

Sayers, Margery

From: Gelwicks, Colette
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Jones, Diane; Jones, Opel; Jung, Deb; Meyers, Jeff; Rigby, Christiana; Rosen, Lynne; Sayers, Margery; Walsh, Elizabeth; Wimberly, Theo; Yungmann, David
Subject: FW: CB13-2020 Letter
Attachments: County Council Letter 2.pdf

Good morning,

Our office received the attached testimony supporting CB13-2020.

Kind regards,

Colette Gelwicks – *she/her/hers*
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Colette:

Here is my letter . Thanks for your patience!

Best,
Cindy
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March 16, 2020

Dear County Council Members:

My name is Cindy Parr and I am writing to state that the Affordable Housing Retention Act (CB13-2020) introduced by Councilwoman Christiana Rigby would be a tool in the toolbox for building affordable housing inventory. The Arc of Howard County provides services for people with disabilities and we know the importance of this legislation. Currently, we supply residential services to more than 80 adults with disabilities in the Howard County community.

Our organization has been in existence for nearly 60 years and it has become increasingly more difficult to find stable, secure housing that is affordable for people who experience disabilities. Most of the people we support receive SSI or SSDI benefits which precludes them from meeting the financial requirements necessary for the majority of housing options in Howard County.

This legislation, I feel would provide a stop gap so the County can give the Department of Housing and the Howard County Housing Commission the ability to initially purchase rental housing when it appears for sale.

As we move forward with the Housing Opportunities Master Plan, we will no doubt see additional ways to enhance our ability to increase affordable housing opportunities. This bill, coupled with future options will forge a needed path to housing diversity in Howard County.

I hope you will accept The Arc of Howard County's support of this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Parr
Executive Director

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From: LINDA Wengel <lwengel@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 12:51 PM
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Subject: LWVHC SUPPORTS CB 13-20

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The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Howard County has voted to support CB 13-20 based on our housing position which recognizes the need to increase the supply of affordable housing throughout Howard County.

As buildable land becomes scarcer in Howard County this legislation provides an important tool for converting or maintaining existing rental housing as affordable units. Offering the seller the opportunity to guarantee that at least 20% of the units will stay or become affordable, in lieu of offering for sale to the County or Commission is reasonable and puts these units on a par with the MIHU requirement for new rental housing.

The League is encouraged to see the Council addressing this vital issue.

Linda Wengel
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