,

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This is an important point in history for Howard County, please take this important step toward breaking the system of continuous oppression and vote in favor of CR112 and against Amendment 2.

Thank you,
Garima Bhatt Handley
Ellicott City Resident
609-731-7142

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 7:06 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: Fw: CR-112

From: Kevin McLaughlin <kmack57@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 9:59:16 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CR-112

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Council Members,

As a county resident I wanted to express my utter disappointment in the passage of CR-112. This resolution forcing social engineering on the residents of the county will not be forgotten come re-election time. Your development policies are the root of the problem and need to be corrected. You may have won this battle but the citizens of Howard County deserve better and we will continue to fight on.

Kevin McLaughlin
kmack57@aol.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 6:31 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: Fw: CR-112

From: Bailey Sterrett <bsterrett@wcgclinical.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 4:03:25 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CR-112

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Hi Deb,

I hope you are well. I wanted to hear from you personally on why you voted to approve CR-112? In discussions with neighbors, I've been told you are on the record as feeling like the School Boards proposed redistricting disproportionately impacts District 4 and people within our community (rightly or wrongly) feel like the passage of CR-112 is viewed as support for the superintendents plan. I know you were working on amendments to CR-112 and it does appear that portions of your original amendment are included but not all including establishing a task force. Can you tell me why you feel CR-112 will help our district in the long run?

Thanks for your continued work for our community and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Bailey
Constituent

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From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 6:31 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: Fw: You failed your constituents

From: Vipin Sahijwani <vsahijwani@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 4:28:13 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: You failed your constituents

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Dear Council Member, Yesterday, despite the overwhelming opposition to CR 112, the County Council decided to stifle the voice of people. You were the hero one day, only to be just another politician that favors ideology over democracy. Majority of your constituents expressed opposition to CR 112 but sadly you chose party over people or backroom dealing over what was right. I'm shaken at the lack of accountability in Howard County from the council members. I hope people will remember when it comes to reelect you, I will.

Best regards, Vipin Sahijwani

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 6:30 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: Fw: Thank you for passing CR112

From: Katherine Berland <berlandk@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 5:42:04 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Thank you for passing CR112

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to thank you for passing CR112 last night, maintaining its original intent and integrity. I appreciate your careful consideration of public input before ultimately passing this important resolution affirming the values that are important to Howard County residents and supports the boundary review process currently underway by the Board of Education.

Katherine Berland
District 4

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 2:40 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Opposition to the redistricting proposal

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
Howard County Council
3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

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From: Linglei <lingleim@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 1:16 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: Opposition to the redistricting proposal

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Hi, councilwoman Deb Jung,

We am extremely disappointed on your "strategy" on amendment 2 and your vote on CR112 and amendment.

We, voters, felt like being played by you politicians. I regretted that i even sent a letter to praise and support your amendment 2. How naive i am?

Thanks for teaching us politics!

Linglei Ma

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 7, 2019, at 1:48 PM, Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Thanks for sharing your perspective.

Deb Jung
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From: Linglei <lingleim@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 12:50 PM

To: mavis_ellis@hcpss.org; kirsten_coombs@hcpss.org; vicky_cutroneo@hcpss.org; christina_delmont-small@hcpss.org; jennifer_mallo@hcpss.org; sabina_taj@hcpss.org; chao_wu@hcpss.org; Kathleen_Hanks@hcpss.org; student_member@hcpss.org; Ball, Calvin <cball@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>

Subject: Opposition to the redistricting proposal

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To whom it may concerns,

> Please see attached for my letter opposing the superintendent's redistricting proposal.

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> Thanks for your consideration!

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> Linglei Ma

> Polygon 3176

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Sayers, Margery

From: Amanda Clifton <amclifton1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 1:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Is anyone listening?

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County Council,

How does one express their deep disappointment with their elected officials? It must only be at the polls because it is clear you all cannot hear our voices. You don't see our protests, read our letters, see how our children are affected by your decisions. I feel like none of you are listening, not one iota. You support CR 112 because we have such economic disparity yet you spit in our faces by voting to allow developers to have loopholes to continue the process which led to today, not to mention the environmental impacts. So can you make up your mind whether this is about equity and saving ALL the children or if this is really about just putting on a good face while you still have that hand out behind your back for developer campaign money. I am so disgusted with our County Executive, County Council and BOE right now. Before we moved to Maryland we thought so hard, researched so much before settling in Howard County. This entire process has made me realize two things - I'm apparently turning into a Republican (No offense, Councilman Yungmann) and that I wasn't smart enough at the polls. A hard lesson learned because I voted wrong. I voted wrong on so many levels and I was so led astray. I'm more educated today, my eyes more open so for that I am thankful to each and everyone of you.

I sincerely hope you all can get your heads on straight and start being wise with your choices, better with what you present to represent the interests of our county and I certainly hope you find the light to start leading wiser and doing right by your citizens. These things will be remembered and while 2020 elections feel so darn far away in this moment, they will be here before you know it and you have to consider whether you'll still be the choice for your districts anymore.

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Sincerely,
Amanda Clifton

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 12:28 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Howard County School Redistricting Concern

From: Christopher Sajewicz <csajewicz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 11:00 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: Howard County School Redistricting Concern

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Councilwoman Jung,

How can you justify that the Asian race should be lumped in the White race in your amendment last night? You are taking away their race and culture...and for what? How will removing an entire race from your demographic better desegregation? My community is a "minority-majority" made up a mixture of Asian, Indian, Black, White families; a melting pot, if you will.

Now, you have basically insinuated that my neighbor is predominantly white, which by Federal Census standards is untrue. SHAME ON YOU!

On Mon, Oct 7, 2019 at 1:59 PM Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Thanks for sharing your perspective.

Deb Jung

**Councilmember, District 4
Howard County Council**

3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043

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From: Christopher Sajewicz <csajewicz@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 8:29 AM

To: mavis_ellis@hcpss.org; kirsten_coombs@hcpss.org; vicky_cutroneo@hcpss.org; christina_delmont-small@hcpss.org; jennifer_mallo@hcpss.org; sabina_taj@hcpss.org; chao_wu@hcpss.org; student_member@hcpss.org; redistricting@hcpss.org; boe@hcpss.org; superintendent@hcpss.org

Cc: Ball, Calvin <cball@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>; katiefry.hester@senate.state.md.us; trent.kittleman@house.state.md.us; warren.miller@house.state.md.us; Kathleen_Hanks@hcpss.org

Subject: Howard County School Redistricting Concern

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Dear Board of Education Members,

We are writing on behalf of residents of 176 who are concerned about the proposed impact of Dr Martirano's Presentation of the Attendance Area Adjustment Plan, dated August 20, 2019. As noted in the Executive Summary on Page 4, this proposal was developed with three primary goals as excerpted below:

The driving priorities for this process:

- 1. Balance capacity utilization among schools throughout HCPSS, cost effectively.*
- 2. Advance equity by addressing the distribution of students participating in the Free and Reduced price meals program (FARMs) across schools to the extent feasible.*
- 3. Plan ahead for the High School #13 redistricting by minimizing double moves as much as possible.*

We have also studied and respect the published policies which the Board of Education utilizes in making decisions with regard to school attendance areas, specifically Policy 6010 (<https://www.hcpss.org/policies/6000/6010-school-attendance-areas/>):

Unfortunately, the Presentation of Attendance Area Adjustment Plan, dated August 20, 2019 is not consistent with the guidelines of Policy 6010 and does not achieve the three primary goals as stated in Dr Martirano's letter. Please consider the following facts.

School Attendance Area:

School Attendance area and geographic proximity is a consideration of Policy 6010. The proposed redistricting of Polygon 176 would more than double the distance students travel to get to school.

- Using Google Maps, Walnut Creek / Polygon 176 is 2.1 Miles from River Hill High School (RHHS). Walnut Creek / Polygon 176 is 5.8 miles from Wilde Lake High School (WLHS).
- Using WAZE, the commute time from Polygon 176 to Wilde Lake High School would be 3x as long as the commute to River Hill High School.
- In addition, many of the students from Polygon 176 would have to drive through River Hill High School bus and car traffic, en-route to Wilde Lake High School under the August 20, 2019 proposal.

Capacity Utilization:

Policy 6010 identifies three key aspects to school capacity which are (1) Projections [item P], (2) Target Utilization [item S] which is defined as enrollment between 90% and 110% utilization of program capacity and (3) Utilization [item T].

The 2019 Feasibility Study (<https://www.hcpss.org/f/schoolplanning/2019/2019-feasibility-study.pdf>) notes the following findings:

1. River Hill High School is projected to be at 94% Projected Utilization for 2019/2020 school. This is at the lower end of the Target Utilization range.
2. Page 33 of the Feasibility Study indicates that River Hill is within Target Utilization through the 10 year projection period of the study.
3. Under Dr Martirano's proposal, River Hill would send 478 students to other schools and receive 741 students from other schools. This is extremely disruptive and unnecessary for a school that is currently operating within each of guidelines [P], [S] and [T] of Policy 6010.
4. We believe the board should reject a plan which moves approximately 7,400 total students including 478 students from River Hill High School which is currently operating within Board Policy guidelines with regard to Projections, Target Utilization and Utilization.
5. We believe any re-districting proposal should instead be focused on those five High Schools that are operating above Target Utilization levels (110%).
6. We believe the Board of Education should support a plan that includes less disruption at schools that are operating within the guidelines of [P], [S] and [T]. For instance, since River Hill High School is operating well within the target utilization range, perhaps it should receive students from nearby schools such as Wilde Lake, Atholton or Howard, without sending 478 students out to other schools. Certainly, the Board of Education can request a plan that achieves better capacity utilization with less than 7,396 total students being relocated.

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Equity:

The very first sentence of the Policy Statement of HCPSS Policy 6010 is *The Board of Education of Howard County, with the advice of the Superintendent, establishes school attendance areas to provide quality, equitable educational opportunities to all students and to balance the capacity utilization of all schools.*

Furthermore, "equitable" is defined in the policy statement as: *Just or fair access, opportunities, and supports needed to help students, families, and staff reach their full potential by removing barriers to success that individuals face. It does not mean equal or everyone having the same things.*

The Presentation of the Attendance Area Adjustment Plan dated August 20, 2019 is not consistent with the Board of Education Policy Statement 6010, nor does it follow the BoE's definition of achieving "equitable" educational opportunities. We hereby request the Board of Education identify ways to provide additional educational resources to

the students in need. Transferring students from a school with a low FARM ratio to a school with a high FARM ratio, only results in better “averages” for the schools. IT DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY INCREMENTAL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES OR OPPORTUNITES DIRECTLY TO THE STUDENTS.

In conclusion, we recommend the Board of Education reject the Presentation of Attendance Area Adjustment Plan dated August 20, 2019 due to the numerous and serious inconsistencies with regard to both Policy 6010 and the stated goals of the proposal.

- The proposal would triple the commuting time of students in Polygon 176
- Many affected schools including River Hill High School are operating within the Board of Education projection, utilization and capacity guidelines and would experience a total student transfer of over 1,000 children inclusive of students being sent and received. Boundary adjustments should be focused on schools operating over capacity or projected to be over capacity based on the 2019 Feasibility study.
- The proposal does not provide additional resources directly to students in need, it simply provides more consistent FARM ratios across schools. Children do not need consistent FARM ratios, they need additional education resources provided directly to their schools.

Thank you,

Christopher Sajewicz

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-Chris

Christopher Sajewicz

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Sayers, Margery

From: Jillianne Shear <jillianne99@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 11:37 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CR112

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I am saddened by the words and letters I have seen and heard in the past few months towards redistricting. As a single mother that has worked harder than most people can imagine, I cannot fathom why someone would want to keep my child out of their school because of their family's income. I also can't understand why anyone is afraid of a person in our community based on the color of their skin.

I support CR112 and would like to further support that action be taken to start mitigating the drugs that travel through schools, disparity in our communities and the resources available to kids, and why our test scores as a community on whole are starting to decline.

Yes on CR112 from this constituent.

Thanks,
Jillianne M Shear
4728 Dorsey Hall Dr, Ellicott City, MD 21042

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From: Phyllis Thomas <ppthomas1@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 9:51 AM
To: redistricting@hcpss.org; CouncilMail; chao_wu@hcpss.org; sabina_taj@hcpss.org;
jennifer_mallo@hcpss.org; christine_delmont-small@hcpss.org;
vicky_cutroneo@hcpss.org; kirsten_coombs@hcpss.org; mavis_ellis@hcpss.org
Subject: School Redistricting

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I am writing to voice my opposition to resolution 112. I feel that Dr. Martirano should be able to come up with a better solution with more input from the families, children and citizens affected by this proposal. My polygon # is 196.

Best Regards,
Phyllis Thomas

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609-731-7142

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: joel hurewitz <joelhurewitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 6:00 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment 2 to CR112-2019

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

Dear Council,

I support Amendment 2 as an improvement to CR112-2019. It stains credulity to claim that the resolution is just about socioeconomic gaps and not race when the resolution begins with discussions about slavery, separate but equal, Plessy v. Ferguson, Brown v. Board of Education, the Harriett Tubman School, desegregation and integration.

Joel Hurewitz

Sayers, Margery

From: Robin Slaw <slaw.robin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112

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Dear Council People,

I moved to Howard County three years ago after a nationwide job search, in part because I wanted to live in a community that was intentionally built to be an integrated planned community.

Please pass CR112, after rejecting amendment 2. Our schools and communities should center around equity for all, not just for a privileged few.

I live in Longfellow, and my neighbors, all of the rainbow of them, are wonderful!

Sincerely,
Robin Slaw
5042 Hesperus Drive, ColumbiaMD 21044

My phone thinks it's smart. I'm not so sure. Please excuse brevity and typos.

Sayers, Margery

From: exvotostudio <exvotostudio@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Redistricting

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As someone that has lived here 46 years (since the age of 2) and been to several public and private schools I am 1000% in favor of the redistricting plan being voted on tonight. I will also add that my 3 kids (one graduated) are also in the Howard county school system at wonderful schools.

Troy Timberlake
Dorsey Hall resident
Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Sayers, Margery

From: Kirstin Nelson <kirstin99@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 4:57 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please vote in support of CR112 (and against Amend 2)

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My name is Kirstin Nelson. I live in Elkridge and my child attends Rockburn Elementary. We live in polygon 2087.

I am writing to ask you to REJECT Amendment 2 and to **PASS CR112**. I absolutely support using boundary adjustments to work toward better socioeconomic balance in our Howard County public schools.

Sincerely,

Kirstin Nelson
5937 Meadow Rose
Elkridge, MD 21075

Sayers, Margery

From: Rigby, Christiana
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 4:48 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: CR 112

From: Ainy Haider-Shah <ainyhaider@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:37 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CR 112

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Hi Deb,

I just want to start off by saying that I know you are under pressure because of some of the terrible tactics used by racist groups and I'm sorry that people think it's ok to say the awful, horrible things they are saying about our community.

In fact, I thanked you a few weeks ago because I thought you took a principled stand by co-sponsoring CR 112.

Now, however, by introducing amendments that completely gut the resolution, you've in fact done quite a bit of harm. The loud racists feel justified in their awful tactics and they will most certainly organize against the right side of history again because you've given them that power.

Candidly, I'm sorry you thought this was the right thing to do. I thought I knew you better than that.

I'm hurt and disappointed but I'd like to understand your thought process. Please feel free to explain when you vote tonight.

Sincerely,
Ainy Haider-Shah

Sayers, Margery

From: Christina K. McGarvey <ckmgarvey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 4:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Jones, Opel
Subject: CR112 - Requesting HCPS Draft and Implement a School Integration Plan

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Good afternoon,

I live in Oakland Mills in Columbia and I want to urge the council to adopt CR112 and to reject amendment 2 to CR112. Social and economic integration of Howard County Public Schools is important for all children in HCPS. Exposing children to other children from diverse backgrounds in public school helps us to build a better community. It is important for Howard County to provide opportunities to all children within the school system. Studies have consistently shown that the poverty rates between schools are balanced, the poorer children will perform better academically and the well off children will perform just as well.

Thank you,

Christina McGarvey

Sayers, Margery

From: Jonathan L. Edelson <jledelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support CR112

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I support Council Resolution 112 as originally submitted, and I urge you to do the same. While I agree that there is more work to be done beyond this resolution and beyond this round of redistricting, a taskforce may be an appropriate next step **after** passage of this resolution. Right now, I believe we must confront our history and our ongoing issues via CR 112 as originally submitted.

Howard County schools are economically segregated. For example, the high school with the highest rate of children receiving FARMS in the county, Oakland Mills, shares boundaries with high schools with rates as low as half the county average. Past redistricting plans implemented have caused this disparity to grow. Furthermore, past redistricting options, fortunately not adopted, including those in this year's HCPSS Feasibility Study would have increased poverty in schools like Oakland Mills High and Hammond High while leaving neighboring schools well below the county average.

This simply cannot continue. We must confront this now. Note that the opposition to redistricting did not come out in force after the Feasibility Study options were released. It only picked up after the Superintendent's plan, which addresses equity, was released. Howard County must confront its past and its present head-on. Separate but equal does not work. In Howard County, we currently have separate but unequal. Children do not even have equal access to field trips, programs, and other enrichment opportunities because of the wealth, or lack thereof, of their school community.

Please adopt CR 112 as originally written. A watered down version with promises of more study does nothing for the children experiencing disparate school environments today.

Thank you,

Jonathan Edelson
6144 New Leaf Ct.
Columbia

Sayers, Margery

From: Darden-Obi, Jo <jdarden@ccbcmd.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Reject Amendment 2

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Pass CR112 and REJECT Amendment 2 to reflect the values of our community because these are the founding principles of Columbia as set forth by Rouse 52 years ago. We cannot abandon those principals, especially now. This value system of diversity and inclusiveness regardless of race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic background is the reason why we live in Columbia, which is not priced for the average American citizen. We make sacrifices to raise our children here. Be mindful of those sacrifices and willing, even when it is difficult, to uphold these founding principles. We implore you.

Josette Darden-Obi
Associate Professor- English
Director of OWL-
The Online Writing Lab
AHUM 238
School of Liberal Arts- Essex
"You shall know the truth,
and the truth shall set you free."

Sayers, Margery

From: Rigby, Christiana
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:41 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: Fwd: Please reconsider your proposed amendment to CR112
Attachments: Ethics complaint redacted.pdf

From: Dawn Popp <dawnpopp001@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:49:46 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Please reconsider your proposed amendment to CR112

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Dear Councilwoman Jung,

I was deeply disappointed when I read your proposed amendment to CR112, which would completely eviscerate the original Resolution and replace it (almost in its entirety) with some optimistic words about Howard County's diversity and a call for a task force to "examine" various issues and possibly recommend action at some undetermined future date.

As you may be aware, I had some concerns about the timing of the original announcement regarding CR112, as I was worried about the perception that the Council might be attempting to meddle in the already pending redistricting process. But regardless of those initial concerns about timing, I firmly believe that the Resolution is a courageous and important statement regarding the values we hold dear in this County, including the need to acknowledge and begin to address our painful history of structural racism. Deleting those words does not erase that history, and appears to be merely an attempt to soothe the fragile feelings of those who believe that a discussion of historical facts is somehow "offensive" and "inflammatory." Moreover, while you may have intended it to be more neutral, removing the language encouraging HCPSS to use redistricting to address racial and socioeconomic disparities can only be interpreted as a statement that you no longer support those efforts and prefer to further study the issue before taking any action at all.

I *know* that you are as horrified and disgusted as I am at some of the racist and classist rhetoric we've seen in response to the Resolution and the Superintendent's proposal, in testimony, on social media, and on protest signs. In addition, I've been dismayed at the tactics used by some of those opposing the Resolution and the Superintendent's proposal - holding repeated protests, intimidating supporters attending public hearings, personally attacking religious and community leaders, and calling for impeachment or "recall" of elected officials are hardly signs of "choosing civility." (Not to mention the reported threats of violence against the Superintendent and other HCPSS personnel.)

Despite any concerns about timing, or any second thoughts you may now be having about some of the wording of the Resolution that you originally agreed to, the genie is now out of the bottle. Whether the Resolution is defeated via a "no" vote or via an amendment that completely wipes out the original intent, either result would be seen as a victory for the Resolution's opponents and would further embolden the kind of ugly behavior we have seen over the last several weeks.

Finally, it has not escaped notice that the idea to establish a task force *instead of* redistricting was suggested by the lobbyist hired by "Families for Education Improvement" in her testimony on October 26. Quite frankly, I find it offensive that a group of affluent families would hire an expensive lobbyist to represent their interest in not having their children attend school with poor children. (Even worse when that lobbyist is from "out of town" and so disconnected from Howard County that she doesn't even comply with the rules regarding lobbying here, as reflected in the attached Ethics Complaint filed this morning.) Please consider what the "optics" would be for the Council to adopt an amendment proposed (perhaps even drafted?) by such a lobbyist.

I urge you to withdraw Amendment 2 and to pass CR112-2019 as written (or as amended by Amendment 1). I would fully support establishing a task force as an additional measure to continue to address the opportunity gap and the racial and socioeconomic disparities in our schools and neighborhoods. But to do so instead of passing CR112 as written is unacceptable.

Sincerely,
Dawn Popp

Sayers, Margery

From: Patti Gonzalez <pattigonzalez1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:39 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: PASS CR112

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Reject Amendment 2! PASS CR112!

Sayers, Margery

From: Maura Dunnigan <dunniganzoo@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Resolution Vote

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

As our elected officials charged with visioning the goals for our county through your leadership and policies, we implore you to vote in favor of CR 112 and reject amendment 2. Though we realize this is a non-binding resolution, this is such a vital time when our county needs leadership that upholds the core values of our community. If our government and elected officials can't stand for equity, who will?

When I go into classrooms for simulated congressional hearings and students talk about individual rights vs common good... this is an example. Be on the side of children and families who need your voice. We cannot go down the road of intolerance, where only those with resources get a voice in our democracy. Only those who can afford lobbyists, t-shirts, and to buy a home in a certain neighborhood get to dictate policy or have access to resources.

Howard County has been and should continue to be a model for COMMUNITY, INCLUSION, and EQUITY.

Thank you for holding up those values that keep the threads of our beautifully diverse area intact.

Thank you for standing up to individuals who believe only their rights to have it all are the only thing that matters.

Thank you for being the leaders we elected you to be: bold, visionary, and building a community we can all be proud of.

Rouse won the Congressional Medal of Freedom because of his vision that there is a sense of responsibility to one's neighbor. Not because he built shopping malls.

Thank you for valuing and continuing to foster that economic, racial, and cultural harmony in Howard County.

With appreciation and encouragement for our future,

The Dunnigan Family

Keith Dunnigan
Maura Dunnigan
Connor Dunnigan
Nolan Dunnigan
Bridget Dunnigan
Maeve Dunnigan
Quinn Dunnigan

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Missy Lemke <hmlemke@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112
Attachments: lemker letter.docx

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See attachment

Dear Council,

I am writing to request that you REJECT Amendment 2 and to PASS CR112, a nonbinding resolution (but an important statement of values) supporting the idea of using boundary adjustments to work toward better socioeconomic balance in our schools.

While no plan is perfect, I appreciate Dr. Martirano's attempt at socioeconomic balance as well as an attempt to alleviate overcrowding. My child is slated to go to a dangerously overcrowded school (Howard) and I am glad that was addressed in his plan.

I feel the racist comments and demonstrations regarding this proposal are embarrassing and a blight on our community. The richest part of the county needs to learn share the spoils.

Please pass CR112 and reject Amendment 2.

Thank you,

Melissa Lemke

6309 Old Washington Rd

Elkridge, MD 21075

HOWARD COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
c/o Beverly Heydon, Executive Secretary
3450 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043
kperry@howardcountymd.gov; 410-313-3073

COMPLAINT

Name of Individual Filing Complaint: Dawn M. Popp

Address: [REDACTED] / Elkridge, MD 21075

Telephone Number: (H) [REDACTED] (W) [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Person Who is Subject of Complaint: Barbara Zektick, Alexander & Cleaver

Employee Other public official

Board/Commission Member Other party covered by the Ethics Code

What section of the Ethics Law was allegedly violated:

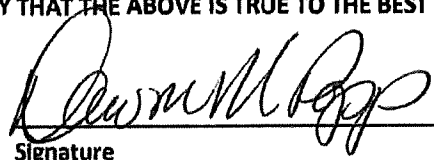
Section 22.207(d) regarding registration of lobbyists.

Brief Description of Substance of Complaint: On October 26, 2019, Ms. Zektick testified before the County Council in opposition to CR112-2019, on behalf of an organization called Families for Education Improvement, Inc. (FEI). That is the latest possible date on which she first engaged in lobbying activities on behalf of that organization, although it is likely she met with her clients and/or engaged in other lobbying activity on their behalf before that date. Upon information and belief, Ms. Zektick was not registered as a lobbyist on behalf of FEI as of the date of her testimony, nor within 5 days thereafter. Upon information and belief, neither Ms. Zektick nor any other lobbyist is registered to lobby on

behalf of FEI as of the date of this complaint.

Names and contact information of potential witnesses who have knowledge of the substance of the complaint: Most of the information underlying this complaint is in the public record, and thus no witnesses are necessary. Should the Commission wish to determine the exact date on which Ms. Zektick first engaged in lobbying activities on behalf of FEI, before her testimony on 10/26, members of the County Council or their staffs could identify when she first contacted them. (I have also submitted an MPIA request for this information.). If the first meeting/contact with the client is considered "engaging in lobbying activity," Board members of FEI would have that information. I do not have their names or contact information at this time.

I HEREBY AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

 10/7/19
Signature Date

Dawn M. Popp
Printed Name

NOTE: During the pendency of a Complaint all proceedings relating to a Complaint, including a preliminary inquiry following the filing of a Complaint, hearings, meetings, and activities of the Commission and its staff in connection with the Complaint shall be conducted in a confidential manner. The final Decision and Order of the Commission, however, shall be public. The Ethics Commission may, in its discretion, release the name of the Complainant and a copy of this Form to the Person who is the subject of the Complaint. The Complainant may also be interviewed during the investigation and may be subpoenaed to appear at a hearing.

(Rev. 10/01/2019)
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Sayers, Margery

From: Marybeth Steil <marybeth.steil@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 2:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 to CR-112

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Good afternoon:

I am writing to voice my **support** for Deb Jung's **Amendment 2** to CR-112. It is a marked improvement from the original draft of CR-112.

Clearly, more work needs to be done in Howard County to improve educational outcomes for our students. I support efforts by all parties to increase school funding, improve the physical plant for our schools, and provide innovative solutions to classroom challenges.

Please note:

1. A transparent selection process for the Task Force called for in this resolution could go a long way towards healing a battered community. Open communications in the Task Force's working meetings would also go a long way towards listening to and incorporating various points of view from around the county, both in demographic as well as geographic diversity.
2. Using school assignment boundary adjustments as a tool should be a last resort. Neighborhood schools should be the norm, not the exception.
3. Expert research needs to be considered in an unbiased manner.
4. Validity and integrity of data used (primarily, but not exclusively, enrollment figures and capacities for schools) is central to any effort by the Task Force.
5. Commuting considerations should also be at the forefront: both for the cost in time and money for Howard County families and taxpayers, but also for the environmental and traffic concerns on our roadways.

Thank you for your time and attention, and for working diligently to improve Howard County for all its residents.

Sincerely,
Marybeth Steil
South Wind Circle, Columbia
District 4

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 2:09 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Amendment to CR112-2019

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
Howard County Council
3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

Sign-up for my District Update [here](#).

From: Daniel Newberger <daniel.newberger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:52 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Amendment to CR112-2019

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Deb,

I'm writing to express my disappointment in your proposed amendment to CR112-2019.

By removing all references to school redistricting, the amendment is a blow against those seeking to reduce educational inequity through what has unquestionably been proven by researchers to be the most effective and efficient solution -- namely, redistricting to desegregate student populations. Additionally, by proposing to strip away the original bill's opening paragraphs, the amendment removes the historical background and context which are so critical to understanding how our otherwise wonderful school district finds itself in the position of failing its most economically-disadvantage students.

As a District 4 resident, as an early supporter of, and donor to, your primary and general election campaigns, and as part of the community of progressive Democratic Party activists who are fighting every day to support Superintendent Martirano's proposal in the face of blistering and ugly opposition, your amendment feels like a real betrayal.

I hope you reconsider and withdraw the amendment.

Warm regards,
Daniel Newberger

Sayers, Margery

From: Vrushali Nikte <vrushali.nikte@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Supporting Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112

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Dear Members of the County Council,

I write in support of Councilmember Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112 but do have important additional suggestions. This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1, which relies on inflammatory language and flawed research and policy.

I do want to express my concern and disappointment that school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a potential solution to the achievement gap.

Regarding the Task Force, I also would like to strongly express my expectation that its composition and work will be transparent and inclusive. It is critical that independent and credible experts be included, as well as community members representative of our County's diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

The lack of representative composition of the Area Attendance Committee underscores the absolute necessity for the recommended Task Force to be carefully constructed.

For an issue of this magnitude and importance, the process is critical, and we must get this right, for ALL of our kids.

Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2. If at all possible, I urge you to consider Amendment #3 which

1. removes the reference to the school assignment boundary as a potential option
2. provides express assurance that the Task Force will be inclusive of independent experts and representatives of the community.
3. While weighing any decisions, commute considerations for children/families and climate change impacts should be considered as impacting factors.

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Thx,
Vrushali
Council District: 5

Sayers, Margery

From: Amit Grover <amit111grover@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:37 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CR112 - amendment 2 by Jung

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Hi,

Sending an email note to share my support for the CR112 Amendment#2.

Thanks
Amit Grover

Sayers, Margery

From: Elena D'Aiutolo <edaiutolo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support of CR112

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Hello,

I am a county resident who is in favor of CR112. I have a small child who is not yet school age but we live in a development that is part of the redistricting. We live in an area that has already been redistricted twice; however I feel that CR112 is the right choice for our neighborhood and our county. I grew up in the Howard County School system and my mother was a teacher in the County for over 35 years. I understand first hand the diversity but also segregation within the community and believe that it is in all residences interest to make our schools as diverse as possible.

Thank you for your time,
Elena D'Aiutolo Mongello
2910 Ordway Dr, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: pascottbtr <pascottbtr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: support for Amendment 2 of CR-112

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

I am writing to express my support for Amendment 2 for CR-112. I have previously written to oppose CR-112, pointing out the needlessly controversial and offensive language equating the current environment to the worse examples of racism in the past, the ridiculous citing of a report using the metric that any school class that is 40% or less white should be considered segregated, and in general the fact that the Council should be focused on issues within your purview instead of meddling in the activities of another independent duly elected group (the BOE). I still believe that the Council should withdraw or table this resolution and focus on actual legislation that will address the larger context and issues that contribute to uneven socioeconomic representation in the HCPSS, However, if you are going to go forward with a vote, I believe that Amendment 2 addresses the problematic language in the original resolution and proposes a commonsense approach to have the county and its citizens work together to study and understand the issues and come up with a comprehensive set of recommendations to address them.

Sincerely,

Paul Scott
District 4I

Sayers, Margery

From: Regina Clay <reginamclay@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jung, Deb
Subject: SUPPORT of CR112

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After reading the headline as well as the comments in NATIONAL HEADLINES about my beloved community which I grew up in for over 40 years I was compelled to send this email in Support of CR 112 with NON of the AMENDMENTS proposed by MY COUNTY COUNCIL representative Deb Jung. To realize that we have people that still feel this way in our beloved community which was founded on diversity and inclusion.

I am in FULL SUPPORT of CR112

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Regina Clay

Howard County Council Re:CR112

I am writing about CR112, a county resolution that calls for the socioeconomic desegregation of our schools. Deb Jung the councilwoman for D4 has filed an amendment that nixes most of it. There is no longer any mention of achievement gaps or concentration of poverty in our school system. This is a terrible disservice to our students and our communities. She is basically calling for the formation of a task force to look at housing inequity in our county, which means this is not going to get addressed any time soon. Ending the purposeful segregation of our students should be the top priority of the council.

I am very unhappy with this new wording of the resolution and support the original resolution in its entirety.

Colleen Cotton

Howard County resident, teacher, Title 1 school parent and PTA member

Sayers, Margery

From: Krishna Veeramachaneni <kveeramachaneni@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:09 PM
To: CouncilMail; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Walsh, Elizabeth; Ball, Calvin
Subject: Appalling letters from FAKE addresses for CR-112 2019

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Hello,

I humbly request the council to please remove the appalling letters sent from fake addresses that were uploaded as testimonies for CR-112. Those letters are causing a lot of community disruption which is not good for anyone. I believe these are the same letters Ms.Rigby even suggested everyone read while she was supporting a proponent of the resolution. Several letters were mailed from Baltimore and below are few of the addresses:

6020 Marshalee Dr, Elkridge, MD. -- Giant in Elkridge

12268 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville, MD-21029. Retail place.

9255 BERGER RD, COLUMBIA 21046 -- Garage

10207 WINCOPIN CIR, COLUMBIA MD 21044 -- Sheraton Hotel

All letters should be vetted for authenticity before uploading.

Thank you,
Krishna Veeramachaneni.

Sayers, Margery

From: Amanda Davis <amanda.mr.davis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:58 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112 Ammendment

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I am strongly opposed to the proposed amendment changes suggest by Councilwoman Deb Jung. Her proposal removes language important to the meaning of the original resolution. despite the very vocal opposition, my family and I fully support the redistricting proposal. Something needs to be done to address the disparities in the school system now, we can't wait until some future date when developers will build affordable housing in more wealthy neighborhoods - which will be opposed by the same people opposing the redistricting.

Again, I and my family DO NOT support the changes that Councilwoman Jung proposes.

Thank you,
Dr. Amanda Davis

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Amanda M. Roberts Davis, Ph.D.
202-445-5293 | amanda.mr.davis@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Sarah McConnell <scmccConnell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: In support of Amendment #2 of CR 112

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Dear Members of the County Council,

I support Council member Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112. This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1, which uses divisive language. I do believe that we need to study all of the possible solutions to reduce the achievement gap, not just redistricting. Regarding the Task Force, I expect the group composition will include a diverse group of citizens (including diversity in political party, socio economic status, race, background and experience). We can't keep the status quo or same group of influencers if we want to see change. Their work should be transparent, inclusive and independent of influence. Please take time to design an effective process that will provide meaningful solutions.

Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2.

Thank you,
Sarah McConnell
District 5

Sayers, Margery

From: Shyam Balani <shyambalani@me.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:40 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendments to CR 112

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Dear Members of the County Council,

I write in support of Council member Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112.

This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1.

I do want to express my concern and disappointment that the school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a potential solution to the achievement gap.

Credible, independent and expert analysis by Georgetown School of Public Policy cites significant flaws of research on economic integration as a strategy for the achievement gap, and advises the research is in fact not conclusive, despite proponents claims. I trust the proposed Task Force will reach the same conclusion.

Regarding the Task Force, I also would like to strongly express my expectation that its composition and work will be transparent and inclusive.

It is critical that independent and credible experts be included, as well as community members representative of our County's diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

We have unfortunately seen with the current redistricting process and the original Resolution 112 how a lack of transparency and inclusion fails to lead to successful outcomes.

The lack of representative composition of the Area Attendance Committee underscores the absolute necessity for the recommended Task Force to be carefully constructed.

For an issue of this magnitude and importance, process is critical, and we must get this right, for ALL of our kids.

I therefore urge you to consider an Amendment #3 which removes the reference to school assignment boundary as a potential option and also provides express assurance that the Task Force will be inclusive of independent experts and representative of the community.

Shyam K Balani
Ellicott City
Cell: [1-253-678-4503](tel:1-253-678-4503)

Sayers, Margery

From: Milan Kaur <mkaur77@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:03 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112 Amendment #2

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Hello,

I would like to write in support of Council woman Deb Jung's amendment #2 to the council resolution 112. I appreciate the amendments that have been made to the original resolution but I would like to state that I would not feel boundary adjustments should be a solution to the achievement gap.

I appreciate the start of a task force and would hope for it to include community members so that there is an open communication and working relationship that develops from this.

Thank you again,
Milanjit Kaur
District 5

Sent from [Outlook](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: Sharma, Hemant <HSharma@childrensnational.org>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Important Considerations re: Amendment 2 to CR 112

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Dear Members of the County Council,

I write to thank Councilwoman Deb Jung for her careful and thoughtful consideration of concerns raised in public hearing and written testimony regarding Council Resolution 112. Amendment #2 is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1, but I do have important additional suggestions:

First, I would like to express my concern that school assignment boundary adjustments are still included as a potential solution to the achievement gap, when there is not any conclusive research to support that strategy. Credible, independent and expert analysis by Dr. Sarah Cordes (Future Ed, Georgetown School of Public Policy) has concluded “the research on the effects of socioeconomic integration, including studies frequently cited by the strategy’s proponents, is inconclusive.” (Source: *A Reality Check on the Benefits of Economic Integration* [future-ed.org], FutureEd, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, Sarah A. Cordes PhD, August 26, 2019)

Also, regarding the proposed Task Force, Amendment #2 does not specify any guidelines for its formation. It is critical that independent and credible experts be included, as well as community members representative of our County’s diverse backgrounds and perspectives. We have unfortunately seen with the current redistricting process and the original Resolution 112 how a lack of transparency and inclusion fails to lead to successful outcomes. The lack of representative composition of the Area Attendance Committee underscores the absolute necessity for the recommended Task Force to be carefully vetted and approved by members of the County Council, and this language must be included in the Amendment.

Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2. If the above concerns are not effectively addressed, Amendment #2 will not accomplish its stated goals.

Sincerely,
Hemant Sharma MD
Ellicott City, MD

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Sayers, Margery

From: Christi Snyder <christisnyder0@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:58 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112 Amendment #2

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Council Members,

I support Deb Jung's amendment to CR112. The creation of a Task Force is a much more appropriate solution to identify and address the root causes of socioeconomic disparities between schools in Howard County. While there is still references to school boundary adjustments as a "tool" to achieve socioeconomic adjustments, I would fully expect this Task Force to look beyond that singular method / use as a last resort and utilize ALL tools at their disposal that would truly make a difference in all student's lives.

Directing HCPSS to merely redistrict and move students between schools, as outlined in the original resolution AND Amendment #1, will not solve the problem. In fact, doing so will only manipulate / marginally improve percentages and just hide the underlying issues.

Lastly, this Task Force MUST be carefully constructed, transparent, and consist of a broad representation of Howard County.

Regards,
Christi Snyder

Sayers, Margery

From: 秦兵 <bingking@q204.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:50 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I urge you to cancel, stop the CR 112 and its the amendment

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Hello, County Council,

Dear County Councils,

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I highly praise and affirm the attitude of Ms. Deb Jung's serious correction. But the amendment has made this resolution even more dangerous by mentioning housing equity. Equity should occur naturally, organically; any forced integration will cause disaster to our community and we do not have any resources to cope with the impact.

As county council, you should focus on the county development for all current residents and citizens; we have places in eastern section of the county that needs new development and re-development; There are schools that have more than 10 trailer classrooms outside because it is overcrowded; there are schools where kids have to ride through industrial zones to go to school, there are areas that need to have a school nearby. Moving blocks of people against their will is unethical and this resolution will put all of us into a social experiment that will bring down this county that it took so much effort and time to build.

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Sincerely,

Bing Qin

District 5

Sayers, Margery

From: Archana Gupta <archigupta@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:47 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Polygon 176, Amendment # 2

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I do want to express my concern and disappointment that school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a potential solution to the achievement gap. Credible, independent and expert analysis by Georgetown School of Public Policy cites significant flaws of research on economic integration as a strategy for the achievement gap, and advises the research is in fact not conclusive, despite proponents claims. I trust the proposed Task Force will reach the same conclusion.

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Sayers, Margery

From: Archana Gupta <archigupta@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:44 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Polygon 176, amendment #2

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Hemant provided this : Dear Members of the County Council,

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Sayers, Margery

From: Ming Du <duming142@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:44 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Supporting CR-112 Amendment 2

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Hello, County Council,

I'm writing to show my support to CR-112's Amendment 2, though with some concerns: there's no language to guarantee the transparency and fairness of the selection process of the mentioned task force. A bad example would be the current AAC composition of the Superintendent's redistricting plan - there's no transparency in member selection, resulted in no representation from several highly impacted high schools; it did not reflect the demographics of our county; and suspiciously none of the member's schools were impacted by the Superintendent's redistricting plan. This is the very pattern that the government should not operate in, and I hope the Amendment 2 will be able to fix and restore people's confidence in our government.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ming Du
District 5 resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Sriman Sista <sistasriman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:40 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CR112 Amendment 2 with additional changes

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Dear Members of the County Council,

I write in support of Councilmember Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112 but do have important additional suggestions. This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1, which relies on inflammatory language and flawed research and policy.

I do want to express my concern and disappointment that school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a potential solution to the achievement gap. Credible, independent and expert analysis by Georgetown School of Public Policy cites significant flaws of research on economic integration as a strategy for the achievement gap and advises the research is in fact not conclusive, despite proponents' claims. I trust the proposed Task Force will reach the same conclusion.

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Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2. If at all possible, I urge you to consider Amendment #3 which removes the reference to school assignment boundary as a potential option and also provides express assurance that the Task Force will be inclusive of unbiased independent experts and representatives of the community with complete transparency and considers the impact of commute aspects as well on students and the families.

Thank you,
Sriman Sista.

Sayers, Margery

From: Poornima B.S <poorni_bs@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:41 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support Amendment 2 for CR 112 by Deb Jung

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Regards
Poornima Balaji
Ellicott City

Sayers, Margery

From: David Clifton <dmclifton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:40 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 to CR112

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Council,

I am writing in support of Amendment 2 to CR112. This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and Amendment #1. The inflammatory language and flawed research in CR112 should be removed and the more forward-thinking policies described in Amendment 2 embraced.

Equity in Howard County and its schools is a challenging problem and requires that the community come together, as one - not divided - to embrace solutions to this problem. CR112 in its original form divides our community and reduces the positive impact this resolution can have on our children. Through Amendment 2, Councilmember Jung puts in place a process by which the capabilities of our whole county can be brought to bear on these challenges.

I would hope that the construction of the Task Force will consider leveraging key knowledge and resources which the original construction of CR112 lacked, and will include a diverse group of individuals with representation from all parts of our county in constructing and proposing solutions.

Thanks,

David M. Clifton
Resident, Ellicott City MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Subba R <subba.sista@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:39 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CR-112 Amendment 2 with additional changes request

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Dear Members of the County Council,

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Thanks,
Subba R
410 908 9959 Cell

Sayers, Margery

From: Jianning zeng <jnzeng@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:32 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Oppose the CR112 and its amendment

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Dear County Councils,

I urge you to cancel, stop the CR 112 and its the amendment.

I highly praise and affirm the attitude of Ms. Deb Jung's serious correction. But the amendment has made this resolution even more dangerous by mentioning housing equity. Equity should occur naturally, organically; any forced integration will cause disaster to our community and we do not have any resources to cope with the impact.

As county council, you should focus on the county development for all current residents and citizens; we have places in eastern section of the county that needs new development and re-development; There are schools that have more than 10 trailer classrooms outside because it is overcrowded; there are schools where kids have to ride through industrial zones to go to school, there are areas that need to have a school nearby. Moving blocks of people against their will is unethical and this resolution will put all of us into a social experiment that will bring down this county that it took so much effort and time to build.

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Sincerely,

Jianning Zeng

District 5



Sayers, Margery

From: Krishna Veeramachaneni <kveeramachaneni@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:28 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CR-112 Amendment 2 with additional changes request

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Thank you,
Krishna Veeramachaneni.

Sayers, Margery

From: Eun-A Kim <eunakim0508@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:27 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CR 112 Amendment 2 proposed by Deb Jung

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Dear Howard County Council,

I would like to let you know that I support the CR 112 Amendment 2 proposed by Deb Jung.

Thanks for considerations.

Sincerely,

Euna Kim

Sayers, Margery

From: Kerri Ukstins <kukstins@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:26 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB-42-2019

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My name is Kerri Ukstins, I support the intent of CB-42-2019 to raise the school surcharge rate to the levels needed to accommodate student enrollment with permanent facilities in the Howard County School System. Thank you for doing what's best for our children by not pushing this off.

Kerri Ukstins
Laurel, MD 20723

Sayers, Margery

From: Fen Han <fenhan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:25 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Deb Jung CR112 Amendment 2 but with concerns

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Dear Members of the County Council,

I write in support of Council member Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to CR-112, but do have important additional suggestions. This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1.

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I am also surprised that Housing Equity is brought up in this resolution. I believe this is a totally separate issue which be addressed separately in a new resolution.

Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2. If at all possible, I urge you to consider an Amendment #3 which removes the reference to school assignment boundary as a potential option and also provides express assurance that the Task Force will be inclusive of independent experts and representative of the community. You should remove housing equity from the amendment #3.

Thanks,
Fen Han

Sayers, Margery

From: Tim & Deb Lattimer <lattimertp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:25 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amended testimony on CR112-2019 - Tim & Debi Lattimer

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

We wish to amend Tim Lattimer's original Sept. 26 testimony in favor of CR112 (repeated below).

First, we do not support amendments that strike nearly all of CR112's preambular paragraphs. As originally drafted, CR112 spoke the truth. As amended, it would omit significant historical context. Whatever the intent behind the extensive and significant deletions proposed by one of CR112's original co-sponsors, the impact is to effectively whitewash the historical context behind CR112. We simply can't move forward to solve complex problems unless we acknowledge explicitly the uncomfortable truths about the nature and context of those problems.

Second, we would not support the proposed amendment to CR112 calling for a new "task force" if doing so would delay action on the proposed Matirano Plan for adjusting school boundaries in Howard County. All too often the creation of task forces is a pretext to postpone meaningful action to resolve pressing problems related to inequities and capacity utilization on Howard County's schools.

We might support such a body if it meets the following conditions:

- (1) said body is organized subsequent to Council action on CR112 and HCPSS action on the Martirano Plan;
- (2) said body is explicitly organized as a "truth & reconciliation" commission composed of members that are truly representative of HoCo stakeholders; and,
- (3) said body is charged with taking an honest look at the factors that contribute to inequities in our school system and with offering unvarnished recommendations by a specified date for County and/or HCPSS policies, programs, and actions that would materially advance equity in Howard County schools.

We are grateful to have members on the County Council who maintain the courage of their convictions and who are willing to stand up to those who might use their wealth, privilege, influence, or threats in an effort to bully others into silence and into accepting an unacceptable status quo in Howard County.

Thanks for your consideration.

Tim & Debi Lattimer
Columbia, MD

ORIGINAL SEPT. 26 TESTIMONY

Testimony on CR 112-2019
Tim Lattimer, Columbia, MD 20145
September 26, 2019

My name is Tim Lattimer and I live in the Long Reach Village portion of Columbia.

Speaking only for myself, I strongly support Council Resolution 112-2019.

I recall that when my wife & I returned to the U.S. in 2002 after many years of living overseas, we opted to move to Columbia. We knew very little about Howard County at the time and, as we were deciding on buying our home practically across the street from Long Reach High School, we asked our realtor whether we could expect our toddlers to eventually go to Long Reach HS.

She replied, "This is Howard County, which changes its school boundaries frequently. I know that Long Reach HS is close by, but if you want a guarantee that your kids will someday go there, then you'd better find yourself another buyer's agent." Apparently, that sort of candor is rare around here.

That was our first introduction to what we came to learn was the caste system in Howard County's schools. Over the years, we grew accustomed to the scowls or worried, sympathetic looks from other parents when we told them that we thought our kids would go to Long Reach HS.

Likewise, our kids grew accustomed to similar looks from their friends and fellow soccer players from other parts of the county. But they - and we - found Long Reach HS to be the perfect place for them, as they learned to make friends with an extraordinarily diverse range of people. This has better enabled them to deal with our changing society and our globalizing world. As my daughter put it in her graduation speech last May, "At Long Reach, we not only embodied 'e pluribus unum' as a living reality, we have given it a voice."

Some of you may know me as an advocate for action on climate change and sustainable development. After decades of working on these issues, I've come to understand that it's simply not enough to say we want to protect open space, save trees, or develop clean energy. We cannot and will not solve our climate and sustainability challenges if we do not simultaneously dismantle systemic barriers to equity, inclusion, and justice. We can't deal with these problems as if they are unrelated or isolated challenges. They go together and we have to solve them, together.

Whether it's solving climate or advancing justice, equity, and inclusion, business as usual is not the solution - it's the problem. We need great resolve to break from the outmoded ways of the past and to make ours that "more perfect union" our nation's founders envisioned.

A great place to start would be to reduce the racial and socioeconomic disparities in the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS).

Of course, as a NON-BINDING Council resolution, CR-112 does not obligate the HCPSS to do anything. Decisions on the Martirano Plan or other school redistricting plans rest solely with the HCPSS Board of Education. Nonetheless, I applaud the sponsors of this resolution for their willingness to stand up for vital principles and to express clearly the Council's desire for HCPSS to use the lens of equity as a priority in any school redistricting and boundary review processes.

Some have questioned whether the Council should weigh in on HCPSS business. But, after seeing the nature and extent of much of the opposition to the Martirano Plan, it's clear to me that adopting this resolution is absolutely the right thing to do. Changing the status quo that advantages some over others and dismantling systemic barriers to equity and inclusion are not things that come easily, much less automatically. They must be done with great intention and commitment.

I urge this Council to put itself on the right side of history by adopting this resolution. I hope this Council will demonstrate its - and Howard County's - unequivocal support for equity in our public schools by approving CR-112 overwhelmingly, if not unanimously.

Thank you.

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Lofft <susanlofft@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:22 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112-2019

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

Regarding the proposed resolution that changes the school boundary adjustment process to require a task force (CR112-2019):

There are schools that have been waiting for YEARS to alleviate overcrowding and severe inequity, only to have a small number of people pay representatives to convince the council to toss out a long-term process just so their own children don't have to change schools. Why should so many children suffer in crowded and understaffed schools because a wealthy few feel the equity policies shouldn't apply to them?

As someone who has lived in this county for nearly 50 years, I am not accustomed to seeing people put up such a huge fight over redistricting. The process has worked very well in this county until about 15 years ago when some people seemed to think that some schools were more important than others. Because of that, the redistricting process was stifled causing even more inequity and socio-economic segregation in the schools and in housing. This is not what Howard County should look like. Regular adjustments of the school boundaries is one of the major reasons Howard County's school system is regularly rated as one of the top school systems in the country.

Changing the legislation at the very last minute only to reboot the process with a task force is the same as cancelling the process altogether. All that would mean is that the process will be changed every time by the few who can pay for the privilege of lobbying to the county council.

Thank you for your consideration,
Susan Lofft
District 4

Sayers, Margery

From: sjani430 <sjani430@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: cr112-amendment 2

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to show support Deb Jung's amendment to CR112.

We need to address the root causes of the problem by creating a task force and systematically reviewing the reasons for the disparities. This research can then be presented and we can have an educated decision on how to begin to solve the problems. Forcing our children to move out of their schools is not the solution to this problem, this merely masks the problems.

I urge you to support Deb Jung's amendment #2 for CR112. Do not simply put a bandaid on the problem, address the root causes of the socioeconomic disparity in our wonderful county by creating a task force and how this will impact the future of our HCPSS students.

Thank you

Sejal Jani

Sayers, Margery

From: jusleen@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112 in favor of Amendment #2

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Dear Members of the County Council,

I write to you in support of Council Member Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112 but do have some additional suggestions. The amendment is a significant improvement over the initial one that relied on flawed research and policy.

I want to express my concern that school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a resolution to solve the achievement gap in Howard County. Numerous studies have also shown that economic integration as a strategy for achievement gap is flawed.

I would encourage the task force to be transparent and inclusive. It is vital that independent, credible experts be included as well community members of various backgrounds and ethnicities. For an issue of this magnitude, we need to get it right for ALL children.

Thank you again for taking the first step to ensure that all kids get a fighting chance with this amendment #2. I urge you to consider an Amendment #3 which removes the reference to school assignment boundary as a potential option and also provides assurance that the Task Force will be all inclusive and transparent.

Thank you,

Jasleen Bedi (Concerned parent)

Sayers, Margery

From: Yong-Woo Lee <lywosu@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:08 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support of CR 112 Amendement #2 proposed by Deb Jung

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Dear council,

I live in Clarksville, MD., and I support the CR 112 Amendement #2 proposed by Deb Jung, over other proposed amendements. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Yong Woo Lee

Sayers, Margery

From: Reena Tuliani <rmlala@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:04 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Conditionally support CR 112-2019 Amendment 2 (Deb Jung)
Attachments: 100719_RRT - Conditionally support CR 112 Amendment 2.pdf

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Conditionally support CR 112-2019 Amendment 2 (Deb Jung)

October 7 2019

Howard County Council George Howard Building

3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Name: Reena Tuliani

Dear County Council Members:

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3. While weighing any decisions, commute considerations for children/families and climate change impacts should be considered as impacting factors.

Respectfully,

Reena Tuliani

Sayers, Margery

From: Vanita Tuliani <vanitatuliani@gmail.com>
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Subject: Conditionally support CR 112-2019 Amendment 2 (Deb Jung)
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October 7 2019

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Name: Vanita Tuliani

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Respectfully,

Vanita Tuliani

Sayers, Margery

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To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR 112

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Good morning,

I made this comment on Facebook but I think it's pertinent enough to send to you as well. I think it's important to understand this type of redistricting is something we (and others) used as effective strategy before, not a new experiment.

Only the Columbia section of HoCo was designed with neighborhood schools, traditional piecemeal developers in the rest of the county did not follow suite, and don't have neighborhood schools. This lopsided development is something HoCo had successfully balanced for years through redistricting till the anti redistricting crowd got in power, and now look at the mess. Overcapacity schools, under capacity schools, and the concentration of poverty at certain schools, despite the massive amt of research showing the*last* thing you want in your community is to concentrate poverty to specific areas.

Thank You,
Regan Mercer

Sayers, Margery

From: Regan Mercer <reganmercer@gmail.com>
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Subject: Cr 112

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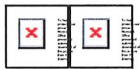


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OPINION: When wealthy parents hold sway in public schools

• Annette Lareau, Elliot Weininger and Amanda Barrett Cox

1 year ago



There is a widespread view in education that poor parents are trouble: They don't spend enough time reading to children, monitoring their homework, attending school events or helping teachers. Educators, at times, complain bitterly about them, and many policies have been designed to address these issues. With economic segregation in the United States worsening, there is likely to be a growing number of school districts where poor children, and poor parents, predominate.

Yet, economic segregation, which is more pronounced among families with children, also creates public school districts where affluent families predominate. This can lead to trouble in schools, but of a distinct kind. Motivated by a fierce desire to protect their children and themselves from difficulty, and armed with a robust sense of entitlement as well as ample economic, cultural and social resources, affluent parents can trigger conflict and interfere with school districts on a scale that is rarely acknowledged.

We saw this firsthand during the research for our recent study of an affluent school district in the Northeast. We call this district Kingsley, to preserve the anonymity of the interviews we conducted with families and school officials. As of the 2010 census, more than a third of households in the district had an annual income of \$150,000 or more, and the median home value exceeded \$450,000. More than 70 percent of adult residents had at least a bachelor's degree, over twice the national average. Kingsley was also extremely successful academically. It was a "destination district," with average SAT scores nearly 250 points above the state average on the 2,400-point scale.

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We started visiting this community — which is similar to places like the Boston suburb Newton, Mass. — to understand how parents decide where to live and send their children to school. After the study had begun, Kingsley administrators began the process of redrawing attendance boundaries for the district's high schools to balance attendance numbers. Administrators, of course, don't want children crowded into one school while there are empty seats in classrooms in another. Since they cannot control where parents live within the district, they sometimes reassign certain neighborhoods' students from one school to another. This provoked an outcry among many of the parents, which we documented.

At no point was there a suggestion, by parents or administrators, that the educational quality of one of the two high schools was worse. However, the reassignment would have increased some students' travel time, by an average of about 10 minutes.

The reassignment process lasted for almost a year. Once the district began releasing proposals, there were vigorous protests, which led to revised proposals and new protests. We read more than 3,000 emails and letters from parents to administrators and the school board on the subject. We transcribed video recordings of the 18 board meetings that took place during the controversy, including the public commentary at these sessions.

Many of these meetings were held in packed auditoriums, with hundreds of angry parents. At the end of one meeting, parents were visibly distraught. Groups of mothers gathered together, and one was crying as she said, "It is not fair." Her friend told her, "We will fight it!" Another agitated mother worried, "How am I going to tell my 12-year-old?"

The capacity of the parents and guardians at Kingsley to impede the reassignment process was due in large part to their noneconomic resources: the professional skills and connections they could deploy in a fight against the school district. School administrators found themselves confronted not just by disgruntled parents but by pediatricians, urban planners, public relations specialists and psychologists.

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These parents had an extraordinary capacity for mobilization. At one parent meeting we observed, no fewer than 10 committees were formed. When administrators denied parents' requests for a school-bus ride-along so that parents could time the proposed bus routes, parents — with stopwatches in hand — collected their own data on travel times.

They recruited local politicians to attend their planning meetings and solicited letters of support from outside experts. At school board meetings, administrators found themselves presented with two inch-thick binders full of copies of peer-reviewed studies, meant to demonstrate the shortcomings of the administrators' proposals.

"Affluent parents are much more likely to sue than poorer parents over special education."

Although the district ultimately passed and implemented a plan, the process consumed vast amounts of administrators' time, energy and resources. The superintendent estimated that he devoted 70 to 80 percent of his working time over several months to the redistricting process. At one point, the administration felt it necessary to have law enforcement present at board meetings, after an incident in which a board member was confronted by a hostile resident. The superintendent called the process a "Nor'easter" that damaged the school district's reputation and diverted his attention from substantive issues, including curriculum planning and supporting students in the transition from middle school to high school.

This kind of conflict between school districts and affluent parents is not unique to Kingsley. Parents protested when their school districts redrew attendance boundaries in Union County, N.C., and they sued in Forsyth County, Ga. On the Upper West Side of Manhattan, some affluent parents of children from a well-funded, overwhelmingly white school bitterly protested a plan to increase racial diversity in schools, despite support for the plan from the parent councils and school leadership. A PTA "donation balancing system" in California's Santa Monica-Malibu district, in which funds are shared across the district, helped fuel a movement to create a separate, more affluent school district.

There are consequences to this phenomenon of "opportunity hoarding" by well-to-do parents. A number of researchers have described, for example, the various ways that parents, generally upper-middle-class, monitor and scrutinize teachers and principals, which can diminish educators' authority. Parents who secure their child's admission to a "gifted" program, despite insufficient test results, undermine the legitimacy of these tests and programs.

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Intense parental involvement in schools is not always helpful to children, either. In certain situations, it can lead to higher levels of stress among children and intrafamilial conflict.

In 1932, Willard Waller's classic work on the sociology of teaching pronounced parents and educators to be "natural enemies": Parents are concerned for their own children, while educators look to the success of all students.

This is an inherent tension, and one that parents and school administrators should understand better. Controversies can escalate quickly, and unprepared educators sometimes make things worse. Democratic processes are essential in public school districts, but educators should also find ways to listen to parents' concerns and resolve matters quickly and decisively.

All parents want the best for their children, but a key goal of public education is to create citizens with a vision of a common good. Upper-middle-class parents are understandably anxious about the futures of their children in an increasingly competitive global economy, but not every issue is worthy of a fight. Parents should think about what matters in the long run and reflect on whether their actions might be contributing to greater inequality. Affluent parents bring powerful resources to schools. They should also model thoughtful civic engagement that considers collective, rather than simply individual, benefits.

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From: Beth Stolte <elizabeth.stolte@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:09 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB-42 vs CB-112

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It's important that you vote to pass CB-42. If you do not but then do pass CB-112, it will be clear this council is passing the buck onto the school system instead of taking pro-active responsibility. The school system does not generate revenue. The school system can only use the funds that are available. If you do not vote to increase the availability of those funds then what CB-112 is asking cannot happen without bussing students across the county. The school system needs funds to improve buildings, capacity and the achievement gap.

We will remember this in 2022. Do not think this is far enough out for us to not remember, we will.

Beth Stolte

Sayers, Margery

From: Evie Callahan <eviemah@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 8:16 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 on CR-112

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County Council,

I am in full support of Council member Deb Jung's **Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112**, but do have important additional recommendations. This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1, which had inflammatory language and flawed research and policy.

I do want to express my concern and disappointment that school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a potential solution to the achievement gap. Credible, independent and expert analysis by Georgetown School of Public Policy cites significant flaws of research on economic integration as a strategy for the achievement gap, and advises the research is in fact not conclusive, despite proponents claims. I trust the proposed Task Force will reach the same conclusion.

Regarding the Task Force, I also would like to strongly express my expectation that its composition and work will be transparent and inclusive. It is critical that independent and credible experts be included, as well as community members representative of our County's diverse backgrounds and perspectives. We have unfortunately seen with the current redistricting process and the original Resolution 112 how a lack of transparency and inclusion fails to lead to successful outcomes. The lack of representative composition of the Area Attendance Committee underscores the absolute necessity for the recommended Task Force to be carefully constructed.

For an issue of this magnitude and importance, process is critical, and we must get this right, for ALL of our kids.

Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2. I suggest to consider an Amendment #3 which removes the reference to school assignment boundary as a potential option and also provides express assurance that the Task Force will be inclusive of independent experts and representative of the community.

Thank you,
Evelyn Callahan
Clarksville, MD 21029

Sayers, Margery

From: emdevries@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 7:51 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CR-112 Amendement 2

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Please support Deb Jung's Amendment 2 for CR-112. We definitely need a very holistic approach to resolving the issues of inequality in our County. Creating an inclusive task force with all sectors of our county is the best way.

Thank you Deb Jung for the Amendment, and thank you County Council for your thoughtful consideration.

Elyse DeVries
12152 Mt Albert Ct

Sent from Xfinity Connect App

Sayers, Margery

From: randy hedgeland <rhedgie54@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 7:45 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 on CR-112

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HoCo CC

In support of Amendment 2, its a move in the right direction.

Sincerely
Randy J. Hedgeland

Sayers, Margery

From: Jason Zeruto <jasonzeruto@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:56 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 on CR-112

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Dear Council,

I would like to express my support for Deb Jung's proposed changes to CR-112. The creation of a Task Force to study root causes of issues concerning our county is a promising first step to improving our communities.

Kind Regards,
Jason Zeruto

Sayers, Margery

From: Nicole Koonce <nicolefkoonce@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:14 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: David Koonce
Subject: Support for CR112 Task Force.

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Council Members,

My name is Nicole Koonce and I am a resident of Polygon 2176.

I fully support Deb Jung's amendment to CR112. The creation of a Task Force to identify and address the root causes of socioeconomic disparities between schools in Howard County, while trying to address the overcrowding issue plaguing so many of our schools, is the appropriate next step.

The current plan is flawed and tearing apart our community. That matters. I can't imagine any of you want the county to remain this fractured. The community is deeply troubled by the negative effects the plan will have on many of the students in the county. There MUST be constructive dialogue on how to find a productive way forward.

If Council Members truly care about the well being of ALL Howard County Students, they will approve Ms. Jung's amendment and the residents of this county to roll their sleeves up to try and help find a solution to this difficult problem.

Transparency in the recruitment and assignment of the Task Force is paramount. I would ask that there be a balance of representation on the Task Force from across the county/polygons and that representatives bring varying perspectives on the current plan.

Sincerely,

Nicole Koonce

Sayers, Margery

From: Priti Bajaj <priti.kaur.bajaj@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:12 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Jung, Deb
Subject: Support of Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112
Attachments: Support of Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112.docx

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Please see the attached letter regarding Council Resolution 112. Thank you.

October 6, 2019

Re: Support of Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112

Dear Members of the County Council,

My name is Priti Bajaj and I am a current resident of Howard County. I am writing to express my support of Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112.

Although this amendment is a great improvement from the original resolution, I am concerned that school boundary adjustment is still included as a potential solution to the achievement gap, despite research that does not support this claim.

I also would like to express the need for a task force that is fully inclusive and transparent. It is necessary that the task force include credible experts and representatives of all parts of our community in order to make sure we do what is best for our Howard county children.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Priti Kaur Bajaj, MD
Ellicott City, Maryland

Sayers, Margery

From: Sharma, Indira K. <Indira.Sharma@saul.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 11:37 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment 2 to CR 112

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Dear Council Members,

I applaud Councilwoman Deb Jung for listening to the concerns expressed during the public hearing and through written testimony. After all – that is the purpose of having public feedback and it is refreshing to know that such feedback is seriously considered by Council Members even those who originally co-sponsored the resolution. I believe that Amendment 2 proposed by Councilwoman Jung is a huge step in the right direction and the best option for CR 112 that we have before us. However, there are two concerns with Amendment 2 that require attention.

- 1) Amendment 2 still lists “school boundary assignments” as a possible tool when there is no support for the use of school boundary assignments to address the achievement gap. The Council need look no further than the many recommendations for eliminating the achievement gap set forth by the National Education Association. **Redistricting students is not one of them.** See <http://www.nea.org/home/36073.htm>. In a very recent August 2019 analysis by Dr. Sarah A. Cordes at Georgetown School of Public Policy of all the socioeconomic integration in schools data to date, she determined that the research is *inconclusive*. Specifically, Dr. Cordes stated, “It is not clear from the research available today that socioeconomic integration alone would produce the hoped-for gains on the academic side of the integration equation. The research on the effects of socioeconomic integration, including studies frequently cited by the strategy’s proponents, is inconclusive.” (*Source: A Reality Check on the Benefits of Economic Integration, FutureEd, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, Sarah A. Cordes PhD, August 26, 2019*)
- 2) Amendment 2 does not provide any parameters for the formation of the task force. By way of example, it only states that the task force should be comprised of “community stakeholders” but it fails to define what constitutes a “community stakeholder.” Further, there is no assurance that the composition will be fair and representative of the community. Given recent concerns over the composition of the AAC that assisted the Superintendent in deriving the current redistricting proposal before the Board of Education, I highly encourage the use of clearer language stating that the task force must be representative of the County in terms of race, socioeconomic status, geography, political affiliation and the task force must also include independent experts and consultants in the areas of the educational achievement gap and equity. The County of Executive should not appoint members of the task force given that 5 out of the 14 AAC members were part of his transition team thereby politicizing the process and he failed to allow the Board of Education to have the independence necessary to do its job. Members of the County Council should have to approve each member of the task force and should be required to ensure that the task force is representative of the County and the many diverse viewpoints.

I urge the County Council to address these concerns and if they cannot be sufficiently addressed then Amendment 2 should not proceed and neither should the original CR 112 for all the very good reasons stated by those in opposition to CR 112. Thank you all for your attention to this important issue of addressing equity in our communities and schools.

Respectfully,

Indira K. Sharma
Ellicott City, MD

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Sayers, Margery

From: jen <jenz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 10:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Stanley McCluskey
Subject: Deb Jung's Ammendment to CR112

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Good morning,

As a new resident to Howard County am very concerned about the lack of research that went into the recent plans for the HoCo redistricting plan. The lack of concern from the current administration shows contempt to all of the children in Howard County. I feel an external review is needed before we gamble with our children and put them at risk.

Deb Jung is a voice of reason; please carefully consider her nomination for a Task Force to study the best way to achieve equity in the HoCo school system before moving forward with the radical and damaging redistricting plan on the table.

Deb Jung has nominated an Ammendment to this resolution with language asking for a TASK FORCE to study the matter further before and I fully support Deb Jung's amendment to CR112. The creation of a Task Force is a much more appropriate solution to identify and address the root causes of socioeconomic disparities between schools in Howard County.

Directing HCPSS to merely redistrict and move students between schools, as outlined in the original resolution AND Amendement #1, will not solve the problem. In fact, doing so will just hide the issues and damage many of the children it seeks to help. It puts summer programs at risk since some are based on FARM numbers. I urge you to proceed with extreme caution when making decisions that impact the most vulnerable in our community.

If Council Members truly cared about all Howard County Students, they will approve Amendement #2 and actually help students or schools in need, not just manipulate the percentages between schools.

Transparency in the recruitment and assignment of the Task Force is paramount. The Council should avoid the same tactics used by the BOE for the Attendance Committee; which was done in a secretive and partial manner.

Sincerely,
Jen McCluskey

Sayers, Margery

From: Beth Kunkoski <el frank@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 10:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 on CR-112

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I support amendment 2 for CR-112 and only amendment 2.

Elizabeth Kunkoski

Sayers, Margery

From: Edral Laurita Finch C <lauritafinchclarke@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 9:55 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: In Support of Amendment #2 to CR112

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Good evening County Council,

I am writing in support of Amendment #2 to CR112 to create a Task Force to understand root causes. This is imperative to the educational needs of our students. I am very much against Amendment #1. I write as one who testified at the Council hearing on CR112, and continue to watch this issue very closely. I look forward to seeing the Council and our community working in unison to ensure that the individual needs of our children are met.

Warmly,
Laurita Clarke

Sayers, Margery

From: Deepika Dhuria <d_dhuria@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 9:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 - CR 112

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Council Members,

I fully support Amendment 2 to CR112-2019.

The original resolution does not reflect the Howard County that we live in today and the issues that we would like to address.

Amendment 2 proposed by Councilwoman Jung addresses the concerns and provides a thoughtful means to achieve these concerns. We must create a task force to understand the best way forward to achieve equity for all students and be in alignment with Policy 6010.

Please adopt Amendment 2.

Sincerely,
Deepika Dhuria
Ellicott City, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Nimesh Shah <nimesh.shah.unc@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 9:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: arunima pande
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 of CR112 by Deb Jung

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To County Council,

We are new residents of District 5 and school polygon 1199.

We would like to support **Amendment 2 of council resolution # 112** written by council member Deb Jung.

Thank you,

Nimesh S Shah
Arunima Pande

13623 Curtis Vista Way
Clarksville, MD 21029

Sayers, Margery

From: dena brzezicki <dbrzezic@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 9:25 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for amendment 2 on CR-112

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I am writing this email to voice my support for amendment 2 on CR-112. The original amendment of integrating by socioeconomic factors alone would do little make a meaningful change. I strongly feel that a multi-pronged approach that examines county policies on housing and the socio-economic factors that impact achievement and funding those recommendations will be more effective in eliminating the achievement gap.

Thank you,
Dena Brzezicki

Sayers, Margery

From: Prabir Chakrabarty <pchakus@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 8:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment#2 to CR112-2019

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Prabir Chakrabarty, I reside in Ellicott City, District 5. I want to send my support for Amendment #2 to CR112-2019.

Councilwoman Jung's Amendment addresses the valid concerns raised by opponents of the original resolution and presents a framework for a long-term plan to create a task force to study the challenges facing FARM students as well as overcrowding of schools consistent with Policy 6010.

Therefore I ask that the Howard County Council adopt Amendment #2 to CR112-2019.

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Joe <josephlove@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 8:39 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 on CR-112

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Dear county council,

I'm writing to you as a resident of Howard County with 3 children. My wife and I would like to take this time to offer our support for amendment 2 on CR-112 authored by Councilmember Jung. I think it identifies a more practical way forward in determining a solution to the problems this resolution looks to address.

Thanks,

- Joe Love

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Paul Gani <paulgani@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 8:38 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Updated Testimony for CR112-2019, REJECT Amendment #1, APPROVE Amendment #2

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Dear Howard County Council,

I am writing to provide my updated testimony for CR112-2019. Please see my original testimony at the bottom of this email.

Councilmember Jung:

Thank you for proposing Amendment #2. I find your responsiveness to your constituent's concerns to be highly admirable. No politician will ever have the exact same priorities as me, but your actions are precisely what I am looking for in an elected representative. Please make sure the community stakeholders in the Task Force are adequately representative of the entire community. I now change my testimony to APPROVE for CR112-2019 with Amendment #2.

Councilmember Rigby:

Thank for you pointing out during the hearings and in testimony replies that your resolution was written as a response to the Feasibility Study and not the Superintendent's proposed plan.

Councilmembers Rigby and Jones:

After several hours of public testimony by predominantly first generation Asian American residents with limited English language skills testifying how their families would be adversely affected by the Superintendent's plan, I find your proposed Amendment #1 to merely add "Asian" to the racial comparisons justifying your resolution to be insensitive at best, and downright offensive and appalling at worst.

I understand your original intent of this resolution was as a response to the Feasibility Study, but clearly the public has interpreted it as an endorsement of the Superintendent's proposed plan. Proposing your technical Amendments now, with no substantive changes to the resolution or acknowledgement of the competing plans, will merely reinforce the public's impression that you are indeed endorsing the Superintendent's plan and are completely insensitive to the testimony you have received thus far.

I urge you to consider the good will you saw at the public hearings for additional support for economically disadvantaged students. Please don't squander this good will by being completely dismissive to the testifier's concerns. I assure you, if you are not sensitive to their priorities, they will not be supportive of yours when the HCPSS budget season comes around. I refer you to the two year spending level budget agreement by Pelosi and Trump this summer. When all sides have at least some of their priorities included, then mutual agreement is possible, even in the most divided government.

Thank you,

Paul Gani

Howard County Council District 4

On Fri, Sep 13, 2019 at 2:01 PM Paul Gani <paulgani@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Howard County Council,

I am writing to register my objection to CR112-2019. I am objecting not because I disagree with the ultimate goal of the resolution: socioeconomic integration of the Howard County Public Schools, but because the current resolution as written neither considers or reflects the priorities of community public stakeholders and taxpayers, nor offers or recommends any protections against integration plans that severely impact Howard County children, families, and taxpayers.

I would like to direct you the text of the Superintendent's presentation:

<https://www.hcpss.org/f/schoolplanning/2019/mjm-boundary-review-presentation-text.pdf>

in the section **Stakeholder voices**:

Below are the clear preferences expressed by the community public stakeholders, in the words of the Superintendent:

"Other priorities held more weight in the feedback expressed by stakeholders participating in our community input sessions and online survey. Over 800 participants took part in four community input sessions representing various regions. Overall, these stakeholders preferred options that **limit student travel times** and **boundary continuity**, and preserve the concept of **neighborhood schools** wherever possible. Socio-economic impact was also expressed as a priority consideration among participants at one of the four sessions. Our online feedback survey received 2,176 responses, and 276 alternative scenarios were submitted. This feedback leaned heavily toward **limiting student travel times, maintaining walkable distances, and boundary continuity.**"

However, the Superintendent instead went with the preferences of a non-elected, 100% appointed by him Area Attendance Committee:

The committee's consensus was that achieving **socio-economic balance**, represented by schools' FARM proportions, should be the **driving factor** for all attendance area decisions. The AAC also recommended that we do more extensive reassignments at once, rather than more limited boundary adjustment processes more frequently. Other AAC priorities were to provide for neighborhood schools with walkable distances as much as possible, and to avoid the use of relocatable classrooms as a long term solution for school crowding. Overall, the AAC recommended that we take **dramatic action to make schools more equal social-economically**, despite what would be a consequential **doubling or tripling of transportation costs, significant increases in student travel time**, and a need to **create islands** with feeder patterns distributed throughout the county.

The County Council passing a resolution which supports a redistricting plan which ***openly*** declares that **doubling or tripling of transportation costs, significant increases in student travel time**, and a need to **create islands** are necessary and acceptable to achieve socioeconomic integration is a slap in the face to all public stakeholders and taxpayers. I strongly urge the County Council to vote to **REJECT** or **AMEND** the current legislation to better reflect the priorities of community public stakeholders and taxpayers.

Thank you,

Paul Gani
Howard County Council District 4

Sayers, Margery

From: linglei ma <lingleim@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 8:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: support for Deb Jung but with concerns

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Dear Members of the County Council,

I write in support of Council member Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to CR-112, but do have important additional suggestions. This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1.

I do want to express my concern and disappointment that school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a potential solution to the achievement gap. Credible, independent and expert analysis by Georgetown School of Public Policy cites significant flaws of research on economic integration as a strategy for the achievement gap, and advises the research is in fact not conclusive, despite proponents claims.

Regarding the Task Force, I also would like to strongly express my expectation that its composition and work will be transparent and inclusive. We have unfortunately seen with the current redistricting process and the original Resolution 112 how a lack of transparency and inclusion fails to lead to successful outcomes. The lack of representative composition of the Area Attendance Committee underscores the absolute necessity for the recommended Task Force to be carefully constructed.

I am also surprised that Housing Equity is brought up in this resolution. I believe this is a totally separate issue which be addressed separately in a new resolution.

Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2. If at all possible, I urge you to consider an Amendment #3 which removes the reference to school assignment boundary as a potential option and also provides express assurance that the Task Force will be inclusive of independent experts and representative of the community. You should remove housing equity from the amendment #3.

Linglei Ma

Sayers, Margery

From: Katherine Berland <berlandk@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 2:08 PM
To: Jung, Deb
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112

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Dear Councilmember Jung,

I am writing to express my disappointment at the amendment you have proposed to CR112, which effectively would gut the resolution. I strongly support the intent of CR112 as originally introduced, and urge you to withdraw the amendment. Your amendment would not only remove the factual whereas clauses that provide context for the resolution, but would also add support for establishing a new task force to examine factors contributing to achievement gaps. While I'm sure you intend well with this, the new resolution you propose would serve to delay or stall current efforts to address badly-needed and long overdue school boundary adjustments. I have been following closely both the council's work on this resolution and the board of education's work on redistricting. I have been saddened and distressed at some of the narrative arising in opposition to what I see as basic, fundamental moral values that I believe most residents of Howard County believe in, including equity, social justice, and desegregation.

I strongly urge you to withdraw this amendment, and I urge you, along with the rest of the council, to pass CR112 as originally drafted (accepting amendments that add information or clarity to the existing whereas clauses).

Katherine Berland
District 4

Sayers, Margery

From: Timothy Dull <tdull@dullpartners.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 11:45 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment No. 2 to Council Resolution No. 112 by Deb Jung

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I am writing in support of this amendment. I think the amendment as originally written doesn't represent where we are at in Howard County. Maybe we are headed that way but we are a long ways from where Maryland once was. Creating a task force to look at this complex issue and develop action items that will first mitigate this issue and then reverse it, is what we need. Maybe eventually it should be pushed to the Board of Education but first, it should be thoroughly studied by the County Council with broad input from the community. I believe there are many actions the Council is capable of which can address this issue.

If this amendment is approved the task force should be composed of a broad range of interests to reflect our entire community.

Please vote in favor of Amendment No. 2 to Council Resolution No. 112 by Deb Jung.

Thank you,
Timothy Dull
4269 Buckskin Wood Dr.
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Kripa Tiwari <kripa_tiwari@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 11:26 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CR112 Amendment #2

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Hello,

I support CR 112 Amendment #2 proposed by council member Jung. This is more reasonable and represents views of community.

Thanks for listening to the community.

Thanks,
Kripa Tiwari
Ellicott City

Sayers, Margery

From: Jorge Elguera <jorge.elguera@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 10:53 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support Amendment #2 to CR112

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Dear Council members,

I'm a resident and parent in Howard county and I support Amendment 2 to CR112.

Without an understanding of the root causes for socioeconomic problems and disparities, those problems cannot be effectively solved.

The current redistricting debate is an example of an attempt to solve problems without an understanding of causes and consequences. As heard from hundreds of affected families in recent testimony regarding the proposed school redistricting plan, there is no evidence that this plan will help students and families, and quite the opposite it creates harm and disruption. We also heard clearly that there is no real definition of what problems or root causes the plan tries to address, other than very generic definitions that are not enough to support the elaboration of a plan.

If the Council takes the opportunity to require that studies are conducted to identify and provide clear evidence on what the problems and root causes for them are, it will lead to the presentation of plans that actually address them in a demonstrable way. With clear definitions of what the problems and causes are, debates will be based on which is the best way to solve them and will help take politics and bias out of those discussions.

I would like to take this opportunity to also recommend that the county adopts a requirement of "feasibility and cost" be included in any proposed plan. Redistricting is an example of the lack of this information. The implementation of the plan will cost Millions of dollars, time and effort, and harm to the environment. Shouldn't those impacts be clearly determined and communicated as part of proposing the plan? How could a plan be adopted or rejected without that knowledge?

Citizens of Howard county deserve plans that clearly link problems and solutions.

With these requirements the county can avoid having its citizens go through debates on initiatives where it's unclear what problems they solve and what benefits they provide.

Let's raise the standard for how we approach solving problems. The county has a good opportunity to do that by adopting the requirements from Amendment #2

Respectfully,

Jorge Elguera
Ellicott City, 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Balaji Balasubramaniam <balajib@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 10:19 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Supporting CR 112 Amendment #2 - Deb Jung

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My Name is Poornima Balaji. I live in Ellicott City, Howard County, MD.
I support the CR 112 Amendment #2 proposed by Deb Jung.

Thanks,

Poornima Balaji
balaji@yahoo.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Balaji Balasubramaniam <balajib@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 10:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Supporting CR 112 Amendment #2 by Deb Jung

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My Name is Balaji Bala. I live in Ellicott City, Howard County, MD.
I support the CR 112 Amendment #2 proposed by Deb Jung.

Thanks,

Balaji Bala
balaji@yahoo.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Deepthi Bommadevara <dbommadevara@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 9:15 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CR112 amendment #2

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Dear Council,

I am writing to give my support for amendment #2 of CR 112. The establishment of a Task force to look into housing policy and socioeconomic factors that affect student achievement is the right step forward.

Thank you,

Deepthi Bommadevara
Ellicott City

Sayers, Margery

From: Raj Tuliani <rstuliani@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 4:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CONDITIONALLY SUPPORT Amendment 2 to Council Resolution No. 112 (Deb Jung)
Attachments: 100519_RST - Conditionally support CR 112 Amendment 2.pdf

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Dear County Council,

Please see attached testimony to conditionally support Amendment 2 to CR 112.

Sincerely,

Raj Tuliani
rstuliani@gmail.com

Conditionally support CR 112-2019 Amendment 2 (Deb Jung)

October 5 2019

Howard County Council George Howard Building

3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Name: Raj Tuliani

Email: rstuliani@gmail.com

Dear County Council Members:

I do appreciate the thoughtful effort that has gone into writing amendment 2 which is a huge step forward after receiving feedback to the original CR 112.

I write in conditional support of Council member Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112. I believe a task force comprised of community stakeholders would be a good idea to examine the root causes behind student achievement gaps and make necessary recommendations.

The conditional support is to include some language in this amendment or separately make a commitment toward:

1. A transparent selection process for this task force as well as open communication around its working meetings.
2. Using school assignment boundary adjustment as a tool of last resort. Expert research needs to be considered in an unbiased manner.
3. While weighing any decisions, commute considerations for children/families and climate change impacts should be considered as impacting factors.

Respectfully,

Raj Tuliani

Sayers, Margery

From: Audrey Fernandes <afernand2005rad@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 1:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support Amendment 2 to CR112
Attachments: Support Amendment 2 of CR112.docx

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Dear County Council,
Please see my attached letter in support of Deb Jung's Amendement #2 to council resolution 112. I DO NOT support Amendement #1.
Thank you,
Audrey Fernandes

Dear Members of the County Council,

I am writing to support Council Member Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112. This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1, which utilize inflammatory language and based on flawed research and policy.

I do want to express my concern and disappointment that school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a potential solution to the achievement gap. The underlying intent of the county council to address poverty is a noble one. However, a school system should not be held responsible for fixing prior flawed housing development mistakes resulting in clustered pockets of poverty in the county. The onus of decades of mismanaged development cannot, and should not be placed on the backs of our children or on our school system. Furthermore, credible, independent and expert analysis by Georgetown School of Public Policy cites significant flaws of research on economic integration as a strategy for the achievement gap, and advises the research is in fact not conclusive, despite proponents claims. I trust the proposed Task Force will reach the same conclusion.

Regarding the Task Force, I also would like to strongly express my expectation that its composition and work will be transparent and inclusive. It is critical that independent and credible experts be included, as well as community members representative of our County's diverse backgrounds and perspectives. We have unfortunately firsthand seen with the current redistricting process and the original Resolution 112 how a lack of transparency and inclusion fails to lead to successful outcomes. The lack of representative composition of the Area Attendance Committee underscores the absolute necessity for the recommended Task Force to be carefully constructed.

For an issue of this magnitude and importance, process is critical, and we must get this right, for ALL of our kids.

Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2. If at all possible, I urge you to consider an Amendment #3 which removes the reference to school assignment boundary as a potential option and also provides express assurance that the Task Force will be inclusive of independent experts and representative of the community.

Sincerely,
Audrey Fernandes
District 5

Sayers, Margery

From: Nimrita Dhanjal <nimrita@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 11:01 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment 2- supporting

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I am requesting that the council please consider and approve amendment #2 for CR112- by Deb Jung to look at creating a Task Force to evaluate the root cause of socioeconomic disparity and not mask this by redistricting.

Thank you
Nimrita Dhanjal Dadyala
Ellicott City
Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Andrea Elguera <aivillalba@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 8:13 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Andrea Elguera - CR112 amendment # 2

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I'm writing to express my support for amendment # 2 to the original language of CR112.

Please stop dividing our communities! Bring people together!!!!

Andrea Elguera
Ellicott City MD

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: ayesha naseem <ayeshoo7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 8:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112 amendment

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Good morning ,

My name is Ayesha Naseem and we live in polygon 176 . Me and my family support the amendment to CR112 by Deb Jung .

Thank you

Ayesha Naseem
Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: cmanganillo@proclaimsystems.com
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 7:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Applaud amendment 2 by Deb jung to CR112

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Hi,

I'm just writing to express my happiness to the changes made to CR 112 through the amendment. I believe this is the correct course of action rather than putting all our eggs (not eggs...our kids... actually .. you only get one chance to raise your kids.. this is not one of those things where you can call 'do over') in a basket with results and studies which are dubious at best. Thank you for your consideration of this new amendment.

Thanks

Sayers, Margery

From: cmanganillo@proclaimsystems.com
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 7:01 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: Applaud amendmet to CR112

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I am referring to amendment 2. Thank you

From: cmanganillo@proclaimsystems.com
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 6:58:41 AM
To: councilmail@howardcountymd.gov <councilmail@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Applaud amendmet to CR112

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Thanks

Sayers, Margery

From: cmanganillo@proclaimsystems.com
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 6:59 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Applaud amendmet to CR112

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Thanks

Sayers, Margery

From: Mike Buscher <mikeb730@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 6:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment Support

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Dear Council Members,

My writing to you is to enthusiastically and fully support Deb Jung's amendment to CR112. The idea to create a focused Task Force is a much more appropriate solution to identify and address the root causes of socioeconomic disparities in Howard County- and especially those and their root causes that impact student in HCPSS.

When forcing HCPSS to redistrict and move students between schools it's merely masking many more serious problems for vulnerable children and families. The original resolution and now corresponding Amendment 1, will not solve the problem rather doing it will just hide the issues. As a constituent reading CR112; I feel that the language and the assertion of the need to desegregate is taking us far back in history and undoing so much work and organic unity that has taken place in HoCo for the 15 years I have been here.

If Council Members care about the livelihood and success of all Howard County Students, they will serialist consider and approve Amendement #2 and actually help students or schools in need, not just manipulate the percentages between schools. My family, especially my children and I, are watching this and our council's actions and behaviors very closely. We do feel that more study and maybe more public input are necessary before the county makes declarative resolutions as in CR 112.

Transparency in the recruitment and assignment of the Task Force is paramount. The Council should avoid the same tactics used by the BOE for the Attendance Committee; which was done in a secretive and partial manner.

Respectfully,

Mike Buscher
Ellicott City, MD
District 5

Sayers, Margery

From: alihashimrao . <alihashimrao@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 1:25 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support amendment #2 in CR112

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I support amendment #2 in CR112

Best Regards,
Rao A Khan, MD
Ellicott City
21042
Polygon 176

Sayers, Margery

From: Kanwal Razzaq <kanwalalirao@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 1:22 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support amendment #2 in CR112

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I support amendment #2 in CR112

Best Regards,
Kanwal Razzaq, MD
Ellicott City
Polygon 176

Sayers, Margery

From: Baoge Ying <baogeying@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 12:32 AM
To: CouncilMail; Jung, Deb
Subject: Support for Deb Jung and Amendment 2 to CR112

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you to express my full support to Deb Jung's Amendment 2 to CR112.

I strongly oppose the original CR112 and corresponding Amendment 1. I am sure all of you know, deep in your hearts, that the original CR112 and Amendment 1 won't solve so called segregation problem; On the contrary, they will make both students and parents segregated physiologically and mentally, because radical school redistricting and busing student to a faraway school will make everybody suffer.

I wholeheartedly support Deb Jung's Amendment 2 to CR112. Deb's idea of creating a focused Task Force will identify and address the root causes of socioeconomic disparities in Howard County. Fixing the socioeconomic disparities is the fundamental solution to the academic performance problems with some Howard County public schools.

Regards,

Baoge Ying
Howard County Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Marc Norman <marcnorman@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 12:29 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Reject CR-112

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Council Members,

Please reject CR-112 as written. I moved to Howard County in 2001 as a corporate executive relocation. The realtor showed my family homes in the top school districts and we decided on Turf Valley (before the massive development). The ONLY reason we agreed to pay top dollar for the house (and taxes) was the school district, confidence in the HCPSS track record and their future predictability.

While I am proud of the values that are the foundation of our county, I am very disappointed in the attempted social engineering being undertaken by you, Dr. Ball and the BoE. Furthermore, as my wife and I are contemplating whether to stay (and pay high taxes) as empty nesters, we are very concerned about the angry and divisive climate that your experiment has unleashed.

I've been a lifelong Democrat and never thought that I'd be forced to reconsider my support for the county party and their candidates. Now that you've let the Genie out, it's time to publicly apologize, take a step back to study the issues/causes of SES inequality and find solutions that will help the affected families while keeping them in the neighborhoods and schools where they've chosen to live and have community support.

Lastly, the pockets of FARM concentration didn't happen by accident. Contributions and promises of tax ratables from developers and their attorneys have long ruled our public officials and their zoning decisions. I'm confident that you're well aware of the participants and contributions.

Thank you for your consideration. My wife and I (and many in our community) already have one foot out the door of Howard County (and we're not even being redistricted). I truly hope that you'll step up to fix the mess you've created while also finding ways to help the students (and their families) in need.

Regards,

Marc Norman
2617 Golf Island Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042
410-418-8666

Sayers, Margery

From: Lei Zhong <lei_vt@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 12:25 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Supporting Amedment 2 to CR112-2019 by Deb Jung

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Dear County Council,

My name is Lei Zhong, and I live in west Howard County. I am writing today to strongly support Amendment 2 to CR112-2019, created by Deb Jung, one of the original sponsors.

Since the CR112-2019 was proposed, I have been following it closely, including attending the public hearing sessions. I think Amendment 2 is making a fair adjustment by acknowledging that more work need to be done before rushing into the restricting blindly. It is actually a critical step to establish a task force to examine housing policy and socioeconomic factors that impact student achievement at HCPSS. I'm glad that Deb Jung is advocating it.

As a minority citizen, I enjoy the diversity of the county and the abundant opportunities here. HCPSS is a great example of what the county offers. Although there's still room for improvement, the original resolution as well as Amendment 1 fails to see the real cause for the student achievement gap and creates confusion, even division among the citizens. Needless to say, this will harm our communities instead of uniting us. Therefore, I welcome Amendment 2 which demands a very responsible approach aiming to solve the real problem.

Thank you for listening to a caring citizen.

Lei Zhong

Sayers, Margery

From: sezin palmer <sezinpalmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 10:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CR-112 amendment 2

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Dear Howard County Council,

I was quite impressed to see Deb Jung's proposed amendment to CR-112. Clearly, she has reviewed all of the data and facts surrounding this issue, and the establishment of a Task Force to dig deeper into the issues surrounding equity and access to high quality education is what is truly needed to address these gaps. The initial "knee jerk" reaction approach was quite troubling as it purported to provide the solution without sufficiently studying the problem. If we are to make true progress and gains in equity, we must ensure we are addressing the root cause issues and not simply sweeping the real issues under the rug and hiding them.

I applaud the authors of Amendment 2 for having the courage to recognize a better approach to dealing with these important problems.

Sincerely,
Sezin Palmer

Sayers, Margery

From: Kapil sharma <kapiluab@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 10:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 by Deb Jung

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Subject - Support for Amendment 2 by Deb Jung

Dear Council Members -

I have full support to the Amendment 2 introduced by Deb Jung. I truly appreciate her for listening to the people of her district. I am glad I voted for you. Thank you council member Deb Jung.

Thanks,
Kapil Sharma
11747 State Route 108, Clarksville MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Jeffrey Heiges <heidijeff@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 10:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR-112 Amendment 2

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04 October 2019

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I Support Deb Jung's Amendment (Amendment 2) to County Resolution 112 (CR-112).

Sincerely,

Heidi Heiges
Polygon 176
Ellicott City, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Mahesh Zarkar <mzarkar@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 10:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support Amendment # 2 for CR -112

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Hi I am resident of howard county for last 18 years and I support amendment 2 for CR 112 which requires creation of a Task Force to understand root causes. solve socioeconomic disparities.

Mahesh Zarkar
Howard County Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Ligeia Zeruto <ligeiazeruto@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 10:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Deb Jung and Amendment 2 to CR112

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Transparency in the recruitment and assignment of the Task Force is paramount. The Council should avoid the same tactics used by the BOE for the Attendance Committee; which was done in a secretive and partial manner.

With great concern,
Ligeia Shin-Zeruto
Ellicott City, MD
District 5

Sayers, Margery

From: Lauren Barnes <lobarnes1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:57 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment #2 for CR-112

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I am writing to express my support for the Amendment to CR-112 introduced by Ms. Jung. Both the wording and the practical approach to overcoming difficult problems within the county demonstrate that she was listening to the constituents as they testified and sent letters regarding the resolution.

At the same time, I am OPPOSED to CR-112 as previously introduced AS WELL AS Amendment #1 introduced by Ms. Rigby and Dr. Jones. The dogged insistence to push a specific agenda and narrative without even considering the voices of the citizens they represent is inexcusable and insulting to the constituents of this county.

I urge the council to accept Ms. Jung's suggested amendment and seek ways to unite this community rather than further divide it. Thank you, Ms. Jung, for actually doing the job of a representative and listening.

Vote no on CR-112/Amendment #1.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Lauren Barnes

Sayers, Margery

From: Elwood Buck <elwoodbuck@ymail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Clarification Amendment #2 Re: Support for CR112 Amendment 2

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My support is for Amendment 2 rather than Amendment 1.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2019, at 9:26 PM, Elwood Buck <elwoodbuck@ymail.com> wrote:

Good evening,

I would like to express my support for Amendment 2 to CR112. I appreciate the deletion of irrelevant information and the more focused and objective approach. I appreciate you taking the time to listen to constituent feedback and the improvements made based on that input.

Sincerely,

Elwood Buck

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: andriani Buck <andrianibuck@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: Support for Amendment *2* to CR112

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To clarify I support the second amendment to the resolution.

Thank you,
Andriani Buck

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 4, 2019, at 7:58 PM, andriani Buck <andrianibuck@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Good evening,

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> I would like to express my support for the second amendment to CR112. The resolution is now more clearly defined and I appreciate it being tailored to our county's unique issues.

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> When I initially read the resolution, I was confused as to its purpose and could not figure out why some of the information within it was included. The second amendment resolves these issues and I appreciate you taking the time to listen to constituent feedback and make necessary revisions.

>

> Sincerely,

> Andriani Buck

>

> Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Vipin Sahijwani <vsahijwani@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR 112

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I support amendment 2 introduced by Deb Jung

Vipin Sahijwani
5006 Crape Myrtle CT
Ellicott City, MD 21042

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: Jeffrey Heiges <heidijeff@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112 Amendment

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04 October 2019

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I Support Deb Jung's Amendment (Amendment 2) to County Resolution 112 (CR-112).

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Heiges
Polygon 176
Ellicott City, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: kiju <ms.kiju@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:28 PM
To: CouncilMail; superintendent@hcpss.org; Ball, Calvin; Boe@hcpss.org
Cc: Gick, Ginnie; Maria J. Gutierrez; Jung, Deb; guorong01@yahoo.com; Williams, China
Subject: Re: Thank you for amending CR112

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Dear Councilmember Jung,

Thank you for hearing your constituents and setting up a task force to discuss a multi-pronged approach to improving racial and socio-economic integration in Howard County. My hope is that it will be a diverse one that includes Asian American voices and western Howard County. I also hope that no one is expected to suffer.

The achievement gap is certainly an important topic that deserves face to face conversation with all affected communities within the school system. We all love this country despite its tragic origins, and it's a shame when anyone is excluded from its bountiful opportunities. Though I was unable to attend testimony last week, I look forward to getting involved. Indeed, I have volunteered as an adult literacy volunteer at the public library and made donations to teachers at schools in need as a result of you bringing the topic up.

I'm not clear on all the barriers to full public school funding, but I trust you and other elected officials will make it happen in the near future with measures like CB42. Our children and their parents are watching and are counting on all of you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Julie Kim, M.D.

On Fri, Sep 20, 2019, 5:01 PM kiju <ms.kiju@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Councilmembers,

It was a pleasure meeting you at my first Council testimony in support of CB42 Wednesday night. Unfortunately, though I am scheduled to speak further at the makeup session for testimony 9/26, I am unable to attend. Please see attached for my planned testimony requesting major revisions to CR112.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,
Julie Kim, M.D.

On Fri, Sep 6, 2019 at 12:12 PM kiju <ms.kiju@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear all,

I believe the proposed resolution is biased against Asian Americans and multi-ethnic Clarksville. Better resolutions and redistricting plans to achieve socio-economic integration and upward mobility in Howard County are needed and suggestions are made. Please see attached.

Kind regards,
Julie Kim, M.D.

Sayers, Margery

From: Elwood Buck <elwoodbuck@ymail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CR112 Amendment

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Sincerely,

Elwood Buck

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Kelly Balchunas <usf1998@me.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Council Member Deb Jung's amendment to CR112

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County Council Members -

I am writing to express my support for the amendments Ms. Jung made to CR112. I support CR112 in this new, amended form. Prior to the amendment from Ms. Jung, CR112 was unnecessarily racially motivated and put the blame for and onus on HCPSS for a problem that has been created over decades by the county, and not HCPSS.

Should this amended CR112 not pass, I do not support the original resolution.

Thank you for putting forth a much better and more thoughtful resolution.

- Kelly Balchunas

Sayers, Margery

From: Lisa Tavelli Feinberg <cootiecat@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:05 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support amended CR122

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I support the as amended by Deb Jung the CR 112.

Lisa Feinberg
12786 Folly Quarter Rd
EC MD 21042

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Annmarie Ottman <aottman74@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 8:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Council member Jung's amendment

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of Council member Deb Jung's amendment to CR-112-2019. I am pleased to see that a task force is being proposed to examine the root causes of student achievement gaps in Howard County. I hope that the task force includes members in Western Howard County. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Annmarie Johnson, Esq.
12009 Sand Hill Manor Drive
Marriottsville, MD 21104

Sayers, Margery

From: Josh Budich <jbudich@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 8:23 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth; Rigby, Christiana; Jones, Opel; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David
Subject: CR-112

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I support of the amendment Councilmember Jung made to CR-112. Please vote to support these changes and to support our community & schools.

Thank you Councilmember Jung for your tireless work!

- Victoria Budich

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: andriani Buck <andrianibuck@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 7:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment to CR112

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Good evening,

I would like to express my support for the amendments to CR112. The resolution is now more clearly defined and I appreciate it being tailored to our county's unique issues.

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Sincerely,
Andriani Buck

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Alison Hickman <alisonhickman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 2:53 PM
To: redistricting@hcpss.org
Cc: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Subject: Feedback on Redistricting /
Attachments: Owen Brown.pdf

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Hello,

My name is Alison Hickman and I reside in polygon 3131 and am a proud 1997 Oakland Mills graduate. My parents still reside in polygon 1139, where I lived from birth through my early 20s. I have a 22-year old stepdaughter who graduated from Atholton in 2015 and two small children and do not believe I will be impacted by this round, but understand that may change. My comments pertain broadly to the plan.

In general I support the objectives of the plan to avoid further concentrating poverty within specific schools, recognizing that there are larger planning and land use decisions that have contributed to this imbalance. In addition, it is critically important the board redistrict to balance capacity issues; waiting too long creates an untenable situation and shows that we are not effectively utilizing our existing resources in Howard County.

My specific suggestions as you implement this process-

1. The board should consider more frequently and proactively adjusting capacity at natural entry points on a go-forward basis. For example, making changes to attendance areas mandatory for all incoming Kindergartners, 6th graders and 9th graders, with existing student and sibling exceptions available on a go-forward basis once capacity is projected to be an issue. Waiting until high schools are experiencing crowding at the level Howard High School is at should not ever happen.

I do recognize transportation would introduce complexity and cost with the above suggestion permitting existing student and sibling exceptions, so perhaps there is only a limited implementation or a trigger for when a transportation component is employed, i.e. only implemented for high schools, or only offered for options where an extremely small feed would be created, etc. It is important to consider that if transportation is not provided, a entry-point mechanism for making redistricting changes might adversely impact equity if only those students with readily available transportation could utilize the option.

2. I recognize that specific targeted feedback on how to implement redistricting is valuable. With that in mind, as former Owen Brown resident and Oakland Mills graduate, I would like to endorse the specific, targeted suggestions included in the attached letter dated September 12, 2019 from the Owen Brown Community Association.

As an aside, and outside of the scope of the board's role, it is my hope that some of the larger planning and land use decisions that have contributed to this imbalance will not continue. I reside in Clemens Crossing and have been disappointed with my community's and the zoning board's reaction to a proposed apartment building that will create vibrancy at our aging village center and provide much needed foot traffic for retail. When neighborhoods allow nearly exclusive single-family zoning, it limits housing types and puts further pressure on communities to address challenges related to housing affordability and constitutes a form of exclusionary zoning. A small but extremely vocal group of homeowners in our neighborhood have successfully been able to stall this project and I am deeply concerned that we

will have another Long Reach Village Center. Further, the irony is not lost on me that approving this development, allowing the construction of an apartment building in an exclusively single family zoned area, would further the goals of what CR 112-2019 seeks to achieve, yet there seems to be substantial push back from the council originating from the concerns of the neighbors who object that an apartment would "change the character" of our neighborhood. If the council is serious about wanting to integrate schools by socioeconomic factors, allowing diversity of housing types into an exclusively single-family zoned neighborhood is a logical first step and I hope they have the courage to take it.

Sincerely,

Alison Hickman



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6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, Maryland 21045-4809
Phone 410-381-0202 Fax 410-381-0235
WEB Page: www.owenbrownvillage.org

September 12, 2019

Howard County Board of Education
10910 Clarksville Pike
Ellicott City, MD 20142

Re: Boundary Review Plan

Dear Chairwoman Ellis and Members of the Howard County Board of Education,

The Owen Brown Community Association respectfully provides the following input regarding Superintendent Martirano's proposed redistricting plan. We ask that the School Board consider adjustments to portions of the plan which negatively impact our village (described further below). While we believe the superintendent's overall plan prioritizes the correct criteria (equity and overcrowding), the majority of Owen Brown sees only modest improvements along these criteria while suffering major damage to our community's integrity and ability to walk to school. Additionally, the plan exacerbates long-standing concerns about low feeder school rates for our Hopewell Neighborhood.

This letter was written and agreed upon by a consensus of the Owen Brown Board who represent around 10,000 residents listed in the annex to this letter. The majority of our residents attend Cradlerock Elementary School, Talbot Springs Elementary School, Guilford Elementary School, Lake Elkhorn Middle School, and Oakland Mills High School. We have compiled these views after soliciting input from residents throughout our community.

Summary of Requested Adjustments

We request the following changes be made to the superintendent's proposed plan:

1. Keep students in the Hopewell neighborhood with a single peer group from K-12
2. Maintain the community integrity of Owen Brown Village
 - a. Keep the entire village at one high school, preferably Oakland Mills
 - b. If a division is necessary, divide neighborhoods along sensible existing boundaries
3. Keep all elementary school students within a walkable distance from Cradlerock Elementary School within that school district

1. Neighborhood of Hopewell Feeder Schools

This plan does not adequately serve residents of our Hopewell neighborhood in relation to feeder schools. This neighborhood - which is located along the south side of Lake Elkhorn and includes polygon's 52, 2051, 51, 1051, and 279 - is mostly assigned to Talbot Springs ES, Lake Elkhorn MS, and split between Oakland Mills and Atholton HS. Students from these neighborhoods will be minority populations each time they graduate from one school to another.

We request that students in this neighborhood remain with their peers from K-12. This could be done by redistricting this neighborhood/these polygons to Cradlerock Elementary School.

2. Community Integrity

Significant portions of our village are redistricted to Atholton High School as part of the superintendent's plan. Dividing our village between two high schools is undesirable under any circumstance; further, the way this plan proposes dividing the village does not follow natural geographic or neighborhood boundaries. Finally, redistricting Owen Brown to Atholton would negatively impact our resident's ability to get to school: traveling to Atholton High School from Owen Brown requires people to commute across route 29 and would eliminate our students' option to walk to high school.

We recommend two options with the first one being preferred:

1. Keep the entirety of Owen Brown within one high school district; preferably Oakland Mills.
2. If maintaining the integrity of a single Owen Brown high school district is not feasible, we request that the communities on the north and south side of Lake Elkhorn are each independently districted to a single high school. The polygons on the north side of Lake Elkhorn (58, 54, 1058, 1054) that are redistricted to Atholton do not form a practical contiguous neighborhood with the polygons assigned to Atholton on the south side of the lake. While it may not be apparent by simply viewing the standard polygon map, these communities are divided by a physical barrier (the lake) and require a substantial commute on Broken Land and/or Snowden River to travel between them. In this plan, the neighborhoods redistricted to Atholton on the north side of the lake are, in every practical sense, an "island" district. Additionally, the Hopewell neighborhood on the south side of the lake is divided between Oakland Mills and Atholton HS (as described above).

3. Atholton Elementary School

Under this proposed plan, polygons 54 and 2054 are redistricted to Atholton Elementary School. These neighborhoods are immediately adjacent to Cradlerock Elementary school and it would preclude those students from walking to school.

We request that polygons 54 and 2054 remain part of the Cradlerock Elementary school district.

Conclusion

We appreciate your attention in addressing these specific concerns while maintaining the focus of the overall redistricting effort on the issues of capacity and equity. Additionally, in all-recently proposed plan's (including the superintendent's and School Board's) the schools supporting Owen Brown have high FARMS rates and will need additional resources regardless of the plan chosen. Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely,



Michael Golibersuch, Chair
Owen Brown Board of Directors

cc: Dr. Michael Martirano, HCPSS Superintendent
Christiana Mercer-Rigby, Howard County Council

Appendix A

Polygons and Neighborhoods of Owen Brown

Owen Brown is a unified village consisting of three distinct neighborhoods and about 10,000 residents. Generally speaking, Owen Brown is bordered on the north by Farewell Road, on the east by Oakland Mills Road, on the South by Snowden River Parkway, and on the west by Broken Land Parkway. The three neighborhoods of Owen Brown are:

- Dasher Green: Located along the northern section of Cradlerock Way
- Elkhorn: Along the southern section of Cradlerock Way and Homespun and north of Lake Elkhorn
- Hopewell: South of Lake Elkhorn, mostly off Snowden River Parkway

School polygons corresponding to each village are:

Dasher Green:

- 58 (Center of Cradlerock area)
- 1058 (Lake Elkhorn/Swan Point/Elkhorn Landing area)
- 2058 (Greenleaf area)
- 2059 (Fairmead Lane area)
- 139 (Youngheart/Windharp area)
- 1139 (Garland/Bendbough area)
- 2139 (Western portion of Sandchain area)
- 4113 (Softshade Way area - off Stevens Forest Road)

Elkhorn:

- 54 (Woodlake area),
- 1054 (Gentle Hours area),
- 2054 (Lakeside/Dockside area),
- 55 (Malindy Circle area),
- 3139 (Angelina/Dasher Court/Smooth Path area)

- 279 (Downdale area)

Hopewell:

- 49 (Solar Walk area)
- 1050 (Stonehaven Apartments area)
- 51 (Brush Run area)
- 1051 (Deer Pasture area)
- 2051 (Rustling Leaf/Deepage Drive area)
- 52 (Carved Stone area)

Sayers, Margery

From: Richard Kohn <richardakohn@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 12:41 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please vote NO to the amendments to CR-112

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Dear Council Members:

Please vote “no” to the proposed Amendment 2 to CR-112. This amendment is insulting and disgraceful. It attempts to deny our history and negate support for any real change. This resolution is more of the “separate but equal” approach that has already been shown to be failing our students. Please do not support this amendment.

Rick Kohn
Columbia, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Tina Horn <TinaHorn_CAE@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:32 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please withdraw your amendment to CR-112

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Dear Councilwoman Jung,

I was horrified and disappointed when I learned yesterday that you submitted a resolution gutting the essential truths from CB-112. If we do not acknowledge our past, we cannot move forward into our future.

I was so very proud of this resolution when introduced because of that essential truth-telling. Howard County would have demonstrated wise honest leadership. This would have been such an important statement to make to so many in our community, especially in D4. It would have been an honest beginning to truth and reconciliation, because you cannot have reconciliation without truth first.

I am hearing rumors that anti-redistricting folks are planning to bring signs and their protests to the Wilde Lake v River Hill football game at Wilde Lake High tonight. It's the meanest, pettiest, smallest minded thing I've heard of in Howard County in a while. Gutting CR-112 is rewarding that vile behavior. I am so ashamed and upset.

Please stand up against bullying, don't cave into it.

Sincerely,

Christine (Tina) Horn

Sayers, Margery

From: Paula Seabright <psrh1995@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 9:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR 112 Amendments

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

Good evening,

Like many others, I learned of the proposed amendments to CR 112 by Council Member Jung. I am gravely disappointed.

We are at a point in the history of our community in which we can make lasting change. I was so proud of this resolution. While I knew it was going to meet with strong opposition, it was the right thing to do. But here we are with a resolution that is now stripped to nothing and opponents of it bragging about their victory on Facebook.

Facing our past is difficult. It takes courage to stand up and state that we have had a problem in our community for decades and we need to fix it. I was so hopeful that we were there.

I urge you all to reconsider passing the full resolution without the amendments.

My 17 year old African American son is a senior at Howard High. This morning he saw the letter from "Tonihsa Butler" on the HHS Memes Instagram page. He was devastated.

My son was born and raised in Columbia and is proud of that. He attended Phelps Luck and because of that, has grown up with kids from many socio-economic groups. He learned about Ramadan traditions from a friend in 5th grade. He befriended a girl who was adopted and brought to Columbia after the earth quake in Haiti many years ago, and was among the many kids who supported her new family with gifts of toys, clothes, and school supplies to help her get settled. He ate homemade sushi that friends brought for lunch. He learned to appreciate and honor people from all walks of life.

Can you please honor my son and all the kids in our community who know that loving and valuing all members of our community is what is good and proper? Can you please not show him that the loudest voices with time, money, and influence are the ones who prevail?

We have a responsibility to shine the light in the dark corners of our world and try to leave things a little better than we found them. This resolution is a way for the county council to do that.

Be the light and support this resolution as it was originally written.

Thank you.

Paula Seabright
Columbia, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:02 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Thank you

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
Howard County Council
3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

Sign-up for my District Update [here](#).

From: Candace Dodson-Reed <cdodreed@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 4:33 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Thank you

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

Hi Councilwoman Jung,

I hope all is well. Just wanted to send you a quick note.

I'm writing for two reasons. One, I saw this letter (<https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/howard/cng-ho-letters-0815-20190813-ebf6x57o6fhmnp2ijfs2l5yiqe-story.html>) in the Sun, and as a new board member on the DCACC, I wanted to offer my thanks for your support of Merriweather.

Second, thank you for your support of the resolution to desegregate schools in Howard County. I appreciate you lending your voice to the conversation.

Best,
Candace

Sent from my iPhone. Please pardon any typos.

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:02 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Redistricting
Attachments: RedistrictingFlyerversion2Double.jpg

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
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3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

Sign-up for my District Update [here](#).

From: Mj Monck <mjmonck@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2019 7:44 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Redistricting

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

Hi, Deb. This is Marijane.

I was so glad to hear of your calling for a better plan to desegregate our schools. Thank you so much for your work on the council and for your vision.

I don't know if you are aware of this or not, but the Education Action Team (of which I am a member) of Indivisible HoCo is holding a forum addressing this on September 4th. I'm including a flyer with the details. I think it would be great if you could come.

Hope to see you there.

Marijane Monck



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