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From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: CB 1-2020

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Subject: CB 1-2020

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Deb,

I'm writing to let you know of my opposition to CB 1-2020. I respectfully feel that this proposed change to the APF system will have a deleterious effect on Howard County. It is clear that by extending the number of years that a project must be retested, few projects would have the financial backing to wait for such a long period. Investment will go elsewhere. In practical terms, the development business in Howard County would grind to a stop.

My biggest concern is for the County's fiscal health. The nexus between the continued provision of high quality public services and the fiscal contributions of new development has been completely ignored. Where will the money for new and renovated schools come from? Where will the funds for police, fire and other essential services come from? The County's own report on the 2016 tightening of APFO requirements showed a huge fiscal hit. That didn't include an extension of the retesting period which would drive even higher deficits!

I don't make these statements lightly. While I currently work in the private sector, I served as a County employee for six years and so I know the planning process from both the private and public perspective. I attended meetings with the rating agencies and worked on the spending affordability and budget process. The legislative changes that have been made over the last few years have completely shifted the environment in Howard County. It has sent a very clear message to the business community that growth is not welcome. Hopefully, the County's Spending Affordability Committee will provide some much needed perspective on the challenges ahead.

More importantly, I've lived in Howard County for 26 years. I raised my kids here, I've made great friends here, and I've worked hard to make our County better for those in need. I'm really worried that policies like CB 1-2020 will make it impossible for my kids to live here, force my friends out and keep those less privileged out as well. I urge you to vote

against CB1-2020 and would welcome the opportunity to discuss more productive policies with you. Thanks for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Mark

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From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 11:48 AM
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From: Paul Sill <paul@sillengineering.com>
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Subject: RE: APFO moratorium extension

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Council Member Jung,

I understand that this legislation was tabled last night. I am very happy to hear that and hope that it is removed from consideration all together.

I also heard that Council Member Jones introduced a bill (CB8-2020) that would require fiscal notes to be provided for each piece of legislation before you. I was surprised to learn that this wasn't already being done, as it could have helped some of these past bills that have damaged my business and others like me. I encourage you to vote for this legislation.

Thank you for your time,
Paul

From: Paul Sill
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2020 12:11 PM
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Subject: APFO moratorium extension

Dear Council Member Jung,

I am a small business owner, with my office in Lisbon, Howard County. I own and operate a civil engineering firm and do the majority of my work in Howard County, and employ eight full-time employees and two part-time employees. The recent actions taken by the Council concerning school allocations, forest conservation, and permit fees have had a negative impact on my business already, with one client pulling out of a thirteen lot subdivision and another deciding to build in Baltimore County; these two clients alone represent a sizable income stream that is now lost to me. The extension of the APFO deadline will damage my business more. I'm sure you have heard many reasons not to extend the APFO deadline, but this will directly impact myself and my employees natively. I ask that you do not extend the APFO deadlines and leave them as they currently are.

Thank you,

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