From:

Jones, Opel

Sent:

Monday, March 2, 2020 12:44 PM

То:

Sayers, Margery

Subject:

FW: Council Bill 9-2020

From: Hannah Quigley hannahq@glenelg.org>

Sent: Sunday, March 1, 2020 4:02 PM

To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>

Subject: Council Bill 9-2020

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Dear Councilman Jones,

My name is Hannah Quigley. I am a sophomore at Glenelg Country School (GCS), and I am emailing you today to encourage you to vote "yes" on Council Bill 9-2020 tomorrow. I watched the live stream of the hearing on February 18th and was concerned by some of the arguments stating GCS is just a school or a corporation, not a home.

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Sincerely, Hannah Quigley Class of 2022

From:

Jung, Deb

Sent:

Monday, March 2, 2020 8:27 AM

To:

Sayers, Margery

Subject:

FW: Council Bill 9-2020

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

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Hannah Quigley Class of 2022

From:

Jung, Deb

Sent:

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 5:22 PM

To:

Sayers, Margery

Subject:

FW: CB9-2020

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

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From: Mary Christensen < mechristensen@gmail.com >

Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 12:00 PM

To: Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth

<ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>

Subject: CB9-2020

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There are many problems with CB9-2020, including but not limited to:

- At the February 18, 2020 Howard County Council, representatives for the school admitted no county impact study has been done for this proposed law. If the Council is considering an amendment to zoning ordinances, it seems they should be considering whether the change is good for the County only. At this council meeting, it was clear that most of the argument for the bill is whether this amendment is good for Glenelg Country School only without regard to the rest of the county property owners.
- This amendment is unlawful spot zoning. It is clear this is designed exclusively to address a single situation GCS trying to go around the easement agreement it has in place with neighboring property owners.
- The summary/title of the bill seems intentionally misleading as it states it is just for a private school to get a Conditional Use in order to add a daycare, but it really would affect potentially thousands of county property owners with easement agreements on their properties. It seems this was written in a way to keep the county-wide impact of this bill under the radar.
- This bill was drafted for GCS by their legal council, Sang Oh, who, along with many school trustees, has strong ties to County Council members and who has given many donations and hosted numerous fundraisers for various Hoard County Council members. This seems a serious conflict of interest.

This amendment is bad for the entire county. A wealthy and influential private school is trying to get the better of it's neighbors by writing its own laws with the potential to affect property owners throughout Howard County. Please vote no on CB9-2020

From:

Suzanne Kingsbury < kingsbury3@verizon.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 12:55 PM

To:

CouncilMail

Subject:

Veto CB9-2020

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Dear County Council Members:

This is in regard to pending Council Bill CB9-2020. The purpose of this email is to strongly advocate for the Board to veto this bill. Council Bill 9-2020 will negatively impact property owner's rights throughout Howard County in that the terms of easements will no longer be a legal certainty.

Although this Bill was introduced by County Executive Ball, the impetus for the Bill is the Glenela Country School's (GCS) intent to circumvent a 2019 determination by the Board which upheld a 2008 Easement Agreement entered into between the homeowner's of Glenelg Manor Estates and GCS. The GCS seeks to expand its school by building a new day care center that would violate the terms of the easement agreement. The GCS brought the matter before the Board, which correctly upheld the Easement Agreement and required the school to abide by its terms which contained certain limiting terms and setbacks intended to protect the sanctity, use and enjoyment of neighboring properties. The Board determined that if the GCS wanted to breach the terms of the valid easement agreement, its only option would be to renegotiate a new contractual easement agreement with the 22 homeowners. Instead, the GCS initiated proceedings to have the law changed in its favor. This Bill would enable the improper taking and use of Howard County residents' property via changing the zoning laws. This Bill does not effect any positive policy objectives; rather, its sole purpose is to serve the personal interests of a private school to the detriment of property owners throughout Howard County. It is noted that the school has deep financial resources and its Board Members are politically well connected.

The history leading up to the introduction of this Bill is sordid and should be considered by the Board.

- In 1999, the Glenelg Country School sent letters to 22 homeowners in Glenelg Manor Estates that owned fee simple strips that ran through the GCS property. Collectively, the fee simple strips totaled 3.5 acres. The GCS solicited the homeowners to "donate" their fee simple property strips to the school so they could execute their development plans. The homeowners declined to do so, as (1) connection of their individual properties to County roads was required by law, and (2) the GCS did not offer any compensation. The school informed the homeowners that they intended to execute their Plan B which would not impact or utilize the homeowners' fee simple strips.
- The GCS lied and, without consent or notice to the homeowners, illegally built playgrounds, fences, payements and septic systems on the homeowners' property. This illegal taking of property was not noticed until the structures were already built. Moreover, by its illegal actions, the Glenelg Country School intentionally put the homeowners at significant risk of being liable for any injuries occurring on their property (i.e., children's playgrounds were built on the

homeowners' property, which would have rendered the homeowners liable for any injuries incurred on their property). The school claimed it did not know it was building on property not owned by the school, however this claim was refuted as copies of the original 1999 solicitation were produced.

- When confronted, the school refused to remediate the structures and delayed and postponed meeting with the homeowners for years. The homeowners incurred thousands of dollars in expense to retain a surveyor to establish the legal metes and bounds of their fee simple strips. The homeowners also incurred the significant cost of retaining counsel to draft an easement to protect their rights and property and to represent the neighborhood. It was only when the homeowners geared up for a lawsuit and threatened to go to the media that the Glenelg Country School agreed to negotiate an easement which would (1) protect the homeowners from liability, and (2) ensure that the expansion of the school would not destroy the use and enjoyment of the neighboring homeowners' properties where they were living, raising families, and paying property taxes.
- In 2008 an Easement Agreement was executed and filed with the County. The GCS paid out \$225,000 for the easement rights, both retroactive and prospective, and to reimburse the homeowner's for legal and surveying expenses. The GCS was required to abide by the terms of the easement and, although they could "use" the easement property for various uses, all such uses were to abide by the terms and limitations set forth in the easement (i.e., setbacks, etc.) Moreover, the school was asked to provide continuous liability insurance to the homeowners.
- The school now wants to expand by building a day care. To do so in the manner they want, they would violate the terms of the duly executed 2008 easement agreement. As noted above, in 2019 the GCS sought its remedy before the Board and failed to obtain a favorable determination. The GCS now seeks to circumvent the outcome of the Board's decision by changing the law to get its way. This is wrong. It is an affront not only to homeowner rights, but also to well-established property law. Beyond the circumstances of the particular situation which gave rise to this bill, it has the potential for much abuse and negative impact on Howard County property owners.

The community is watching and this will be publicized as it is contrary to property rights and contract law.

I have personal and first-hand knowledge of this matter dating back to 1999, and I would be happy to answer any questions you have.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully urge you to veto this bill.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Kingsbury 3574 Sharp Rd Glenwood MD 21738

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Jung, Deb

Sent:

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 10:21 AM

To:

Savers, Margery

Subject:

FW: Howard County Schools

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

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From: Camden Fisher <cfc.fish18@gmail.com> **Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 12:10 PM **To:** Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>

Subject: Howard County Schools

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Dear Council Women Jung,

I am Camden Fisher and I grew up in Howard County and am an alumni of Glenelg Country School. I was at Clarksville Middle before switching to GCS and stayed for high school after enjoying my experience, along with academic success. My family has stayed a part of the GCS community for the past 10 years with my brother currently enrolled.

I have been informed of CB9-2020 (ZRA 188) and am writing to you in hopes you will support it.

I am extremely grateful to have this school available right in our local community, as both myself and my brother have required some special needs. I was struggling very badly before switching to GCS and I owe much of my success to GCS.

I feel CB9-2020 (ZRA 188) should be approved so GCS can continue to provide an outstanding education with a campus that is up to date and able to continue its natural growth in order to survive. GCS has always been a partner to the surrounding neighborhood and makes every effort to make improvements with the least amount of impact to the neighborhood. The school has come to the point of needing this approval from the council so they can continue to provide the beautiful campus and top notch education to community children.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this approval and are hopeful you vote in favor of CB9-2020 (ZRA 188),

Camden

From:

Jung, Deb

Sent:

Monday, February 24, 2020 4:37 PM

To:

Sayers, Margery

Subject:

FW: CB9-2020 (ZRA 188)

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

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From: John Laycock <obiwan1129@yahoo.com> Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 10:14 AM To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>

Subject: CB9-2020 (ZRA 188)

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Dear Ms. Jung,

My name is John Laycock. I am the proud parent of three children who attend Glenelg Country School (GCS). While I am not a Howard County resident I felt compelled to contact you regarding the proposed CB9-2020 (ZRA 188) legislation. Community matters a great deal to me. I have continually discovered as I have raised my children the old maxim "It takes a village to raise a child." is absolutely true. That village does not stop at the county line.

Watching my children attend GCS the last few years I can personally attest to the many positive opportunities provided by the school. My wife and I consider it a gift that our children have the opportunity to learn there.

I urge you to fully consider and vote for the proposed CB9-2020 (ZRA 188) legislation. I believe what's right is right. The idea that there is an easement in place that is being disregarded because of an interpretation of the existing law that is not explicit, is wrong. GCS is not asking for preferential treatment, they are simply asking for the ability to conduct business with the county in a reasonable manner. I think we can all agree that is not the case today.

Sincerely,

John Laycock

From:

Jung, Deb

Sent:

Monday, February 24, 2020 4:36 PM

To:

Sayers, Margery

Subject:

FW:

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From: Sanaz Sakiani <sanaz.sakiani@ascension.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>

Subject:

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Dear Councilwoman Jung,

I write to you this letter in support of CB9-2020.

First a little background about my family. We are a dual income family of 5, with three children: Layla, Raya, and Nora, aged 7, 4, and 2, respectively. All three are currently students at Glenelg Country School (GCS). We moved to Howard County in December of 2017, when we became first time homeowners. Our oldest daughter, Layla, was halfway through her pre-kindergarten year, and we were struggling to find childcare for her and our two other daughters, without needing to drive to three different locations. You see, despite the numerous excellent childcare facilities in our area, we could not find one that had space for all three of our daughters, AND was conveniently located. Both my husband and I are physicians at St. Agnes Hospital, and so we needed childcare that would also be convenient in terms of our commutes to and from work. In our search for such a school, we learned about GCS. It was an appealing option for us, as we felt our oldest could start there and continue into Kindergarten there, so as to avoid switching schools twice in less than a year.

Making that decision turned out to be one of our best decisions for our family in many ways. Layla had a hard transition after that move (new home, new friends, new school), but she felt right at home after a few short weeks at GCS, thanks to the amazing and supportive faculty and teachers. GCS has offered her with so much, both academically, emotionally, and socially, that she has since grown into a smart, funny, confident student who makes us proud every day.

Additionally, the daycare we had our younger daughters in, turned out not to be a great fit for our family, for various reasons. Unfortunately, I could not find another facility that would have had space for both

Raya and Nora on short notice; many had wait lists that ranged anywhere from 6 months to a year. So I contacted GCS and they were willing to take Raya early, and we were able to find another facility for our then 6-month-old, Nora. Within a month of attending GCS, Raya was flourishing, already able to recite her ABCs and even count to 16! At that time, we decided that as soon as Nora turned 2, she would also go to GCS and become a "Little Dragon".

Since then, GCS has been an extension of our family, whether it be during the regular school year, or during Summer Camp. The phrase "it takes a village" is at the heart of everything we love about GCS. As working parents without any other family near us, we rely heavily on our children's school environment, the faculty, and their teachers, to help nurture them, educate them, and keep them safe. Every day I drop them off, and drive away with a sense of comfort that every mother should feel when they drop off their kids at school.

However, the quality of education at Glenelg Country School is not what's being questioned. I wanted to give you this background information, not only to explain my family's perspective about the school, but to also illustrate some of the reasons why other families may seek education at GCS. In fact, GCS has seen a dramatic increase in applications for new students.

In the short couple of years that we have been members of the GCS family, we have seen the school grow considerably, and as a result, we have even seen the limitations of the school's current facilities, such as lack of classroom space. The school has done an amazing job working around these limitations, and it continues to be a work in progress, with constant input from faculty and parents to do what's best for the students. However, at a certain point, I foresee that they will soon hit many more obstacles that they may not be able to be overcome, at least not without the school making more significant changes. All of this brings me to the real purpose of this letter.

Howard County is known, not just in Maryland, but in all of the United States, for its top-notch education system, both public and private. I have never thought of GCS as competing with any of the public schools, but more as a complement to what Howard County has to offer to its diverse families. Which school a family sends their child(ren) to is a very personal decision, and with the population of Howard County growing exponentially, as well as recent articles showing an increase in the number of families interested in private education, the availability of different childcare and educational options becomes even more important. GCS is one of those options, and with the financial aid it offers, GCS allows access to exceptional education to families from all corners of not just Howard County, but also neighboring counties.

GCS, just like any public or private school in Howard County, needs to be able to keep up with the needs of the community, and to do so, it must grow with the community, and this bill allows it the opportunity to do just that. This bill does not dictate whether or not GCS can make changes, it only requests for the right to ASK to make those changes.

I attended the hearing last night in its entirety and I appreciated the Counsel's patience and consideration in all of the testimony that was heard. I cannot comment on the history of the relationships and interactions between the school and its fine neighbors. After all, as the saying goes, there are three sides to every story: "yours, mine, and the truth". However, I can comment that we need to move forward. GCS needs to move forward. And this cannot be done without allowing conversation to move forward, which is what I believe this bill will allow.

Thank you again for your consideration,

Dr. Sanaz Sakiani

Sanaz Sakiani, MD

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From:

Jung, Deb

Sent:

Monday, February 24, 2020 4:35 PM

To:

Sayers, Margery

Subject:

FW: Oppose CB9-2020

Thanks for sharing your concerns with me. I appreciate it.

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

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From: Deborah Layton <deelayton@yahoo.com> Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 8:55 PM To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>

Subject: Oppose CB9-2020

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Good evening,

My name is Deborah Layton and I am a property owner in Howard county. I live in Glenelg Manor Estates and I am very concerned about the bill that the Glenelg Country School is promoting. Changing the zoning of another person's property and using their property without their permission is not a standard we want to set for landowners in Howard county. Landowners have rights that should be upheld, and passing CB9-2020 will not uphold those rights.

Please do NOT pass CB9-2020. This could potentially have a negative impact on thousands of property owners in our county.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely, Deborah Layton

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Williams, China

Sent:

Monday, February 24, 2020 2:37 PM

To:

Sayers, Margery

Subject:

FW: CB9-2020 county easement legislation

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China Williams
Special Assistant to Council Chair Deb Jung
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From: Its me Laura <superdupermomma@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 2:30 PM

To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Williams, China <ccwilliams@howardcountymd.gov>; Knight, Karen

<kknight@howardcountymd.gov>; Kittleman, Mary <mkittleman@howardcountymd.gov>

Subject: CB9-2020 county easement legislation

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Good Day!

My name is Laura Tan, I am writing you to oppose CB9-2020. I wasn't able to testify last week due to a sick child. My husband and I own a home on Maisel Farm Lane. Glenelg Country School owns a strip of land in front of our home with a pipestem easement. This 'peninsula' shaped land owned by the school is in between my property and the property of my neighbors in Glenelg Manor who own pipestems. Its an awkward piece of land, mostly forgotten, that we maintain to keep the grass cut and the ticks away. Its not wide enough to do much with unless this easement legislation is passed by you. There aren't current plans to do anything with this land but if you passed this they would have the space in the future to pave it put up a storage, parking lot, etc. I attached a picture overlooking the school owned land from my front porch. The trees in the distance is the school property.

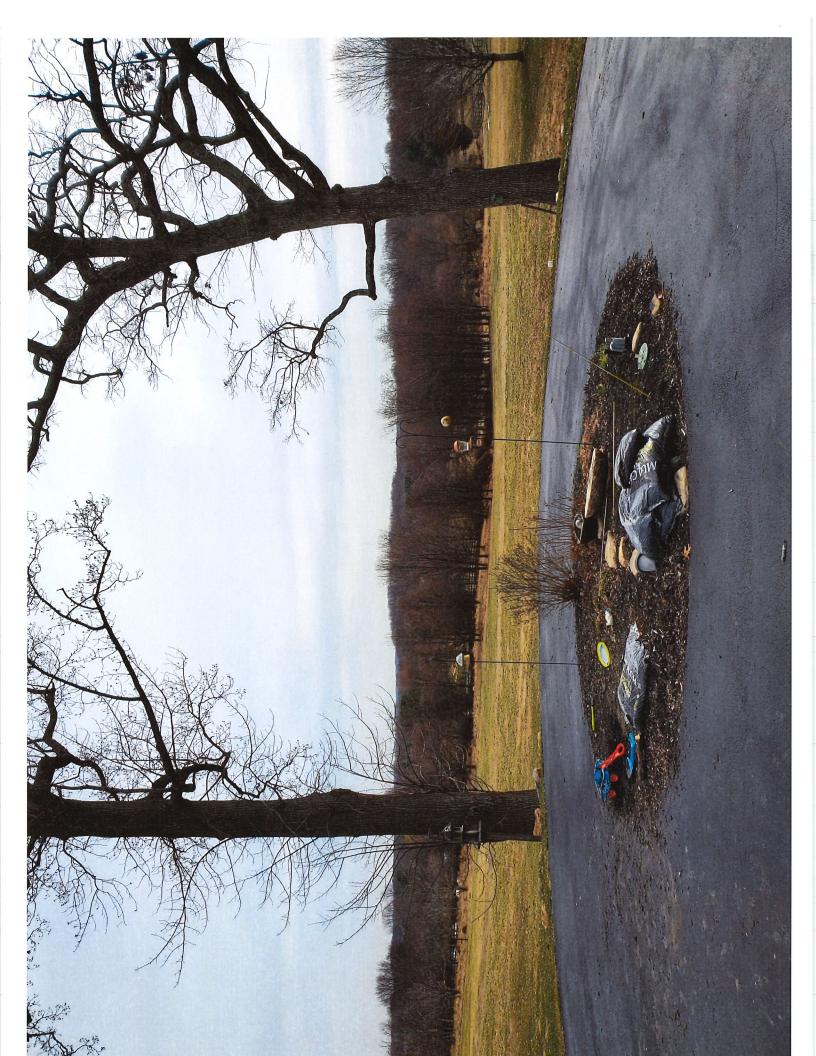
We are relatively new to Howard County having been stationed here by the military almost 2 years ago. I've been able to meet many neighbors who live in Glenelg manor and who work at Glenelg Country School. I find them all to be reasonable folk fully capable of working this out WITHOUT CHANGING A LAW that would impact the CU easements for the whole county. I was able to go over the current expansion plans with Jhan Tangiers a couple of weeks ago and what she showed me looks completely reasonable. The school needs to find a non-litigious way to resolve this without changing a law that offers a modicum of protection to the average homeowner. I listed what I propose as a compromise below.

1. Do not pass this law or at the least pause it until a RECENT & MEASURABLE EFFORT has been made to resolve this between neighbors. I will happily donate my time to work with the school to organize this.

- 2. Insist that the school host a community event where they meet with neighbors and walk through their plans. I know some council members have done this, I hope all council members make the effort to follow suit and walk the properties. Come on over have a cup of coffee and chat. The weather is beautiful!
- 3. I personally don't know the whole history of the pipestem concerns of my neighbors. The council should insist on a mediation to address the pipestem concerns and resolve it.
- 4. My neighbors and the school employees are all good and reasonable people how something like this spiraled to the point of CHANGING A LAW is beyond me. My neighbors and I are regular middle class tax payers we don't have deep pockets to constantly defend our property. The school is on donated, tax free land where they earn \$30,000 per student annually. The board of the school makes up the top 1% of this area. I cant compete with that I need you, the county council to help resolve this amicably. We need the board of Glenelg Country School to hit a reset and approach this more neighborly.
- 5. In essence, I have no problems with the school wanting to expand their facilities in a neighborly way. Please don't change a law that is the only thing offering me, an average taxpayer, protection.

Thank you for making it all the way to the end of this email!

Kind Regards, Laura Tan



From:

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Sent:

Sunday, February 23, 2020 6:21 PM

To:

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District 5 - CB9-2020 (ZRA 188)

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CB9-2020 (ZRA 188)

Please support CB9-2020 (ZRA 188). Never have I heard of easements not being honored. Once they are signed, and in this case, even paid for, they are meant to be honored. Otherwise, why even bother? We have

easements on properties we own, and they were clearly detailed before we purchased the properties. Furthermore, the school was a preexisting use before the properties were built up. So all was clear to

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neighboring landowners. My family, in fact, specifically purchased land and built on it to be near the school. The school is an enhancement to the area and an enhancement to property values. Our son and daughter attended it from pre-K through their senior years, and I can attest to the wholesome values upheld there and the school's intention and ability to be an excellent neighbor. I ask the council not to conjure impediments

where none should be. Thank you for your service.