

Sayers, Margery

From: Amy Morrison Baker <a.morrisonbaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 9:13 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 1-2020 Bill to Increase Wait times for APFO

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I support CB 1-2020.

Thank you,
Amy Morrison Baker

Sayers, Margery

From: crisfar <crisfar@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 9:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Supporting CB1

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Hi
I'm a parent of 2 How co students. The recent school redistricting was awful to go thru. I believe one of the main issues is allowing builders to come build when no school capacity or funds. I fully support this bill

Thanks
C. Thomas. In Columbia MD

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Angela Katenkamp <akatenkamp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 6:37 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB1-2020
Attachments: CB1-2020 testimony.docx

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Please see my attached testimony and vote for CB1-2020.

Sincerely,

Angela Shiplet
D1 Resident

Dear Council Members:

I have been an Elkridge resident since I moved to Howard County in 2003. I have three children at Elkridge Elementary school. Howard County Public Schools are touted as one of the best school systems in the country. I would have never imagined that one of the biggest issues facing the lives of my children is having to attend overcrowded schools their entire school careers. When my son started Kindergarten it was the first year Ducketts Lane Elementary school opened up. His school, due to the relief Ducketts provided had an enrollment of approximately 880 students. Since his Kindergarten year enrollment at EES has steadily increased each year. This increase has continued to occur even after the opening of Hanover Hills Elementary in Fall of 2018. This year there are approximately 930 students and more are enrolling every day. This is his last year at EES, his entire 6 years in elementary school will have been spent in an overcapacity school. Attending an overcrowded school has both academic and social impacts. EES will receive a little relief from the redistricting plan approved this past December. However, it will still remain about 100 students over its capacity of 760 students. At this point, I have little faith that any of my children will ever attend a school that is not overcrowded unless the County Council and HCPSS work together to fix capacity issues. HCPSS needs the County Council's help in creating legislation that helps adequately cope with the increased enrollment this county has seen and will continue to see.

Having a vested interest in the school system, I have been staying informed about the school construction process. Four years is not enough time to locate a site for a school, plan, and construct it. A minimum of 5 years is needed- and that is if a site already exists. As you may know, there are not many properties in the school's landbank. It is essential that CB1 is passed to help give more time for the school system to catch up to the demand. Seven years will allow for more careful site selection. Having 7 years will also help reduce the need to redistrict children more than once during their time at a particular school. HCPSS will better able to anticipate future development so that redistricting moves can be made in anticipation of what is to come instead of being reactionary.

Please, vote for CB1.

Sincerely,

Angela Shiplet

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From: Shari Orszula <shariorszula@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 5:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support CB1-2020

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Dear Council Members:

My name is Shari Orszula and I have two children attending public school in Howard County.

I am writing in strong support of CB1-2020 to increase the APFO wait time from 4 to 7 years.

For many years now, I have watched as HCPSS opened new schools to capacity and then quickly added portables.

Our schools have now been redistricted and we still do not have enough seats to accommodate all of our current students in a brick and mortar building. CB1 provides essential additional time for our school infrastructure to **try** and catch up with the increase to student population from new development. I urge you to support CB1.

Sincerely,

Shari Orszula
District 1, Ellicott City

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From: J Rivlin <charmcity18@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 5:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for HoCo CB 1-2020 Bill to Increase Wait times for APFO

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Hello County Council,

Thank you for taking the time to consider this important legislation.

I hereby support this bill and encourage you to enact it.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Rivlin
District 1
Font Hill

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From: John Garber <jgar2002@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 5:19 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: In support of CB1-2020

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Dear Council Members,

I urge you all to support CB1-2020 extending the potential wait time for a development to 7 years instead of four. Clearly, given our financial troubles, the HCPSS simply cannot acquire land and build a new facility in less than 7 years. Continuing to cram additional students in already over crowded schools is a great disservice.

This bill will not put a halt to development. The contentious redistricting process has served to prove that redistricting alone cannot solve our over crowding problems. There will still be some schools closed to development due to overcrowding. A pause in those areas is warranted.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Garber
North Laurel/Savage

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From: Laura Hettinger <ellehettinger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 5:07 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB1

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Dear Council Members,

Thank you for your work on our behalf! I would like to encourage your support of CB1. As a mom of two HCPSS students, PTA president and happy homeowner in Columbia, I support this bill.

Best regards,
Laura Hettinger
8483 Kings Meade Way
District 3

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From: MICHELLE WINEBERG <michelle.wineberg@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 4:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB1

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Dear Council Members:

My name is Michelle Wineberg and my child is a student at Reservoir High School-Fulton, MD.

I am writing in strong support of CB1-2020. Our school has almost 1,650 students this year, but our school capacity is capped at 1,551 before the use of portables. Our school pulls from Clarksville, through Fulton, down to North Laurel, and has a huge social and economical diversity range. With the increase of class sizes, portable use, and traffic issues, we have also seen a rise in behavioral and crime issues at our school. The over development in our area has most assuredly increased our enrollment. We have so many buses that are used to transport our population home, and most of them only are able to wait a couple minutes after school for students to load, because traffic leaving is such an issue. This leaves many students missing their bus ride home, which creates conflicts for parents then having to leave work to pick them up. There are so many students at our school that are now able to drive, which creates even more traffic issues. I drive by new housing developments in our zone, and know that this time next year, we will have even more students attending our school.

Our schools have been redistricted and we still do not have enough seats to accommodate all of our current students in a brick and mortar building. CB1 provides essential additional time for our school infrastructure to catch up with the increase to student population from new development. Please vote to approve CB1.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wineberg
Reservoir High School

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From: ana maldonado <anamaldonado2001@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 4:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Cb 1

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Ana Maldonado. I have two daughters attending Veterans Elementary in grades 3 and 5.

I am writing in strong support of CB1.

I believe it is the correct measure to address our growing problem with school overcrowding.

Thank you.

Attentively,

Ana Maldonado

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Alexa Chestnut <lexchestnut@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 4:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB1

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Dear Council Members:

My name is Alexa Chestnut. I am a teacher at HSES and my children are students at TSES and OMMS. We have all been negatively impacted by overcrowding at our respective schools. The need for new schools has repeatedly deferred maintenance on most of the Oakland Mills community schools, as well as created a need for portable classrooms away from the safety of the main buildings.

I am writing in strong support of CB1-2020.

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Sincerely,

Alexa Chestnut
Council District 2

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From: Angela Hammond <angelpris@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 3:32 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB1

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To Howard County Council--The current school waiting period of 4 years should not be extended to 7 years and I oppose CB-1.
Thank you for your time. Angela Hammond, Ellicott City, Maryland

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From: Bruce Taylor <btaylor@taylorservice.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 2:57 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Ball, Calvin
Subject: Testimony against CB-1
Attachments: Testimony vs. CB-1 2020 0120.pdf

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Attached please find our letter testifying against CB-1, with the text repeated below:

January 20, 2020

Testimony against CB-1

To: Howard County Council (councilmail@howardcountymd.gov)
County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball (CalvinBall@howardcountymd.gov)

We are opposed to CB-1. This bill failed previously for good reason and should not be passed now.

CB-1 contains no grandfathering provision for projects which started the development process with expectations under the existing code. The current code when introduced included grandfathering provisions at 16.1105 (a) and 16.1107(b) recognizing the importance of such provisions.

The economic impact of CB-1 will most assuredly be negative, but has not been addressed in the legislation.

We anticipate that if passed CB-1 will have a negative impact on some of our projects.

We urge you not to pass CB-1 or if you feel it must be enacted, to include grandfathering for projects in the pipeline.

Sincerely,

Bruce T. Taylor, M.D.
Taylor Property Group
8 Park Center Court, Suite 200
Owings Mills, MD 21117-5616

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Sincerely,

Bruce T. Taylor, M.D.

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From: Lisa Soto <lsoto675@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 2:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB1-2020

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Lisa Soto and I have a grandson that currently attends Saint John's Lane Elementary School. He has been re-assigned to Manor Woods Elementary School for School Year 2020-21 due to the massive 5,400 student redistricting that has just occurred. One-half of the students within the Valley Mede community will now be forced to access Route 40 and travel back and forth to elementary school which adds an increase in traffic to an already busy and dangerous road. These students will also be required to cross Route 40 at the Middle School level since their new Middle School assignment is Burleigh Manor Middle School.

The Northern Region schools in the Route 40 corridor are over-capacity. What is the long-term plan to grant relief to these schools, especially at the Elementary Level? The proposed HCPSS Capital Improvement Plan reflects that the much needed Turf Valley Elementary School has now been pushed back until 2031. This is eleven years from now! How are we to manage until then?

I strongly support CB1-2020. Our schools have been redistricted and we still do not have enough seats to accommodate all of our current students in a brick and mortar building. CB1 provides essential additional time for our school infrastructure to catch up with the increase to student population from new development. Please vote to approve CB1.

Thank you,

Lisa Soto
Ellicott City

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From: Ellen Sowry <ellenbsowry@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 2:00 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Council Bill 1-2020

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Good afternoon-

I am writing in support of Council Bill 1-2020. As a parent and a PTA President, I am well aware of the effects that irresponsible development has had on our County's school system. I do not believe that it is acceptable for developer interests to be placed above the needs of our student and educators. This bill will help with problem by allowing the additional time needed for the county to actually fund, site, and build the school capacity. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ellen Sowry
5008 Green Bridge Rd
Dayton, MD 21036

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From: Elizabeth Fixsen <efixsen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 12:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB1-2020

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Dear Members of Howard County Council --

I urge you to support CB1-2020, to increase to seven years the length of time a developer must wait before building new developments in a neighborhood where schools are already filled to or over capacity. This is the usual length of time it takes for the county to build new schools (or expand existing schools or redistrict) to address increased school population.

The current length of time - four years - is not sufficient time for the county to address school overcapacity. If the developers can proceed to build even though the local schools are over-crowded, the new development just makes the overcrowding worse.

Contrary to what developers will say, this does NOT stop development, it only slows it down until adequate facilities can be provided, and this benefits all the students of Howard County and their families.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Fixsen
8394 Commercial Street
Savage, MD 20763

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From: Stacy Pomeroy <stacyg65@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 12:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Supporting CB1-2020

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I wanted to take a moment to state that we support CB1-2020 and would like to see all council members also support. Even with the last go at redistricting, our schools are still severely overcrowded and we need to find another way deal with this issue before allowing developers to continue to build.

Stacy & Ray Pomeroy
9112 Windemere Way
Savage, MD 20763

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From: Becki Vivrette <rvivrette@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 12:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony Support CB-1

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I am submitting this testimony today with my strongest support for CB-1 and urge you to pass this bill for the future of our children and communities. I am going to speak simply and bluntly in my testimony, because frankly, I am downright frustrated with the inability of our county government to listen and ACT on behalf of the best interests of their constituents. I am disappointed that various forms of this bill have been brought before you and previous councils, now for the fourth time, with no meaningful action. I am asking that this council have the courage to stand up to developer interests and do what you were elected to do – and that is to represent the best interests of the citizens of Howard County, not the usual developer suspects. I know that most of you have received money from these usual suspects to fund your campaigns, but that does not preclude you from doing the right thing for your constituents. You will continue to hear doom and gloom stories from developers and their associates about how terrible this bill will be for county revenue, that we will “scare off” the developers from coming to Howard County, and how we are approaching a recession and cannot afford to make “cuts” to our revenue stream by increasing APFO wait times. Most of these assertions are based in flawed reports and biased data with no validity whatsoever.

I will admit, there is something tangible that this County truly cannot afford – and that is the Talbott Springs renovation/addition, the Hammond High School renovation/addition, and any illusion of High School 14, given that we will be approaching 110% enrollment countywide the minute High School 13 is completed. And why is that? It’s because we simply cannot keep up with the pace of student growth in this county, particularly in the Northeast and Southeast and along the Route 1 corridor, where investment in infrastructure has been kicked down the road for decades. If anything, CB-1 falls short of what we truly need in Howard County, and that is permanent waiting periods until schools are under APFO thresholds. But CB-1 is a step in the right direction. Members of this council said they would be willing to look at this bill again after a comprehensive redistricting occurred. Well, it did occur, and now the time has come for you to do your part to address school overcrowding. It is the responsibility of ALL of our elected officials, from the state delegation, to the county executive, to the council, and the BOE. The community is tired of the deflection of responsibility. All we are asking is for you to do your part by passing CB-1. It really is that simple.

If you are in tune with the pulse of Howard County citizens, you will hear that irresponsible development, land use, and zoning practices are a non-partisan issue of great concern. It is an issue that republicans, democrats, and independents agree on and care about deeply. We are paying attention to these issues now more than ever before. The community is engaged, and the time is LONG overdue to pass this bill. Pass CB-1 without hesitation. The welfare of our children and our communities depend on it.

Becki Vivrette

Columbia, District 4

Sayers, Margery

From: Heather Dalwadi <heather.dalwadi@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 11:40 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: In Favor of CB1-2020

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Dear County Council members,

I am writing to support the County Council Bill (CB1-2020) that would extend building wait times when schools are overcrowded. As a parent of two young children at SJLES, having recently been moved school districts due to overcrowding, I believe that this bill is ESSENTIAL. Otherwise we will never be able to solve our school over-crowding issues and it is unfair to over-burden our teachers, schools and children. Please consider voting for this important bill. Howard County parents are watching this closely.

Sincerely,

Heather Dalwadi
3138 Elmmede Rd.
Ellicott City, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Carolyn Weibel <carolinasandsunsurf2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 11:07 AM
To: CouncilMail; Carolyn Weibel
Subject: CB 1-2020: FOR

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Good morning, County Council Members,

I am FOR CB 1-2020, increasing the APFO wait time from 4 to 7 years. Let's give our infrastructure the opportunity to catch up.

Thank you,

Carolyn Weibel
Longview Drive, Valley Mede
District 5

Sayers, Margery

From: Laura Baker <laurarowanbaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 10:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Tom Baker
Subject: Writing in support of CB-1

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Hello,

I live in District 1 and am writing today in support of CB-1.

Overdevelopment in Elkridge has led to overcrowded schools. Even though the latest 2 elementary schools have been built in Elkridge, we still have almost 950 students at EES in a school meant for 760 students. Current APFO laws allow new development projects to begin in an overcrowded school district after a four-year waiting period, regardless of student capacity. CB-1 would push this waiting period out to seven years. Seven years is the estimated time to properly plan and execute construction of a new school.

Thank you for your consideration,

Laura Baker
6000 Florey Rd, Hanover, MD 21076
laurarowanbaker@gmail.com