

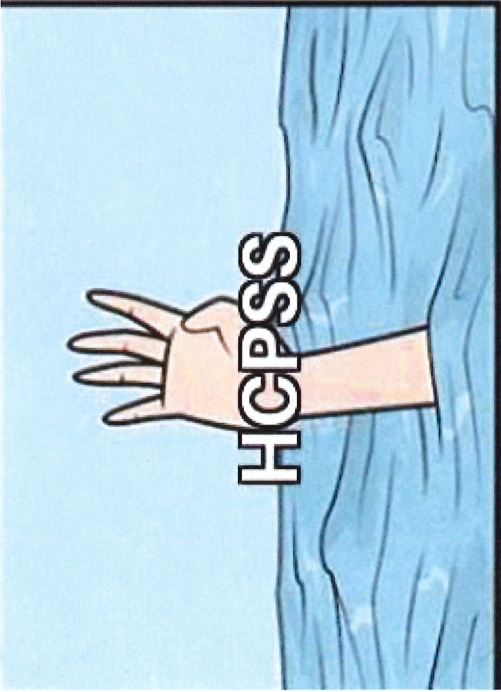
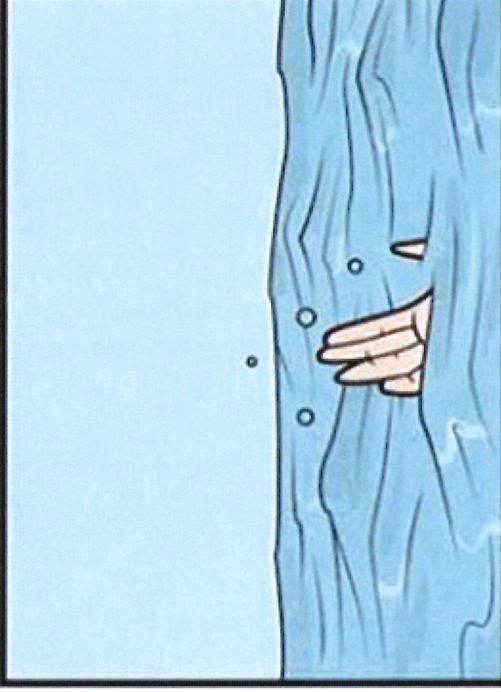
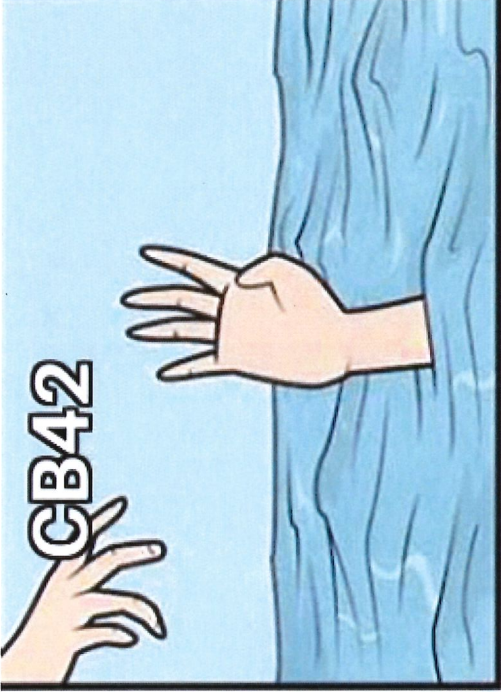
Sayers, Margery

From: Meg Ricks <capizziricks@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 8:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42 Additional Testimony
Attachments: Drowning High Five 01112019193444.jpg

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In light of the recently proposed amendments, please add the attached to my previously submitted testimony.

Thank you
Meg Ricks
Elkridge



Sayers, Margery

From: Angie Boyter <angie.boyter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 8:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Vote Yes on CB42 School Facilities Surcharge

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Yes, please pass this bill. If we had had it all along, we might not have our current school crowding! Nuff said!

Angie & David Boyter

Sayers, Margery

From: Mitch Smallwood <msmall107@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 8:15 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB42 without amendments

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Good morning

My name is Mitchell Smallwood and I have been a lifelong resident of Howard County. I am writing you this morning in support of CB42 with NO amendments.

We need to fix the schools in this County. 19 years ago, I attended Hammond Middle. In 10 years, my son will attend. I hope by that time, there are not permanent temporaries and overcrowding to the tune of 120%+ of capacity.

How is it possible that we have so much new housing yet we are unable to build schools to match? In what is nationally recognized as one of the best school systems in the nation?

Do not let the developers special interests influence your votes on this. Stand strong and be counted as politicians who actually do what is BEST for their constituents, as opposed to what is best for a special interest group where the residents are left holding the bag (overcrowded schools and higher property taxes to try to compensate for low developer fees).

Also, if affordable housing is the goal, this is NOT the mechanism for that. As one of the few 30 year olds who owns a single family home, I can assure you that the new homes (\$500k to \$900k) are NOT affordable to my generation. If that is the goal, then we need separate affordable housing legislation that is separate and does NOT affect how we are able to build schools.

We have a problem and our children are paying for it in overcrowded schools. Be part of the solution and PASS CB42 with NO amendments!!!

Sayers, Margery

From: Karen Lynch <karen.elkridge@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 8:08 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendments to CB-42

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I am writing to express my opinion on the latest amendments to CB-42. CB-42 needs to be passed without these new amendments.

I am disappointed to see what appears to be an inordinate amount of additional help for developers with these amendments, negating the purpose of this surcharge in the first place.

Across the county, you are aware of inadequate school facilities and the need for the public resources to support the residents who live here, and those who will be moving here with all of the increased development. There is a widespread need for improvements to schools and other public facilities in Howard County, in addition to the need for more schools themselves to house all of the children being brought in with high-density housing.

Where will the money come from if not from increased developer surcharges? It is time that Howard County charge fees in line with the rest of Maryland.

Karen L
Elkridge resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Inbal Sander <inbal.sander@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 7:55 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: testimony for CB-42-2019 - please read
Attachments: cb42 school capacity please read.pdf

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Dear Councilmembers,

I reside in District 4, but I am writing to all of you to support CB-42-2019 with minimal or no amendments, in order to responsibly plan and prepare for adequate school capacity. I realize the vote is today, so I bolded the important parts.

I understand the importance of balancing strategies that will keep our county regionally competitive with adequate school capacity. Like Mr Yungman, I agree we need to “do this right” because currently **we don’t have enough seats at the high school level in our county.**

In particular consider that 55 plus communities should be contributing in someway, as movement into 55 plus community opens up homes in neighborhoods like ours for families with young children like ours.

This is exactly what we did. We bought our resale home about 18 months ago and we explored many of the new developments (In Maple lawn, Clarksville, Ellicott city). Our sense was they these developers are not struggling, they are savvy businesses. Every week or so the prices would change and all of a sudden they are offering free decks or free finished basements. Buying a home or renting an apartment or townhouse (we did that as well for a long time in Howard county), however, is not a business decision for most families. We picked a budget and then they looked for the right house in the right community. Most people my age (the earliest of the millennials, born in 82) have experienced enough to realize a home is not the safest economic investment or business decision, rather it is **everything else that matters (neighbors, schools, walkability).**

You know the phrase: “if you build it they will come”. It means if you build new schools (or renovate Hammond High or Talbot springs) young families will come and their grandparents will want to relocate to those 55 plus communities (which my parents are considering). If you build great technology programs at schools, young people will have opportunities for jobs and some may develop start-up companies, some nearby; and some will want to raise their families here. More money will come into our great county. **We are an amazing county and to keep it that way we need to first stabilize our school system.**

People will not come to a county with a MESS of a school system (which to be honest is the way Howard County looks now) no matter how many free finished basements or upgraded tile/granite packages a developer provides.

Inbal Sander

District 4

Sayers, Margery

From: Joanne <wvhokies@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 7:02 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Say no to amendments to CB42

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Dear Council Members:

I am a Mom with children at overcrowded Howard County schools and deeply disturbed by the redistributing process. I watch the hearings unbelievably as the BofE discusses shifting walkers to schools further west, since there are inadequate quantities of schools in the Eastern portion of the county where the students actually live. To be fair, the BofE is trying to solve a problem the County Council has caused, because developers were not charged adequately in the past, and now our school system is overcrowded in many areas of the county. We desperately need developers to contribute much more significantly to the cost of new schools. These amendments create “grandfathering in” and special treatment for certain developers, and that’s wrong. Our county’s school system is already in dire straits, and our county schools need the funding to try to play “catch up”, although it is doubtful that can happen with the overdevelopment that’s already occurred.

For the good of our students, please vote against any amendments to CB42. Our schools need the money more than developers need more profits.

Sincerely,
Joanne Gales

Sayers, Margery

From: S.L. Begley <slbegley@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 12:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42

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Hello!

I am writing in support of CB42. My children along with all the other children in HOCO are feeling the effect and stress of an overcrowded school system that redistricts way too often to try and alleviate overcrowding. Hoco citizens should not take the brunt of new development without the school infrastructure to support new builds. CB42 is the first step! Please vote YES!!

Thanks!
Lindsey Begley
Ellicott City
Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Sue <suemazzoni@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 11:58 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB-42

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Please vote in favor of CB-42 WITHOUT amendments.

Susan Mazzoni
District 1

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- *"To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity."*
Douglas Adams

Sayers, Margery

From: Christine Piatko <christine.piatko@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 11:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Christine Piatko
Subject: Pass CB-42 WITHOUT ANY AMENDMENTS!

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I am writing to implore that you pass CB-42 WITHOUT ANY AMENDMENTS!

Please pass CB-42 WITHOUT ANY AMENDMENTS.

The amendments proposed will further hurt our students, and hurt us as current taxpayers. These amendments will just benefit the developers' bottom lines (and maybe a few of those lucky enough to get one of those new homes).

Please consider that the result of you NOT passing CB-42 will inevitably be you will need to raise taxes on us as existing county taxpayers and that is just not fair. The Howard County school system is hurting very much right now for money and space for its students. My children received an excellent education in Howard County. They've graduated, and I remain a taxpayer, but would like any further new development in the county to pay its fair share for new students they will bring.

There are already no more school seats left in the county, and the new schools will take many years to be built. There are already way too many developments currently in the preliminary/sketch/final etc. proposed in Amendment 6 plan to "grandfather" them out of those costs that they should rightfully help bear.

Amendment 4 in particular is entirely unacceptable - Downtown Columbia, has already received a very very (VERY!) generous TIF from the county - so they should NOT receive further "discounts".

Especially since this will just later impact me as a taxpayer having to pay the taxes they should have paid instead!

Do NOT weaken CB-42 to the detriment of the current taxpaying citizens of your county!

Pass CB-42 as-is!

Sincerely, your constituent,
Christine Piatko
11804 Blue February Way

Sayers, Margery

From: micah hart <micahrhart@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 10:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB 42 in its original form

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Council members,

I want to voice my strong support for CB 42 in its original form.

No one should be exempt from this tax, especially large political donors. It should not be phased in. The growth in Howard County has been so rapid that the school system hasn't been able to keep up. The county is going through a very painful redistricting because of this. Please revert the bill to its original form.

Thank you,

Micah Hart
11560 Chapel Estates Drive
Clarksville

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: matt pendergast <matt.pendergast@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 10:38 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42

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Dear Council Members,

Please vote in favor of CB42 *without amendments* tomorrow. 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. Our 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.

Thanks
Matt Pendergast
Registered Voter, District 4

Sayers, Margery

From: Lori Skillman <sunlori2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 10:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42-- I support this bill

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Dear Council-

Short and sweet-

- (1) We need money to support our school population/ buildings
- (2) We have UNDERCHARGED for TOO LONG
- (3) Common sense says to raise the surcharges
- (4) Our schools are overcrowded and cannot get relief without money
- (5) It's obvious our county will not stop building so this is the right step to take

Please vote FOR the bill CB42!

Thank you-
Lori Skillman
Elkridge MD

Sayers, Margery

From: jen <jenz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 10:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Polygon 2176: Pass CB-42-2019 with NO amendments

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Good morning,

Polygon 2176 wants to thank you for your service. Your work shapes the future of our county and the lives of our children. It is a large burden to carry.

As you consider your vote for CB-42-2019 please remember you have the opportunity to **open the door for a brighter future**. You have the opportunity to provide funding for great schools and better equity for everyone in the county - but only if you vote to have **CB-42-2019 passed with NO Amendments**.

The current educational crisis in Howard County was created by careless zoning and minimal building impact fees in the past. You have an opportunity to rectify the situation! The current amendments to CB-42-2019 exempt builders from almost \$700,000,000 dollars over 10 years. Yes, that number is Seven Hundred Million dollars or \$70,000,000 per year for the next 10 years. The Howard County Public School system is in crisis. They are overcrowded, overbudget, and the schools are unbalanced in equity. **Signing CB-42-2019 with amendments will destroy the future of Howard County.**

I urge you to carefully consider your vote. Our schools are in crisis. Our county is in crisis. The amendments allow exemptions for selective builders in already stressed locations - for example, thousands of new units in downtown Columbia with minimal impact fees in an area already in crisis - this will devastate the community. PLEASE consider the impact this will have. **THOUSANDS of children are depending on YOUR vote to provide them a better future.**

This is a time of action. We need you, our elected Council Members to step up and vote for the future; vote for the Children; **vote pass CB-42-2019 with NO amendments!**

Jen McCluskey

Sayers, Margery

From: Joey Verizon on AOL <joey.garrison52@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 10:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42

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Dear Howard County Council,

On Monday night, the Howard County Council will vote on CB42. I beg you to pass CB42 without any amendments. This is the bill that will increase the fees on new development, to help offset the cost of new school construction. All proposed amendments weaken the efficacy of this bill and serve only developer interests. We need to pass the bill as is!

We are told that new development pays for itself. Our current school crisis shows this NOT to be the case! We are the fastest growing county in Maryland and yet we are in a severe budget crisis.

Developers want us to believe that this bill will mean the end of affordable housing in the county. For years, developers have had bargain rates and they don't bill affordable housing. It's also worth nothing that affordable housing comes with many tax incentives for developers. **We, the taxpayers, pay for those tax breaks. The developers need to pay for the impact on our schools!**

This bill is vitally important to our schools that are in an ever worsening budget crisis. Developers **MUST** start paying their fair share if we want HCPSS to have a chance to dig its way out of this multi-million dollar deficit.

Thank you,

Joe Garrison

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Kim Garrison <j.garrison52@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 10:11 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Pass CB42 Without Ammendments!

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Sincerely,
Kim Garrison
Polygon 129

Sayers, Margery

From: Denise Lindsay <lindsayde78@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 9:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42

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Dear Councilpersons,

I am writing to show my support for CB42 to be passed on 11/4/19 with NO amendments. Our schools are suffering and revenue from this bill will greatly impact our schools in a positive way. The schools are running out of capacity county wide!! What will happen when we literally have zero seats left for our students? As councilpersons, you have a lot of weight on your shoulders to do what is RIGHT for Howard County! Do NOT let real estate developers have the upper hand and be in control of what happens in this county. I hope you will think about each child who is sitting in an overcrowded classroom or portable classroom when you vote on this bill tomorrow night. Thank you and I look forward to you making the right choice for Howard County.

Denise Lindsay
North Laurel, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Meghan Hill <meghanhill7@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 9:32 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42

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Good evening,

I am writing to urge you to pass CB42 without amendments. Our school system NEEDS this bill to pass to improve the conditions of schools in the county. Please pass CB42 without amendments!

Sincerely,
Meghan Hill
Howard County Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Elizabeth S <elizabeth.schroen@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 8:38 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please pass CB-42 as written

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Dear County Council,

I implore you to pass CB-42 as written without the proposed amendments that weaken its ability to ensure adequate funding for the seats that new developments will create. We cannot continue down our current path and remain a top ranked county for education. The future needs for HS14 that are yet unplanned for — and promised but delayed renovations in Columbia lower schools are troubling. Please pass this bill to ensure our children have access to adequate facilities and to put the impetus on new development to fund the facilities it will require.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Schroen
7897 James Ave
Ellicott City 21043
Ilchester, Bonnie Branch, Howard

Sayers, Margery

From: Kelly Balchunas <usf1998@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 8:37 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote for CB42 in its original form

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> Dear Council Members,

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> I just spent the last hour or so reading through testimony on CB42. All I can say is if (when?) the bill gets watered down at tomorrow's vote, the county council members who vote in favor of the amendments are doing so in blatant disregard for the will of the citizenry. There are so many people who have written in and probably have never been active before in their lives. The letters are compelling and it's heartbreaking to anticipate that they won't make a damn difference.

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> It took so many years to get to this point. Don't blow it for the whole county.

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> Best,

> Kelly Balchunas

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Sayers, Margery

From: Bonnie Bricker <bonbricker@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 7:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB 42, no amendments

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Please support CB 42, WITHOUT amendments so that we can begin to fund the needed services for our county residents. I support affordable housing and believe that we can have both housing and increased fees for development. Housing without services is no way to serve our residents.

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Bonnie Bricker
Talk With Me • Howard County
301-648-8939
pronouns:she/her/hers

Sayers, Margery

From: les chasen <outlook_60B29AC6CA6DF437@outlook.com> on behalf of les chasen <les@chasen.us>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 7:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Yungmann, David; Jung, Deb; Rigby, Christiana; Jones, Opel; Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Support CB 42 - Oppose all amendments

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Les Chasen
County District 5

I am in full support of CB42 and implore you to pass it with NO amendments.

I oppose all of the amendments proposed.

We have a chronic problem in Howard County with over building. The problem has been going on for a long time and it continues today. The school system is over capacity. We cannot afford to take in any more children. The county dug this hole and the county needs to fix it. We cannot afford any carve outs.

Please pass CB42 without any amendments.

Kind Regards

Les Chasen
District 5

Sayers, Margery

From: Beth Webb <bethwebb3333@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 6:19 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please pass CB42 without amendments

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Dear Council Members,

For too long, Howard County has has school surcharge fees that are much lower than other nearby counties with similar development demands and this has negatively impacted our school capacity and infrastructure. I urge you to rectify this now and to do so without amendments that negate the positive impact of the change.

Thank you,
Beth Webb

Sayers, Margery

From: DelRosso, Jeana <JDelRosso@ndm.edu>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 6:07 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pass CB-42!

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to pass bill BC-42 AS WRITTEN. There is no reason our county should have lower school impact fees than other comparable counties. This leads to overcrowding of schools and the ridiculous redistricting drama that we go through every few years. If you care at all about our schools and our kids, please pass the bill as written.

Thank you.

Best,

Dr. Jeana DelRosso
5399 Sunny Field Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Sayers, Margery

From: J Zhuo <jiachen.zhuo@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 1:49 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Yungmann, David
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: Support of CB42 with NO Amendment

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Dear County Council,

I am a registered voter in District 5. I am writing to express for my **support of CB42 with NO Amendment.**

Any of the amendment causes additional of new students, without additional funding support for them. And in fact lead to more deficiency in student funding. Attached are HOCO APFO information which I am sure you all know by heart already.

We, Howard County, simply cannot allow more housing development without accounting for increased school funding need for them. School surcharge fee has to be implemented immediately, and with no excuses.

When every new student added will lead to more loss of per-student funding, this is called, NON-SUSTAINABLE!

We, as Howard County residents, are super angry about the whole situation with lack of school funding within the county. **Programs are being cut year after year.**

How do you improve education equity when school starts to teach less and less in class, and we are increasingly relying on parents to pay for additional education for their kids? How can we expect simple shuffling of kids from different schools are going to solve all problems? That's called lack of responsibility at the County level. **Yes, that also includes our county executive Ball (who is as if he is no part of it).**

All voters are watching. We will keep our eyes wide open this time and will follow every move of our CC and CE.

We are not going to be fooled next time when we vote.

Sincerely,

Jiachen Zhuo
Resident in Highland, MD 20777

AMENDMENT ONE

Charge Applied To Additional Affordable Housing Units Built Other Than Are Required
-Whichever is Greater-
\$1.32 a SqFt
Or
1/3 The Base School Surcharge Rate (Notionally \$2.26 a SqFt)



Impact – NO OFFSET
For Each New Student Added By Additional Affordable Housing, Two Seats Of Capacity Needed Will Go Unfunded

THE SIX LATE AMENDMENTS TO CB-42 SCHOOL SURCHARGES



Sayers, Margery

From: Annika Luke <annikaluke@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 4:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42

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Dear Council Members,

I would like to voice my concern for the evolution of CB-42. Please revert the bill to its original form. We are just as desirable place to live as Montgomery County and as such should be charging the developers the same amount.

Our schools are in crisis. There is no more room for children and I want to be a welcoming county. We cannot be welcoming if we cannot educate the children coming in adequately. Please look at how you can help support the schools and not the developers.

Thank you,
Annika Luke

Sayers, Margery

From: Jennifer Lastova <lastova@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 3:47 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: pass CB42 without amendments

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Dear County Council Members,

The time has come to finally do the right thing for our county!! Vote in favor of CB42 **WITHOUT** any added amendments. Do not buy into the argument that developers are concerned about the lack of affordable housing; if developers cared about affordable housing rather than profit and possible incentives, they would not always be using the fee in lieu of loophole that currently exists!

Because the housing and developers has been grossly underpaying impact fees in Howard County for far too long, the county taxpayers and education system are paying the price. It is time to balance this and pass CB42 as it was originally drafted!

Thank you,

Mark Lastova

King's Contrivance

Sayers, Margery

From: Amy Pfeiffer-Smith <apfeiffersmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 3:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 42

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

Dear County Council,

I am writing to express my concern over the ridiculously low impact fees developers in Howard County have been blessed with for years. There is no wonder how and why our County has been overdeveloped. Nothing infuriates me more than knowing that wealthy developers are lining their pockets and destroying our environment all at the expense of our community members. Our children are forced to go through school redistricting and our homes and neighborhoods are being flooded by passing rain storms. It time for developers to pay impact fees that will allow Howard County to build schools and improve county infrastructure. I ask that you vote to increase the developer impact fee to an amount that is able to sustain the growth of the county.

Sincerely,
Amy Smith
Ellicott City Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Swati Gmail <skabaria@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 2:17 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, WITHOUT AMENDMENTS. The proposed amendments gut the impact of the bill and would not generate sufficient revenue to fund the vital upgrades/repairs needed at several county schools.

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.

Please vote YES on CB-42, as proposed.

Thank you,

Swati Kabaria
Clarksville, MD

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Alexis M. McKenzie <amlaske@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 2:10 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42

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Dear Council-members,

I am writing to urge you vote yes on CB42 WITHOUT the additional amendments proposed. Please keep Howard County taxpayers in mind and not developer interests.

Thank you,
Alexis McKenzie
District 2 resident
Elkridge, Md 21075

Sayers, Margery

From: Uma Srikumaran <umasrikumaran@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 1:56 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42

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Please revert the bill to its original form. Everyone should pay their fair share.
Developers especially.

Thanks,

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12195 Hayland Farm Way, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Niki McGuigan <mcniki1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 1:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pass CB 42

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Council Members,

Please pass CB 42 WITHOUT the new, proposed amendments that weaken the bill. Among other reasons, Howard County schools desperately need funds and relief from overcrowding.

Thank you,

Niki McGuigan
District 1

Sayers, Margery

From: e <the4penas@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 1:35 PM
To: CouncilMail

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Dear Council members,

I urge you to vote in favor of CB42 without amendments. Decades of bargain basement impact fees have been more than enough "grandfathering". The damage has been done. weakening this bill with amendments for projects already in the pipeline and affordable housing will not have the effect needed. Our county is hemorrhaging and you want to give us a Band-Aid.

I sat at the public testimony and heard those speaking out against CB42 tell lies. I hope you saw through them. We have been asked to believe that new development pays for itself. If that were true than as the fastest growing county in Maryland, Howard should be swimming in cash. Instead we are facing a budget crisis. We are told that this bill will have a negative impact on affordable housing. Well the low rates they have paying have not helped the situation and our students are suffering.

We are out of seats in Howard County. The county lacks the funds to provide those seats. You must hold the new development accountable for the impact on our community. The people of Howard County are watching and we *will* remember if you continue to sell out our future in exchange for developers' profits.

Vote for CB42 with NO amendments.

Carleen Pena

Sayers, Margery

From: Scott's Yahoo <doc_scott@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 1:19 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42

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Council members,

I want to voice my strong support for CB 42 in its original form.

While I understand that there will be some pain from initiating these changes immediately, No one and I mean no one should be exempt from this tax. It should not be phased in. Growth has not been phased in in Howard county and as a result our public school system stands at the edge of a cliff. No money for schools. Forced redistricting dividing the county.

All of this could be avoided if there was adequate funding for programs. My kids technology was cut in half this year. That's just not fair. I don't care if they are building over 55 housing or anything else. Developers have made hundreds of millions in our county and it needs to stop or at least slow down.

Please revert the bill to its original form and everyone should pay the higher fee!

Thank you,

Scott Silverstein MD

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Thank you,

Scott Silverstein MD
11816 chapel estates dr
Clarksville

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: andriani Buck <andrianibuck@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 11:46 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pass CB42

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Please pass CB42 with no amendments. Quit making excuses and putting developers over our children and communities. Other nearby counties already charge much more than what is being proposed. Don't water down the bill. Take the opportunity to show you are committed to supporting your constituents over your campaign contributions. Developers want to confuse the issues but do not let them find loopholes in necessary legislation. Your actions speak louder than you words. Will your vote align with your past and future campaign promises?

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Regan Mercer <reganmercerc@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 8:54 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 42

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Dear Council Members,

Given the uncertainties of afpo effects and the likelihood of rising construction costs and more things breaking due to deferred maintenance I urge you to be conservative and choose to use the numbers in the formula that make the surcharge as high as possible, with the only exemption being affordable housing having a lower but still substantial cost. I am okay with grandfathering affordable housing projects whose funding would be endangered by not grandfathering them only.

Thank you,

Regan Mercer

Sayers, Margery

From: Mj Monck <mjmonck@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 8:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB-42

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As a public school teacher who has witnessed firsthand what using closets for workspaces and inadequate facilities means for our students, An entire generation of students has gone through our system this way. I urge you to pass CB-42.

One argument against it is that it is too big a jump in cost from what we have now. Well, that just means that too much money has been lost due to inaction and that action must be taken now.

There may be developers, builders, and realtors watching you, but there are even more parents, students (as future voters), and citizens watching.

Marijane Monck

Sayers, Margery

From: JTK <jtk409a@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 6:26 AM
To: Jung, Deb; CouncilMail
Subject: Re: Support for CB42

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Deb, all: I've read that the Council Members other than Walsh have proposed developer friendly amendments that significantly diminish the effect of this bill.

The residents of this county, including me, are expecting you to approve a clean bill, NO AMENDMENTS.

> On Oct 21, 2019, at 10:22 PM, Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

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> Dear Julia,

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> I am fully supportive of CB42 as it was introduced, increasing the impact fee from \$1.32 per square foot to \$6.80 per square foot. As a co-introducer of the bill, I wholeheartedly agree that this increase in fees is long overdue and much needed to fund school construction that will help alleviate the overcrowded conditions throughout the Howard County Public School System. As you may realize, CB42 was tabled by three of my colleagues at our legislative meeting earlier this month and I am hopeful that we have the four votes needed to bring it back before the Council at our November 4th voting session. Thank you for contacting me about this issue.

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> My best to you,

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> Deb Jung

> Howard County Council

> District 4

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: JTK <jtk409a@gmail.com>

> Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 10:42 AM

> To: CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>

> Subject: Support for CB42

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> Council:

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> I strongly support Council Bill 42, raising the school surcharge for builders of residential units in Howard County. It's embarrassing how low the fees in our county have been compared to other counties. Time to make it right and pass CB42.

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- > Julia T. Kovacs
- > Ellicott City, MD 21043
- > District 1
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Sayers, Margery

From: Melissa Kistler <melissa.kistler@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 5:21 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB-42

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Hello-

I am writing to urge all county council members to vote for CB42 with NO amendments. The county needs increased fees to build schools and infrastructure. It doesn't have enough seats in schools. It is time for a change. Cut the politics and do the right thing. People are becoming more aware of the greed that drives many decisions. Vote for CB-42 with NO amendments. Do the right thing.

Best,
Melissa Kistler

Melissa Kistler
Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Anna Nemirovsky <snemir@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 1:36 AM
To: CouncilMail; Yungmann, David
Cc: Knight, Karen
Subject: CB42

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I urge you to vote for CB-42-2019 with NO amendments! These school facility surcharge fees (Impact Fees) need to be part of the go-forward plan to address our overcrowding issues. Developers must help fund the infrastructure (schools) needed to support the families moving in with all of the new development. Some of the amendments that have been put forward create huge loopholes in the legislation and are unacceptable. Passing of this bill without amendments is essential to the county's success in the future, as our current schools and infrastructure are unable to sustain projected development.

Sincerely,

Anna Nemirovsky
District 5

Sayers, Margery

From: Jo H. <johsin08@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2019 11:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB-42-2019

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County council,

I am urging you to pass CB-42-2019 with NO amendments. Developers must help fund the infrastructure needed to support the new families moving into their developments. The rapid and reckless development of Howard County has over flooded our schools and strained the roads. You need to hold the developers accountable!

From concerned HoCo mom,
Jo Hudert
Valleymede neighborhood

Sayers, Margery

From: Audrey Fernandes <afernand2005rad@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2019 11:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: PASS CB-42-2019

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Dear Board Members,
Please PASS CB-42-2019 with NO amendments.
These school facility surcharge fees (Impact Fees) need to be part of the go-forward plan to address our overcrowding issues. Developers must help fund the infrastructure (schools) needed to support the families moving in with all of the new development.
Thank you.
Audrey Fernandes



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Sayers, Margery

From: Stephanie Mummert <skmummert@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2019 6:04 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote no on the amendments to CB42 AND pass CB42

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I have read Councilman Yungmann's logic behind amendment 6 to CB42. I understand his thought process behind amendment 6, but I think grandfathering in developments at the phase of an approved sketch plan is far too generous.

I understand the additional amendments make the bill less objectionable to those who support the push towards our need for affordable housing.

Amending to exclude some affordable housing projects is understandable but I think there are other approaches to support and protect affordable housing projects.

CB42 is important because it makes the developers pay a rate to develop that is commensurate with (or possibly still less than) the fee paid in other locations. We do not, as they say, need to continue to give away the farm to the developers.

I do not believe if it is more expensive to build in Howard County that developers would stop building here. If costs were a concern the developers would not buy their way around existing zoning laws. Waivers, fee in lieu, all of these exist now and they are used regularly.

CB42 will take money from the developers and help support the school system that is overcrowded and over stressed because the council has been approving a high density of housing that is not sustainable without more support to the schools.

This is your chance to act. Show real leadership and please pass CB42 without the amendments that leave countless dollars on the table.

Thank you,

Stephanie Mummert
District 3

Sayers, Margery

From: David Clifton <dmclifton@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2019 2:38 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42 - Amendments

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Council,

While I understand the council sees a need to ease in the fees for market purposes and this seems unlikely to change, I am hopeful somebody will come forward and take a stand that the fee therefore, with the easing and exceptions in place, should be higher in the longer term. The future of our county is dependent upon a strong school system, which is certainly one of the most significant factors in our success. I am hopeful we will see someone step in and take a strong stand for their constituents that while there may need to be some exceptions in funding the fee should align with that so that it delivers the capital funding we need in the long term.

Thanks,

David M. Clifton
Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: melissa fitzgibbon <fitzgibbon.melissa@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2019 1:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 42

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

As a resident of district 3 and your constituent I ask the you vote FOR cb 42 with NO amendments. Ours schools are in need. Doing nothing is not alright. You want to help people afford thier housing. Put money into voucher programs so people can choose where to live and be able to afford it.

Melissa FitzGibbon

Sayers, Margery

From: Heather Kubinak <heatherkub@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2019 7:50 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Stop subsidizing builders profits

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The county council needs to vote AGAINST all amendments to CB42. Stop putting builders profits over the interests and needs of the residents and schools. T

Heather Kubinak

Sayers, Margery

From: BVivrette <bvivrette@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2019 1:32 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42

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

Dear Council,

Stop watering down legislation that has taken 5+ years to get to you with special interest amendments. Pass CB42 as written this Monday. No new amendments.

Our kids need new schools.

Sayers, Margery

From: Melissa Russ <melissa.russ@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2019 11:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42 School impact fees

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I am a resident of Howard County and I am NOT in favor of amendments to the proposal.

Vote no on the amendments and yes for CB42!

Sincerely
Melissa Major
10333 Breconshire Road
Ellicott City

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Melissa L Russ, PMP

Melissa.Russ@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Sarah Margolis <redrah@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2019 6:19 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendments for CB42-2019 to raise Howard County's school facilities surcharge fees

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Hello,

My name is Sarah Margolis. I live in Highland Maryland. I have a child in HCPSS and two who have graduated. I am writing to urge you to vote no on ALL Amendments for CB42-2019 to raise Howard County's school facilities surcharge fees.

Thank you,

Sarah Margolis
301-529-3613

Sayers, Margery

From: Marybeth Steil <marybeth.steil@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2019 5:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote NO on all amendments to CR-42

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

Dear Council Members:

You need to raise taxes to support our schools. The amendments to CR-42 are not the direction we need to go in. Our schools are broke and we desperately need more funds. The schools are an important economic engine of our county.

Please Vote NO on all amendments to CR-42. Raise fees NOW.

Thank you
Marybeth Steil
District 4
South Wind Circle
Columbia MD

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2019 3:19 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Please support Council Bill 42

From: Plunkett, Todd <twplunke@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:33 PM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Please support Council Bill 42

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Opel,

My family and I live in Rockburn Township within your Howard County District 2. The primary reason that we choose to live in Howard County instead of the two other nearby counties is the public school system and the living environment that is nurtured by having such a quality public school system.

That being said, the school development and resourcing process has been confounding since we moved into Rockburn in 2011. County Bill 42 is a sensible first step to address the issue of developing and maintaining school infrastructure to support an ever-growing population. I urge you support this bill.

Thank you for your time.

Todd Plunkett
7810 Breakstone Ct