

Sayers, Margery

From: Karen Barnes <kbarnesdc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 19, 2019 7:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Howard County CB42

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I am writing to express my support for more school funding and CB42 Legislation. Please vote yes to approve and raise developer surcharge.

Thank you, Karen Barnes
Howard County Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Swati Kabaria <skabaria@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 3:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB-42

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Dear Howard County Council,

I am writing to implore you to vote in favor of CB-42, to raise the School Facilities Surcharge on new home construction in Howard County.

No school in Howard County should be overcapacity, and no school should have decades of deferred maintenance impacting our children's ability to learn. Our kids deserve an educational environment where they can thrive.

An increased facilities surcharge is needed to help pay for this vital community infrastructure so that new development does not continue to strain resources, particularly for the youngest and most vulnerable amongst us. Howard County's public school system is bar none, we need the increased funding support this increase in surcharges will bring to keep it that way.

Please vote YES on CB-42.

Thank you,

Swati Kabaria
Clarksville, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Lynn Lawton <skilawton@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 10:52 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42

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Dear Council Members,

Please vote in favor of CB42. This bill is desperately needed by our county and our students. I know that the bill is not perfect, but failure to pass it will cause harm to our community. We MUST have a funding source for capacity projects for our schools. Our schools are out of seats. Our schools are aging. Ours schools lack equity. You can't let development continue without funding our schools. In the last election, everyone of you ran on funding education. This is your first test. Do not let the people of Howard County down. We will remember if you fail to pass this bill.

Sincerely,
Lynn Lawton
Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Lauren Palguta <lsack1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 7:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB-42 and B42-2019

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Good evening,

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> I am writing, again, to convey my support for imposing and increasing the school facility surcharge in Howard County.
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> I was extremely disappointed in the callous disregard for planning and preservation of this county, as demonstrated in the recent 3-2 vote against water protections. People have died because of these floods. Families and businesses were destroyed, and our elected officials stand by and continue to support the best interest of developers over constituents, with no plan to address these concerns in the future.
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> Now, this approach continues with the failure to take appropriate action regarding our schools. I am sure you are all aware that one primary reason we all moved here was due to the school system. We remain here, paying extraordinarily high taxes, to ensure our children have the "best" education. Howard County is failing to meet that expectation. The schools are overcrowded, the streets are overcrowded, the hospitals are overcrowded; and yet, we continue to knock down every tree possible just to squeeze in a few more homes or businesses. It is a clear abuse of how money corrupts decisions made within a democracy.
>
> You now have before you an opportunity to do the right thing. Delaying that decision is the same abdication of responsibility that has led to this horrific state of overcrowding with no funds or plans to correct the situation. It may not be a perfect solution, but it is a start. It is also your responsibility to protect this county from slipping further in both the quality of life and education for families.
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> Please do not continue down this path - failing to take action that supports the community. You were elected to protect us.
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> Thank you,
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>
> Lauren Palguta
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Francoise Jakobsson <francoise@irismktg.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 3:41 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FW: In support of CB42-2019

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Sending this individually since it bounced back when I sent it to everyone. See below.

From: Francoise Jakobsson
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 3:33 PM
To: councilmail@howardcountymd.gov; dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov
Cc: knight@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: In support of CB42-2019

Dear Councilman Yungmann, et al,

I am writing in support of CB42-2019. I have to say, I spend way too much time during the day thinking about the future of HoCo schools and how poor planning over several decades has created a critical situation within our schools where there is no money for maintenance or new schools. It is a very scary thing.

I will divulge that we are in the process of researching new communities in Virginia to move to so our time in HoCo is short. When we visited homes in Loudoun County (HoCo is so much better than LoDo) we were amazed to see cranes everywhere. What were those cranes doing? Building schools. Lots of schools. Elementary schools (multi-level), middle schools, high schools. I don't see one crane in the HoCo skies...not any building schools, anyway. What I do see is lots of new home construction. Even out here in Western HoCo, there are signs along Folly Quarter, signs and construction along 32...signs by Turf Valley. Signs of growth everywhere, but no signs of new schools.

Developers are laughing all the way to the bank and we are the schmucks holding onto overcrowded schools with some falling in disrepair.

Our family won't be here long enough to witness the results of whatever is decided, but my conscious won't let me just ignore this problem.

Please raise impact fees, it is the right thing to do.

Best,

Françoise Jakobsson
12171 Mt. Albert Rd.
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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From: Francoise Jakobsson <francoise@irismktg.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 3:33 PM
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From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 3:16 PM
To: LM81804@gmail.com
Subject: Council - Developer Fees

First Name: Elizabeth
Last Name: McGuire
Email: LM81804@gmail.com
Street Address: 5854 Bellanca Drive
City: Elkrige
Subject: Developer Fees

Message: Please pass legislation increasing the fees developers pay. We need adequate funding to support infrastructure in Howard County. We especially need a High School #14 built in Elkrige. Allowing more high density housing in Elkrige is creating problems without the infrastructure to support the population increase.

Sayers, Margery

From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 2:38 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Cc: Harris, Michael; Bailey, Najee
Subject: FW: Cb42

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

From: Jill <jkame001@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 2:29 PM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Cb42

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Dear Mr. Jones,

I am astonished that you voted to "table" the school facilities surcharges legislation. You are my representative, yet your tabling the legislation will impact district 2 terribly. My son attends Howard High School, the most crowded high school in the county. Everyday I pass Grandfather's property and wonder where all the children will go?? My daughter attends Thunderhill Elementary and every year it gets more crowded. Are we going to create more and more crowded schools? How many new developments are planned?? Every time the discussion on surcharges are tabled, we are loosing money for the school system to cope with the systemic poor planning by Howard county board of education.

I voted for you thinking that you would be progressive and proactive. I have seen you take a stand for Talbott Springs and Realtor signs. I admire your strong stand with the Board of Ed. Now what about taking on the developers? I see that most of our delegates and our county executive have taken money from developers! How can the citizens of Howard County trust our representatives when they are bank rolled by developers? Why isn't the county council doing what is fundamentally right and passing CB42?

Please reconsider and think of all the kids in District 2 who could benefit from more funding in schools.

Thank you,
Jill Kamenetz
5272 Bright Dawn Ct
Columbia, MD 21045
301-351-7528

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Heather Kubinak <heatherkub@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 9:20 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: continued delays on CB-42

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It is apparent that the county council is trying to avoid voting on CB-42, and are looking for reasons to continue with the delay to the continued benefit of housing developers. Howard County schools have been shortchanged by the developers for years, with the educational adequacy falling farther and farther behind as a result. Developers fees need to be increased now, not next year or later. The county council should be working on behalf of the residents of the county, to maintain the features that make Howard County a desirable place to live. Instead, overcrowding of the route1 corridor, with inadequate support structures has continued as the fees to increase these structures (schools, fire, police...) has continued, only to benefit the builders who pay fees that are below what they need to be.

Sayers, Margery

From: Chao Wu <chaowu2016@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 12:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Council bill CB 42

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Dear Council Members,

I would like to know since CB 42 is delayed, what is the timeline to pick it up again?

As many people pointed it out, one month's revenue can be as much as 1.2 million dollars.

Thanks.

Chao

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

Note: The opinion in the email does not represent the opinion of the Howard County Board of Education unless it is clearly stated.

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From: Karl Mistry <KMISTRY@tollbrothers.com>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 10:43 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Proposed School Facilities Charge

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

Howard County staff and leadership:

I urge you to reconsider the proposed school facilities charge. As a builder that has been active in Howard County for years, Toll Brothers has admired the willingness to work with and support the building industry.

The proposed increase to the surcharge is excessive. These costs cannot simply be borne by builders. In time, they will be passed on to your future residents and landowners, further impacting affordability in a market that is already struggling to provide attainable housing. At the very least, any consideration like this should include all stakeholders and the leadership in Howard County should listen carefully. If no grandfather clause is adopted, then builders will bear the burden of 100% of this new cost in the near to mid-term. This is in stark contrast to the careful and thoughtful partnership that has existed for years.

I understand why the charge is being proposed and the need, but just ask that you consider a more measured approach that includes some form of a grandfather clause, a delay in the imposition of the new fee, a scaled up fee over a set number of years or some combination of all 3.

In the end, its not just the new fee structure, but the way its being considered, and the lack of certainty related to the future, that will cause builders and landowners to be more leery of Howard County.

I hope you'll consider my comments and would happy to discuss this further in person or by phone.

Kind Regards,

Karl Mistry
Group President
Toll Brothers, Inc.
571-291-8084

