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Attached is testimony for CB14-2020 support, from The People's Voice and the Howard County Citizens Assn. Both group forms are also attached.

Thanks,  
Lisa Markovitz

## The Peoples' Voice and Howard County Citizens Association Supports cb14-2020

CB14 proposes to eliminate the rolling average of residential allocations for development. This is a commendable suggested change due to the need for pacing of infrastructure needs in our County. Even though the General Plan has growth goals, it thwarts the ability to successfully plan our County service provisions for growth to have unused allocations move forward. This could lead to years when there are too many units incoming that could overwhelm our County resources.

We currently have a budget crisis, with not enough funds for our School System, and other public service increased needs. Our growth cannot continue to be allowed to go without pacing, and we have to take control of planning in a more organized and fiscally responsible way, with predictability and prioritizations of quality and safety of services that Howard County residents need and expect.

It may be true that there are growth goals in PlanHoward 2030 but there are maximums and regional allowances, and rolling those forward is the opposite of good planning, and pacing growth. Even with the expected economic, possibly long-term downturns due to the corona virus, any decrease in building projects will simply be a more organic slowdown not coming up against allocation limits anyway.

According to the Department of Planning and Zoning, currently, and over the recent past, development does not wait long for allocations as it is, so there is not much downside to implementing this now, while there would not be a large impact on current projects, an no expected larger demand for them in the near future either.

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