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Sayers, Margery

From: Nirmala Mallya <nirmala.mallya@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 3:55 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: East Columbia 50+ Center in Jeopardy

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Dear County Council Member,

I just learned of an amendment being presented on May 20 that would cut funds for many capital projects in the FY2021 budget, particularly the new East Columbia 50+ Center.

As one of the many seniors living in Howard County who regularly uses this center, I urge you to reconsider eliminating plans to build this much needed facility. Please think about making cuts from several of the proposed capital projects, not just the 50+ center so that seniors are not the only segment of our population making sacrifices.

We appreciate the difficult decisions that you must make in these trying times. Please consider seniors when you make your final decisions.

Sincerely,

Nirmala Mallya

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Sayers, Margery

From: Betty Myers <bettymyers@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:10 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Capital Projects and budget for East Columbia 50+ Center

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Dear County Council Member,

These are tough times, and I'm sure you are aiming to do the best for all Howard Countians at this time.

However, I just learned of an amendment being presented on May 20 that would cut funds for many capital projects in the FY2021 budget, particularly the new East Columbia 50+ Center.

As senior living in Howard County who regularly uses this center, I urge you to reconsider eliminating plans to build this much needed facility. Please consider making cuts from several of the proposed capital projects, not just the 50+ center so that seniors are not the only segment of our population making sacrifices.

We appreciate the difficult decisions that you must make in these trying times. Please consider seniors when you make your final decisions.

Sincerely,

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Only the curious will learn and only the resolute overcome the obstacles to learning. The quest quotient has always excited me more than the intelligence quotient. -Eugene S. Wilson

- While NFRC specializes in working with family transitions, they provide individual, couple, family, group, separation counseling, co-parent counseling, blended family therapy. When they work with families in transition, they customize their approach to each family's needs. For example, if a family member has a mental health challenge, they help that family member and address how those issues might affect children and develop strategies to assist that particular client and family.
- NFRC customizes family transition approach based on each family's needs--may work with one person in a family or the entire family; children may work with one therapist, parents another. With consent, NFRC therapists work as a team to support families. If there is an abusive situation, work with CPS, children's Best Interest Attorney, parents' attorneys. If there is a substance abuse issue, refer to specialist, then work together with that specialist in making appropriate decisions.
- NFRC is a statewide and nationally known and award-winning model.
- NFRC focuses on the children. NFRC is known as a revolving door; parents may complete their co-parent plan, come back at a later time to renegotiate; We leave child support, financial and other legal matters to other professionals such as mediators attorneys, magistrates.
- NFRC is like a second family helping clients find needed resources in the community, working with other therapists, doctors, school counselors to build a team for families. We become part of family's traditions, such as graduations, special holidays even for those clients, who because of their culture, previously held certain beliefs about counseling.
- NFRC has a group of volunteer peer counselors, youth and adults who want to give back and do give back by participating in groups, conferences, programs for parents.

Please consider re-instating the \$14,280 propose cut to the CSP grant. NFRC is one of the lowest funded agencies - their funding is less than 1% of all funding to the CSP recipients.

This is an opportunity for Howard County to give back to an organization that has done so much for the families that live in Howard County.

Thank you for your time,

Susan Siegler
Glenwood, Maryland.

Sayers, Margery

From: susan siegler <susansiegler@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 9:21 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Subject: Budget Request

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Hello,

When the flight attendant issues instructions on Oxygen Mask rule they tell us to put the mask over our own nose and mouth before helping other people.
It's good advice.

The same advice can be applied to parents and children experiencing the often devastating affects of divorce. Mothers and fathers need to heal before they can help their children to do the same.

I volunteer my time as a Peer Counselor to the NFRC's Women's Group program - a group to support women going through the divorce process.

I've done this about a dozen times and each group starts out the same. The women who need the support are quiet, sometimes a little angry or hurt and a little unsure of what to expect.
As each volunteer contributes to the group by telling their own stories and sharing their own insecurities during the divorce process the women who need the support relax - they are among friends.

As each week goes by the women realize that they have an inner strength that will allow them to do more for themselves and be more for their children.
They see themselves in the peer counselors knowing that we have already walked in their shoes and have not only survived but have thrived.

By the last meeting, the women are confident that they can build a better future for themselves and their children. The children benefit by having a Mom whose fears have been replaced with hope making life less stressful for their children. It's amazing what a little bit of confidence can do to a person. It's rewarding for me to share my story with someone who is living some version of my story - and we both benefit from the connection.

Over time, I see the same faces as women who originally came to the group desperate for help are now the peer counselors who are helping other women get their lives back.

How many organizations do you know where the people who paid for counseling (in a sliding scale) come back later to the same place and then volunteer their time for free?

I don't know of any place like that but then most places don't foster a family environment among their clients and counselors.

NFRC is the oxygen mask that helps save not only the parent wearing the mask but the children around them.

NFRC gets the same wonderful results with their children/teen peer counselor program and the Parent/Children Panel.

The work NFRC does is unique in the following ways:

Sayers, Margery

From: Barb Krupiarz <barbkrap@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 9:37 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Addendum to my budget testimony

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Council members,

My operating budget testimony included the ramifications of the devastating \$13M cut to special education in the County Executive's budget.

Here is a video of a subset of the Board of Education's work session related to special education funding. Please see what the Chief Academic Officer had to say.

<https://youtu.be/0ulA7e3QUtc>

Thank you.

Barb Krupiarz

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Regards,

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Sayers, Margery

From: Marilyn Knight-Griffin <marilynrehomes@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fwd: Now is NOT the Time for a Tax Increase! Say NO to CRs 84 and 85

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-----Original Message-----

From: Marilyn Knight-Griffin <marilynrehomes@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 11:33 AM
To: Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Now is Not the Time for a Tax Increase! Say No to CRs 84 and 85

Dear Councilmember Yungmann,

When governments at every level are seeking ways to provide tax relief and income assistance to their residents because of the pandemic, it troubled me to see Howard County considering not one but two tax increases on real estate transactions.

Had our real estate taxes been lower than our neighbors, I could understand the need to revisit them. But that is not the case. Our buyers and sellers have been paying their fair share all along. Howard's transfer and recordation taxes already provide more revenue per transaction than any other county or city in the state except for Montgomery County. If we approve these two increases, we will pay the most in Maryland: over \$11,000 for the typical home sale.

Right now, I cannot imagine how these individuals can absorb any tax increase. Howard County residents have complied with emergency orders to stay at home and restrict unnecessary travel. For many potential home buyers and sellers, this resulted in delaying their plans to move this Spring.

As we begin to reopen our economy, these buyers and sellers will venture back into the real estate market only to be faced with two tax increases. It is possible they will find that the home they could afford to purchase just a few weeks ago is no longer an option for them. At a minimum, they will need to find additional funds to close on their transaction. More likely, they will face higher monthly mortgage payments or need to scale back their purchase price.

This is an unfair burden for our pending buyers and sellers, who have already had their transactions upended by circumstances beyond their control. We should be promoting home sales as a means of economic recovery - not suppressing them by imposing two tax increases on an already expensive process.

Let's give Howard's buyers and sellers a much-deserved break. Please vote no on CRs 84 and 85.

Sincerely,

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Sayers, Margery

From: Alison Hickman <alisonhickman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 12:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear County Council,

I am extremely disappointed to read that the County is considering holding off on the Cultural Center project. I am a resident of Hickory Ridge, and a former Toby's employee (if you had an ice cream sundae in 1994-1996 I may have served it to you :-)) and know how important this project is to both the fabric of downtown AND our affordable housing supply.

While I'm partial to this project based on my role as a local consumer in downtown, I'll try to target my feedback in a few fact-based areas that I think will be more helpful to rational decision-making rather than relying on an emotional letter - emotions are important but they don't provide a good framework for making decisions and I respect that you are balancing a number of stakeholder and County fiscal priorities.

Jobs: In addition to the much-needed creation of affordable housing, the construction and creating of affordable housing projects generates many jobs and opportunities for our local economy. Housing construction has been a major contributor to job creation in the State. Multifamily housing development creates top quality permanent jobs that are critical in stimulating the economy- an important consideration as we look to **pivot** past the pandemic.

While it is not a source in this transaction, the statewide Rental Housing Works program (it is only gap financing for 4% LIHTC deals) is heavily premised on the notion that Rental Housing development creates jobs - hence the name "Rental Housing **Works**". Many of the principles that result in consistent broad bipartisan support of the Rental Housing Works program might be useful as you evaluate a path forward. Every application for Rental Housing Works funding notably includes a full-time jobs calculator to demonstrate how many jobs the development is creating. This development would create a substantial amount of jobs as it is the same type of multi-family development. More detail from the MD Affordable Housing Coalition here: <https://www.mdahc.org/Rental-Housing-Works>

Leverage: I am knowledgeable about the low-income housing credit, though I have had no involvement in this particular project, so I will speak broadly since I am not intimately familiar with the particular numbers and am writing this letter to get to you quickly. Any dollars committed by Howard County to housing credit properties will leverage additional public and private investments. It's especially significant that "9%" funds are included here - with the so-called "4%" rate at a current rate of 3.08% - nearly three times as many low-income housing tax credit equity dollars from private investors would be included in this transaction.

Previously Committed Competitive Funds At Risk: It is my understanding that this project received a "9%" LIHTC allocation which is no small feat - the demand for 9% LIHTC significantly outpaces supply, and if this project misses its window, there is no guarantee it can have another bite at the apple if an additional competitive process and all the attendant costs associated with that are required.

I will close here as I have a full calendar today and two small children seeking to jump on as many appointments as possible! I hope this information is helpful to you and I am hopeful that you will reconsider the critical need of affordable housing, and the larger economic role the NCC can play as our community looks to pivot to the next step.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Best,

Sayers, Margery

From: Shahriar Etemadi <etemadi.sts@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 12:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Budget Cut

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Council members,

I am writing you to object to budget cuts for the New Cultural Center for downtown Columbia. As I understand it overwhelming majority of Council members' Yungmann, Walsh and Jung's recommended capital reduction is for cutting funds for the Cultural Center. I hope you will reconsider this budget cut

Sincerely;

Shahriar Etemadi

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From: Sheryl Hurtt <thurtt1625@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:15 PM
To: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Subject: County council funding for NFRC

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I am requesting that the original amount of funding to the National Family Resilience Center in Columbia Maryland, be restored. This full \$28,000 of original funding is less the 1 % of the entire amount of money the Council has to award for the County. This organization, with a very small amount of resources, serves an incredible amount of assistance to a diverse group of recipients. This includes clients of all ages, with diverse cultural, religious, gender and economic circumstances

Having used their services myself, over twenty years ago, when I was going through divorce and the prospect of being able to get my kids through college and launched into their adult lives, by myself, I speak as both a client and life long volunteer of this non-profit. Please do not prevent so many future clients from receiving assistance from this worthwhile organization.

With concern and optimism,
Toby Hurtt

Sayers, Margery

From: Kathy Harris <Kathy@Harris.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Cultural Center...

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The New Cultural Center and its related mixed income housing project (that includes crucial affordable units) must proceed on schedule with capital funding in the county this coming year. Please give this your fullest consideration.

Kathy Harris
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Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Gary Carter <gary@adaptiveliving.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

I am writing this email in support of the Howard County Housing Affordability Coalition's letter to the council dated May 15, 2020.

As a provider of services to low income developmentally disabled adults in Howard County I understand the critical need the

county has for affordable housing. It is my understanding that the New Cultural Center funding, while not providing the

needed housing, is part of the project and has state commitments for its development. I would urge the council to ensure that

no monies will be lost from the state or other sources by delaying this project.

Sincerely,

Gary Carter

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Sayers, Margery

From: Annette Deming <annettevdeming@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:25 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Action - Alert New Cultural Center

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The New Cultural Center for downtown is potentially on the list of proposed funding cuts. Besides all of the qualitative reasons I disagree with this, I think there is an economic argument as well.

While we are in a pandemic unprecedented funding crisis, I do find this source of savings a curious one as it targets a project that has previously received a significant competitive allocation of federal funding and leverages substantial additional dollars.

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/howard/cng-ho-council-funding-cuts-20200521-ejfd3astxzfwblqlqj7d37njqu-story.html>

Respectfully,

/s/

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Sayers, Margery

From: Meredith Barclay <meredithpbarclay@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Cultural Center

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the plan to cut the construction of Columbia's Cultural Arts Center. I believe this project would be extremely beneficial and a value add to the Columbia/Howard County community. Columbia has been through numerous changes throughout the last few years and the look and feel of the community has been changing for the better. I'd like to keep the momentum going and improve an area in which could be a wonderful innovative space for our creative, artistic and diverse community.

Certainly today we are living in unprecedented times which has impacted the communities sense of unity and togetherness. Let's be ready with a gift to our community when we come out of this.

Please continue to more forward with the construction of our Cultural Arts Center!

Sincerely,
Meredith Barclay (a Columbia native and a current 21104 resident)
443-857-8180

Sayers, Margery

From: Kenneth Walsh <kenwalsh@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Downtown Columbia New Cultural Center

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Howard County won funding for the Downtown Columbia New Cultural Center from the state and federal entities in a competitive process that is contingent upon the County paying its share.

I know we need to make budget cuts but I question cutting county funding for this project which has such a multiplier effect.

Kenneth Walsh
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District 4, Howard County

Sayers, Margery

From: fortylove2@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Jung, Deb
Cc: CouncilMail; cball@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: A Urgent Request to Reinstate Funding for the National Family Resiliency Center

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Councilwoman Jung,

I am once again reaching out to you in a final effort to ask for your support and of those on the County Council to re-instate **the \$14,280 proposed cut** to the National Family Resiliency Center's CSP grant. In reviewing the proposed budget, **our funding is less than 1% of ALL funding to CSP recipients.**

I know there are some other agencies in Howard County that provide mediation and counseling for various situations, however, **we are unique in being the only center that specializes in working with families in transition** (separating, divorcing, never married, blended) by providing individual, couple, family group, separation counseling, and co-parent counseling. **We are different than other agencies in the county** because **we customize our approach to family transitions**, based on what each family needs....working with one person in a family or the entire family. **We also focus on the children and teens**, providing individual and group therapy specifically related to the changes and conflict they are experiencing as a result of their parents' transition. **Some of these same children, 'pay it forward' by volunteering**, under our supervision, to become peer counselors for other children and teens going through the grief of their transition. **Most importantly, we actually teach parents how to co-parent and how to develop their child-focused parent plan**, based on their child's developmental needs. **We 'walk them through' a working parent plan** which helps them understand why they are making decisions about how they will parent together and separately, now and in the future....such a gift for their children.

As an educator, counselor and the former Director for Student Services for both the Prince Georges County and the Howard County Public School Systems, I have seen first hand the impact of a divided family on children and teens....increased risky behaviors, academic and school behavioral problems, poor attendance, mental health issues, and dropping out of school. This is why, in my retirement, I chose to work with the National Family Resiliency Center to support our children and to teach parents how to continue parenting even though their relationship with their child's other parent, was ending.

There is a critical need for our services and we are uniquely staffed to provide these services. I am hoping that you and the Council members would please reconsider this cut, and fully funding our Center so that we can continue the level of services that are so important to the children and families of Howard County.

Sincerely and with much gratitude,

Pamela Blackwell, M.Ed., LCPC
Parent Education Coordinator, NFRC

Sayers, Margery

From: Ian Gervasi <iangervasi@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:03 PM
To: CouncilMail

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Hi- I just read an article that there was a proposal to remove financing for the New Cultural Center. Please don't remove or reduce funding for this project, I think the project is very important and I support it wholeheartedly

Thank you!

Ian Gervasi
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Sayers, Margery

From: susankdefibaugh <susankdefibaugh@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Cuts

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Howard County Council Members,

How can you cut affordable housing in Downtown Columbia? That is NOT Rouse's vision. And why would you cut flood mitigation for OEC? Especially after the national televised spotlight on them to rejuvenate their businesses after the floods.

What is the tradeoff? Who are you really benefitting with these cuts?

I support affordable housing in Downtown Columbia and flood mitigation for OEC....and I support those who also support these efforts.

Thank you,

Susan Defibaugh
Columbia Homeowner since 1998

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Sayers, Margery

From: Chris Roscoe <mrcrisper@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center

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Dear Councilors,

I was dismayed to hear that Council is considering cutting the new cultural center from downtown Columbia. This project was awarded competitively and is important to the future development of our city.

Please do not cut this important project - I support it.

Sincerely,
Christopher Roscoe
6453 Red Keel
Columbia, MD 21044

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Chris Roscoe

Sayers, Margery

From: Jennifer Lippy <jennifermlippy@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support Columbia downtown reno

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Hello -

I have recently heard that the downtown Columbia renovation, including the Tobys renovation "Artist Flats", is being considered for cancellation. I do NOT support this! As a Columbia resident, I fully support moving ahead with this planned work.

Thanks
Jennifer Lippy

Sayers, Margery

From: Jen Nwosu <jen.nwosu@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:33 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New cultural center

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Please don't cut this important project- I support it.

Jen Nwosu
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Sayers, Margery

From: Diana Forbus <dsforbus@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:32 PM
To: CouncilMail

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Members of the Howard County Council:

As a near life-long resident of Howard County (and D4, specifically) I was disheartened to learn of the proposed amendments to the County Executive's budget. I recognize that we are in the midst of a pandemic, and that all aspects of our budget must be analyzed moving forward, but I stand in firm opposition to anything that cuts affordable housing, flood mitigation in OEC and, in particular, funding for the planned cultural center.

I spent the first decade of my professional career working in the arts, seven of those years as part of the Columbia Festival of the Arts. I can tell you from personal experience that the arts are what helps communities to thrive. If you look at to what we as a country are turning to in these trying times, it's the arts and entertainment. The arts bring a unique vitality to Howard County. We have a lot on offer, but we are lagging behind other similar sized communities in many ways, and the lack of a true performing arts center is one.

Not only that, but the arts are good for business. I would highly encourage you to review the published findings from Americans for the Arts (for both the [State of Maryland](#) and the [Greater Washington, D.C.](#) area) show that arts organizations contribute jobs and revenue for state and local governments. I know it seems like a delay of a year won't make much of a difference, but it will to the builders who are creating jobs by building this center and to the artists who are looking for a place to perform. So much of our spending in the arts is leaving the county and going to Montgomery County, DC, or Baltimore. I would hope that we could do all we can to keep that money (and it can end up being millions of dollars!) in the county.

Growing up in Howard County, we were very much a bedroom community - our parents worked in DC or Baltimore, with very few people working within the county. As the county has begun to grow and evolve, businesses based in the county are growing. When I last looked at the data (admittedly about 5 years ago) our county had roughly a third of the workforce commuting to Baltimore, a third to DC, and a third staying here within the county.

I've not seen the data on how many people commute into the county for work, but I would wager that many important jobs in Howard County are filled by individuals who are 1) underpaid for their vital work and/or 2) cannot afford to live in the county. For this community to thrive, we need more affordable housing. Many of my childhood, when looking to find a place to live after college or graduate school wanted to make their home in Howard County, but had to choose elsewhere due to the lack of affordable housing.

Now is the time to be creative, and I do not believe that these proposed budget amendments will do the trick.

With best wishes for your continued health and well-being.

Diana Forbus
Columbia, 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Becky Reese <in4mbecky@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:37 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Prioritize Affordable Housing

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Howard County Council,

Please find a way to support the expansion of affordable housing in Howard County – Now!! I support the argument presented by the Howard County Housing Affordable Housing Coalition. I fully realize that the money has to come from somewhere, but this is a priority that is central to the foundational principles on which Columbia was developed. Without close, intentional management, the needs of marginalized people and especially those with less robust economic means are disproportionately overlooked. This MUST be a priority.

With appreciation for the challenges of your work,
Rebecca Reese
Fulton, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: HARRY SCHWARZ <Harry@hocomd.cc>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Jung, Deb
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: The New Cultural Center

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Deb,

I do not support your initiative to pare the County Executive's budget proposal by delaying the funding for the New Cultural Center. As you know, this development has been in the planning stages now for several years and includes long-promised affordable housing for downtown Columbia. Furthermore, I believe this investment in arts and culture will be a significant boost to our economy and enhance our quality of life. I am concerned, therefore that further delay of this project could jeopardize implementation of the plans. County Executive Ball's proposal for a change in the recordation tax seems to me an acceptable solution to the budget shortfall. I urge you to reconsider your opposition to the project and vote to authorize the funding at this critical juncture.

Thank you for your leadership, and for considering my appeal.

{8-) Harry

Harry Schwarz
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Sayers, Margery

From: Jessica Mahajan <jessica.mahajan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Affordable Housing is Needed

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Dear County Council Members,

Please save the affordable housing proposed for Downtown. Affordable housing needs continue to increase and the federal investment is there to support this plan. If we turn down this money now, will we be denied future funds? Our county needs to have more options for our working class families, and the few units in Oakland Mills and other spots cannot meet the needs.

Jessica Mahajan
District 2

Sayers, Margery

From: Carolyn Lunking <cgrodt@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendments for cuts

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Dear council members,

I am concerned that cutting development in downtown Columbia will scuttle the 400 units of affordable housing. We should not be a NIMBY county that keeps out low income residents. I understand we have access to federal investment for this that would not be available in the future.

I also understand there are cuts to flood mitigation on the Tiber River. I don't think Howard county residents want that cut. Please don't cut these important projects.

Carolyn Lunking
6225 Tamar Drive, Columbia
District 2



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(my blog and website)

Sayers, Margery

From: HARRY SCHWARZ <Harry@hocomd.cc>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Jung, Deb
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: Streets for All

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PS: This is just bad legislation. Please reconsider. I fully appreciate the interest in being frugal during these dangerous times. But these investments in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure are necessary improvements that must not be delayed. I am astonished that you consider this a low priority. Already our development of complete streets is far behind neighboring jurisdictions; we can't afford to fall further behind.

{8-} Harry

Harry Schwarz
410-730-4767



www.HoCoMD.cc
(my blog and website)

From: HARRY SCHWARZ [mailto:Harry@hocomd.cc]
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:10 PM
To: 'djung@howardcountymd.gov' <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: 'councilmail@howardcountymd.gov' <councilmail@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: The New Cultural Center

Dear Deb,

I do not support your initiative to pare the County Executive's budget proposal by delaying the funding for the New Cultural Center. As you know, this development has been in the planning stages now for several years and includes long-promised affordable housing for downtown Columbia. Furthermore, I believe this investment in arts and culture will be a significant boost to our economy and enhance our quality of life. I am concerned, therefore that further delay of this project could jeopardize implementation of the plans. County Executive Ball's proposal for a change in the recordation tax seems to me an acceptable solution to the budget shortfall. I urge you to reconsider your opposition to the project and vote to authorize the funding at this critical juncture.

Thank you for your leadership, and for considering my appeal.

{8-} Harry

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May 21, 2020

To: County Council
Re: New Cultural Center Support, FY 21

We remind you that the County committed in 2016 to a Downtown Development Plan that included 900 units of affordable housing over time. In a time of unprecedented crisis, may we in Howard County fully notice exactly WHO is most impacted by COVID 19 pressures, and WHAT they actually need, now and in future years.

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In a period when multiple inequities create systems gaps across Howard County, we ask you not make moves that take us from bad to worse. Low-income families and low-wage workers are already squeezed into fewer and fewer options, if they can even reside in Howard. It is simply short-sighted to eliminate one of the very few developments pending with affordable units.

We support the budget amendment proposed by CM Rigby, which lessens the blow to a cut of \$7 million. While this is also far from ideal given the severe shortage of housing, it is less draconian.

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PATH Co-Chairs

Rev. Tyrone P. Jones
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Via Rev. Louise Green, Lead Organizer

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Columbia, MD 21045

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From: Louise G <lgpathiaf@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 5:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support NCC funding for affordable housing
Attachments: NCCsupportMay21.docx

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Hello Council Members,

We appreciate that the County has a budget process unlike any other, amidst many competing needs. Our aim in PATH is to keep in mind, heart, and budget, those who need the greatest support in unprecedented times.

Please see the attached letter stating PATH support for NCC funding in FY 21, including 87 units of affordable housing. This is for your work session tomorrow. We urge you not to eliminate all funding, and remember who is impacted most in this COVID 19 pandemic.

This housing was needed yesterday. And today. And will be more than ever in the future.

We endorse the amendment by CM Rigby that proposes a \$7 million cut instead of complete elimination.

We ask that you read this statement, and carefully consider that this time of economic strain does not impact all equally.

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Sayers, Margery

From: Matthew Porter <matthewporter27@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 5:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Disappointed in proposed cuts

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Dear Council:

We were very disappointed to hear about the proposed cuts referenced in this article: <https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/howard/cng-ho-council-funding-cuts-20200521-ejfd3astxzfwbqlqj7d37niqu-story.html>

Dialing back development during this time is shortsighted. We don't agree with that austerity-first approach.

Matthew and Sylvie Porter
[6445 Cardinal Lane](#)
[Columbia, MD 21044](#)
[443-538-2179](#)

- Sent from my mobile

Sayers, Margery

From: Kathleen.sheedy <Kathleen.sheedy@protonmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 5:30 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Budget amendment to defund the new cultural center

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Dear Council Members,

Please reconsider the budget amendment to defund the new cultural center planned for downtown Columbia.

This project -

- provides affordable housing in a time of tremendous local and national shortage;
- does so in a way that leverages competitive previously allocated and committed funds
- will create substantial high-paying employment opportunities through the construction and ongoing management of this property.
- will continue to make downtown a showcase area that we can all enjoy.

Jobs: In addition to the much-needed creation of affordable housing, the construction and creating of affordable housing projects generates many jobs and opportunities for our local economy. Housing construction has been a major contributor to job creation in the State. Multifamily housing development creates top quality permanent jobs that are critical in stimulating the economy- an important consideration as we look to pivot past the pandemic. While it is not a source in this transaction, the statewide Rental Housing Works program (it is only gap financing for 4% LIHTC deals) is heavily premised on the notion that Rental Housing development creates jobs - hence the name "Rental Housing Works" Many of the principles that result in consistent broad bipartisan support of the Rental Housing Works program might be useful as you evaluate a path forward. Every application for Rental Housing Works funding notably includes a full-time jobs calculator to demonstrate how many jobs the development is creating. This development would create a substantial amount of jobs as it is the same type of multi-family development. More detail from the MD Affordable Housing Coalition here: <https://www.mdahc.org/Rental-Housing-Works>

Leverage: Any dollars committed by Howard County to housing credit properties will leverage additional public and private investments. It's especially significant that "9%" funds are included here - with the so-called "4%" rate at a current rate of 3.08% - nearly three times as many low-income housing tax credit equity dollars from private investors would be included in this transaction - as a County we are eliminating our ability to receive and have our local economy benefit from these funds.

Previously Committed Competitive Funds At Risk: It is my understanding that this project received a "9%" LIHTC allocation which is no small feat - the demand for 9% LIHTC significantly outpaces supply, and if this project misses its window, there is no guarantee it can receive the allocation again if an additional competitive process and all the attendant costs associated with that are required.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kathleen Sheedy

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Sayers, Margery

From: Brian Reed <reedb@umbc.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 5:50 PM
To: CouncilMail

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why is it that only government grows during bad economic times?
live in the reality@!!!

Sayers, Margery

From: sheridan phillips <sheridanphillips@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 7:25 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Budget

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I agree with budget revisions this year. Given our financial crisis, we don't need new taxes, and we should prioritize schools, police, and fire services. Keep better walking/bike paths and a new cultural center for better times

Sheridan Phillips
Clarksville

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Sayers, Margery

From: Audrey Marsh <audreymarsh74@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 8:11 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Cultural Center for Downtown Columbia

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So much of the heart of Columbia has been lost to Downtown Development. The Cultural Center and proposed subsidized housing is one thing that takes us back to our roots, our history of being a caring community that embraces all economic levels. I still believe Rouse's Dream, and hate to consider a Columbia without that heart. As a Business man who understood philanthropy and the common good, he knew how to model wealth with compassion and justice.

Therefore, I am asking you to keep this in what I know is a very difficult budget year. But it is worth the sacrifice.

Audrey Marsh

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 9:41 PM
To: kozlo.al@gmail.com
Subject: Council - NCC Support

First Name: Angie
Last Name: Kozlowski
Email: kozlo.al@gmail.com
Street Address: 7805 Limestone Court
City: Ellicott City
Subject: NCC Support

Message: Council members: Please vote in favor of the New Cultural Center project funding, as it linked to the development of much needed mixed-income housing. The loss of already secured state funding for this housing would set back county efforts to make this housing available at a time of unprecedented economic uncertainty. There is certainty, however, that low and moderate-income renters and buyers will need housing now more than ever. While we will need to rewrite the playbook on many fronts as we move into our post pandemic future, increasing the number of affordable housing units should rank among our top priorities.

“Just when the caterpillar thought her life was over, she became a butterfly”

Sayers, Margery

From: Katja Fort Rhoden <katjafort@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 9:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please do not vote for the proposed budget cuts.

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Dear Deb Jung and Liz Walsh,

I have sincerest respect for the work you do on the Council.

Ms. Jung is my representative; however, I am writing to both of you to request that you do not vote to support the proposed budget cuts.

I am strongly opposed to these proposed cuts, two of the proposed cuts are of personal interest to me.

I personally benefit from a Howard County affordable housing program. I am passionately opposed to any cuts that will negatively impact the much-needed affordable housing to downtown Columbia therefore, I support the Multi-Purpose Arts Center. I support the Multi-Purpose Arts Center for many reasons including it being a significant economic driver and social hub for the County.

As a person with an invisible disability there have been times when I needed a wheelchair or scooter. I know what it is like to dangerously go down a curb or be in the street next to speeding cars because there is not an ADA cutout. Or to travel an entire block or two to find a safe ADA ramp so you can cross a single street. I have friends that have fallen over because of sidewalk conditions. While on my mobility scooter, I have almost fallen into passing traffic on Rt. 216 because of poor sidewalk conditions. Sidewalk safety and accessibility impacts us all, children walking to school, parents with a child in a stroller, cyclists, walkers, runners, and most importantly people with mobility issue.

This is not the time to shrink but to rise to meet the challenges of the day. I understand that the budget needs trimming but do not stagnate our future, risk our safety, or take resources away from the most needy or vulnerable populations.

I support the proposed progressive reform to our county's recordation fees proposed by Council Members Jones and Mercer Rigby.

In community,
Katja

Katja Fort Rhoden
INOVA Double Lung Transplant Recipient 
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<https://www.organdonor.gov>

Sayers, Margery

From: Stephanie Mummert <skmummert@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 10:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Thank you and consider adjustments to K5035 in Amdt 12

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Thank you Councilmembers Jung, Yungmann and Walsh,

I have read some of the reaction to your proposed amendments. I haven't had time to read every line item of your amendments versus the budgets but I know the amendments make cuts to some capital projects and to some portions of the operating budget.

Please stay strong and hold tight to your convictions. Particularly when it comes to the delay to the cultural center. I applaud your bi-partisan agreement. I thank you for doing what you see as the right thing, even if it's unpopular. It shouldn't be surprising when a political body finds common ground but it is a very good thing when it happens.

If I can make one small request, I ask you to take another look at your change to K5035 in Amendment 12. Even partial funding to continue the next steps of the pending sidewalk projects would be helpful. I ask this because I know these projects work. Our school, Hammond ES (MS is on the same site) on Aladdin Dr, benefited from prior years of this project. I know from parents of older students and former PTA members how the extended sidewalks have improved safety for students. The sidewalks also improve safety for the nearby community. When events occur at school parents park on nearby streets. The sidewalks provide an improvement over streets in the neighborhood that lack sidewalks. More sidewalks for more school sites can always improve pedestrian safety.

Even if you ultimately choose to compromise or amend your amendments, I genuinely appreciate the care you have taken with creating the budget. Cuts now are painful but a wise course of action when our financial future is so uncertain.

Thank you,
Stephanie Mummert
District 3

Sayers, Margery

From: Kapil sharma <kapiluab@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 7:48 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Oppose Recordation Tax

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Hello - I categorically oppose the significant increase in Recordation taxes. This will increase the house/commercial real estate prices in already very expensive real estate market. Why don't you try to attract more businesses to raise the revenue. Increasing this tax is not a solution. This is a temporary fix.

Thanks,
Kapil

Sayers, Margery

From: bombick@verizon.net
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 8:58 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Budget Amendments

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Dear County Council,

I would like to offer support for your careful review of capital spending in Howard County and look forward to more transparency and public input regarding proposed capital projects in the future. I became aware of several major projects only when I reviewed the CE's budget this spring. While they may have been "in the works" for a long time, they have not been a part of an on-going public conversation.

As a point of contrast, HCPSS is required to present and justify their capital projects to the State of Maryland, the County Council, the BOE, and the public in order to receive funding. I have listened to the BOE question HCPSS over the costs and savings of various flooring options. Capital projects are reviewed for months (and years) and updates are ongoing. While this can be frustrating, it is definitely a great model of open government. In contrast, I am not as clear on the vetting process for other projects in the county. It is difficult to find floor plans or review meetings where plans are presented.

I would love to see population and fiscal analyses that have been done in preparation for large capital projects. Every square foot of projects should be justifiable. For example, if the NCC is to be profitable, where are the documents regarding the revenue from similar local and regional projects (such as Robinson Nature Center or Glen Echo)? How much of this income is from school groups (versus other citizens, in case school field trips are curtailed in the near future)? How does this project compare to other local theaters (such as Olney Theater)? Where is the documentation of population, attendance, other/similar facilities, and justification of square footage? It may well be there, but it is not easy to locate, especially if the original plans were presented years ago.

For other facilities, such as libraries, parks, 50+ centers, etc., how many open spaces, pickle ball courts, or fields are necessary? How many presentation spaces, classrooms, fitness rooms, and offices? Based on what data? How does this compare to other county facilities? Are all similar facilities being used to full capacity? To what extent and why or why not? The scale of projects should be clearly justified and contextualized for you and for the citizens of Howard County. It should meet the needs of the community, not try to "one up" previous projects.

It is my understanding that high density, affordable housing in downtown Columbia is an attempt to rectify the failures of developers to incorporate such housing in their original building plans and the county's policy of accepting fees in lieu. In an effort to correct these shortcomings, it is important that Howard County not be rushed into additional projects that require significant, long-term financial commitment. Just this week you discussed a golf course fund needed because golf was a popular sport 20 years ago but is less popular now. There was discussion of what to do with unused space in Long Reach Village Center. What was once a "sure thing" becomes an expensive budget item that the county must maintain.

Unfortunately, we are still paying for the decisions of the past. Please keep this in mind as you review capital projects. We must moderate enthusiasm with practicality this year. Is the scale of the project justifiable and sustainable? What data supports this view?

Thank you for your thoughtful analysis during this difficult time. I look forward to next year when we have a clearer, and hopefully more positive, outlook on Howard County's financial future.

Sincerely,
Cate Bombick

Allison Korn
Fran LoPresti
Henrietta Milward
Pearl Atkinson Stewart
Nelson Pollack
Claire Femiano

Sayers, Margery

From: Claire Femiano <cfemiano@fastmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 9:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: henrietta.milward@gmail.com; Allison Korn; pastewart4@gmail.com; npollack@comcast.net; fflopresti@gmail.com; Claire
Subject: From the Steering Comm for new East Columbia 50+ Center

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Council Members,

We are the Steering Committee for the East Columbia 50+ Center Advocacy Group representing over 200 Howard County seniors living in all 5 districts of Howard County. We urge you to reconsider the drastic funding cuts for the new East Columbia 50+ Center outlined in your budget amendment for the following reasons:

1. The nearly 28% reduction will effectively halt construction indefinitely. Delay in building the center will wind up costing Howard County MORE money as construction costs rise each year (the 2 year building delay in 2019 already resulted in a \$4 million increase in costs).
2. The 28% cut in funding is disproportionally severe compared to the cuts in other capital projects. We question why we, as a group of seniors, are being unfairly targeted. We are the fastest growing group of citizens, we pay lots of taxes yet we ask very little of our government. This does not seem equitable.
3. The senior center is NOT an unnecessary or unproven project. Given the demographics of the area (heavily populated) and the needs of many of the users (low income) it is a vital part of the community. We could provide a long list of the services and activities that happen at our center but it includes providing reduced senior lunches, free tax prep, dental clinic for the needy, medical and nutritional counseling, distribution of snacks to school aged children etc. We cannot provide services and respite for memory challenged seniors like other centers which is another reason why we desperately need a new center.
4. The coronavirus crisis will put a heavy burden on our already tiny center. We do not see how we can effectively set up activities that meet the criteria for safe, social distancing in our cramped corridor nor is there room to spread out (only 3 rooms to the center). The center will be shut down; people in East Columbia will have no senior center at all for an indefinite time. If ever there was a reason to begin building a decent sized center now, it is that alone. We feel that it is wrong to expect a community to function without a senior center capable of handling a crisis that may well occur again.

Howard County prides itself on being a vibrant, enriching place to live. This must be true for all its citizens, not just the young, the privileged and well connected. And you, as elected officials have been entrusted to work together to see that happens for all of us. Thank you.

The Steering Committee for the East Columbia 50+ Advocacy Group

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From: John DeZinno <jdezinno@howardbank.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 9:57 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center

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I am writing to you as both a lifelong advocate of affordable housing and as a member of the local business community. You have an opportunity to support both constituencies with a YES VOTE for Artists Flats and funding of the New Cultural Center (NCC) in Downtown. YOUR vote YES is essential to ensure that the first affordable housing community in downtown – Artists Flats -- will happen. Downtown Columbia desperately needs affordable housing in order to sustain the workers who earn their keep in that locale. We hire those workers who have told us repeatedly that they would like to live closer to their work. Barring affordable options such as Artists Flats, they have to commute from more affordable areas, dare I say, outside of Howard County, which both damages the environment and forces them to spend their earnings elsewhere thereby causing the County a loss of additional revenue it so dearly needs at present. The time is NOW to show that you care about a diverse and inclusive downtown. We NEED you to stand up and be counted – VOTE YES for NCC – Failure to do so risks the entire downtown Columbia affordable housing plan. Please be a leader for affordable and inclusive housing in downtown. We cannot risk the loss of close to \$62MM in state funding for affordable housing. A no vote likely kills the current affordable development and more importantly kills state funding for future developments, which will include over 400 much needed affordable rental units. PLEASE stand up and support AFFORDABLE housing development in downtown Columbia!!!

Thanks in advance for your support.

John



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Dear Howard County Council Members,

The Columbia Town Center Village Board is strongly supportive of the mixed-income housing component of the Cultural Center, which will be adding 174 new apartments, half of which will be affordable. This type of development represents the diversity and inclusion that we believe makes Columbia one of the best places to live in the Country. The additional population in the downtown will add to the vibrancy of the neighborhood, helping to create the activity throughout the day that makes neighborhoods thrive.

Sincerely,

Lynn Foehrkolb

Lynn Foehrkolb
Village Board Chair
Town Center Community Association

Sayers, Margery

From: Jeryl Baker <villagemanager@columbiatowncenter.org>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 9:58 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fwd: Letter in Support of Affordable Housing in the Cultural Center
Attachments: Cultural Center Letter to Council 2-18-20.docx

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Please see attached letter from the Town Center Board of Directors, they have asked me to resend to insure that you know how important this is to us. Thank you.

Jeryl Baker

Village Manager, Executive Director

Town Center Community Association

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fastest growing segment of the population, we pay taxes yet we ask very little from our government. How is this equitable and fiscally fair?

Please reconsider this drastic reduction and restore full funding to the East Columbia 50+ Center. If Howard County is to remain a vibrant, wonderful place to live, it must provide for all its residents.

Certainly we seniors are not getting any younger.

Sayers, Margery

From: Doris Rausch <darcyrau@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 10:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: alisonkorn@comcast.net
Subject: East Columbia 50+ Center

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Dear Council Members,

This project has been needed for some time. It is unfair to delay it any longer.

Doris Rausch
6508 Golden Spring Lane
Colubmia 21044

I urge you to reconsider the budget cuts outlined in the budget amendment that you will vote on Wednesday, May 27, specifically the drastic reduction in the funding for construction of the new East Columbia 50+ Center. While I recognize that these are difficult times requiring difficult solutions, it is unwise and unwarranted to cut the Center funding now for the following reasons:

1. The construction on the East Columbia 50+ Center was set to begin this summer (2020). Reduced funding means that the Center cannot be built now causing a delay for the project of at least a year, perhaps longer. Delaying the project will increase the overall costs of construction. It has already been delayed resulting in a construction cost increase of \$4 million. In fact, seniors have been waiting over 6 years for that center to be built. Isn't that long enough?
2. The planned 50+ Center is not "an unnecessary or unvetted project."
The East Columbia 50+ Center is a necessity which will provide much needed services to underserved seniors and the heavily populated community at large. Among other services, plans for the new center would include services for memory-challenged seniors in our community (there are currently no such services in this part of the County).
3. A 28% reduction in this project funding represented one of the most severe cuts compared to other projects. Why are seniors being targeted for disproportional sacrifice? We are the

Sayers, Margery

From: Clemons, Lori <lclemons@hrehllc.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 10:27 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: VOTE YES on funding for the new cultural center

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Please VOTE YES for funding the New Cultural Center (NCC) in Downtown.

YOUR vote YES is essential to ensure that the first affordable housing community in downtown – Artists Flats -- will happen. Downtown Columbia is in YOUR district and you say you support affordable housing. T

The time is NOW to show that you care about a diverse inclusive downtown. We NEED you to stand up and be counted –

VOTE YES for NCC – We want to adhere to the downtown Columbia affordable housing plan. J

JOIN US and lead the charge for affordable and inclusive housing in downtown Columbia.

PLEASE stand up and support AFFORDABLE housing!

Lori Clemons, SHRM-SCP, SPHR
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To: CouncilMail
Subject: Cultural center

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I would like to request the council reconsider canceling the cultural center project. Affordable housing is important to any diverse and vibrant community.

Thank you,
Stephanie Meza
Hickory ridge

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Sayers, Margery

From: Mary Garratt <garrattmaryk@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 10:29 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: allisonkorn@comcast.net
Subject: Please reconsider

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Dear Council Members

I was disheartened to hear that plans for our long awaited East Columbia 50+ Center are again being threatened. It's a difficult time for the budget, I understand. But a substantial cut to our funding will again delay building, and, in the long run, it will cost the county more.

Seniors should not be the group that takes such a big cut of funding. We pay taxes and we vote. I am counting on you to rethink and reverse course on this infortunate and unfair proposal. We have been at the end of the line for too long already.

Mary Garratt, Howard County resident of 40 years
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21784
Garrattmaryk@aol.com

Sent from my iPhone

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Mary Ka Kanahan, Pastor
Saint John United Church
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In solidarity with our global family during this public health crisis, SJU is honoring the CDC physical distancing recommendations. Our offices are closed. We are working from home and meeting, studying, praying and worshipping online. We look forward to the time we can gather and celebrate God's goodness and grace, face-to-face! Be well.

Sayers, Margery

From: Mary Ka Kanahan <pastorkanahansju@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 10:29 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support FOR funding the NCC and affordable housing

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Good morning, Councilmembers,

I'm Mary Ka Kanahan, a 38 year resident of Howard County, a 25 year resident in District 5, and a pastor for 7 years in District 4 serving the greater Wilde Lake community from the Interfaith Center there. I am also a Co-chair of PATH, People Acting Together in Howard from whom you have received a written statement and a member of the board of the Columbia Downtown Housing Commission.

I am writing to put forth my voice in support of funding the NCC to include affordable housing. I'm speaking for the many people, represented in the congregation and community I serve, who suffer inequity and disparities of access made even more apparent in this pandemic. The residents of District 4 and my Wilde Lake neighbors live within walking distance, immediately adjacent to Downtown Columbia. The families of this adjacent community are experiencing food insecurity, gaps in technology, and job loss in the service industries and gig economies. Many others in my congregation are working in the highest risk areas of nursing homes, hospital and continuing care communities to serve sick and vulnerable people. The three schools surrounding my workplace adjacent to downtown Columbia nearby where the new cultural center would be constructed.

Given the disproportionate impact by the effects of the pandemic, we need the County Council to send a strong statement of support by voting to fund the NCC and the affordable housing that comes along with it, so that essential workers have access to affordable housing near workplaces, near transportation, and within the quality of life that has given a foothold and foundation of hope upon which to build their lives.

I worked very long and hard in creative tension, on behalf of the residents of Howard County, through PATH, with the CDHC and Howard Hughes Corporation in 2016 to support a vision providing over 900 units of affordable housing in the downtown area. The NCC and its construction is an integral part of that plan and I urge your support. I believe God's preferred future for the people of Howard County is to create a place where everyone regardless of their background, education, origin or economic status could raise a family and have a foundation and a future of which they had only dreamed.

Please do not take that possibility away. The affordable housing vision, including the NCC, are plans that were crafted in a long fought, carefully considered, and hard won collaborative. In the end, we celebrated-- all of us: the Howard Hughes Corporation, the CDHC, the PATH organization and its 20,000 members, and the County Council and Executive. I urge your strongest reconsideration to adopt and fund the plans for the new cultural center so that housing will be secured for the most vulnerable residents among us with whom we share this great quality of life in Columbia!

Many thanks, much peace,
The Reverend Mary Ka Kanahan
Member of the Board, CDHC
Clergy Co-Chair, PATH Strategy Team
Resident, Valley Mede
Pastor, St. John United Church



HHPCorp
Heritage Housing Partners

May 22, 2020

Dear Council President Jung and Council Members:

Heritage Housing Partners Corporation believes that Amendment 9 to the County Budget will be detrimental to the creation of housing that is both affordable and widely integrated within our community. This change would greatly impact the ability of the County's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to make decisions in a nimble and flexible manner regarding the use of the Fee in Lieu funds.

DHCD has been an excellent steward of the Fee in Lieu funds. Over the years, the Department's use of these funds has led to the creation of more units of affordable housing than would have been created by meeting the MIHU requirements. These funds are often used by the Department to partner with nonprofit organizations such as ours and our many nonprofit partners such as Bridges to Housing Stability, to create units of affordable housing throughout the county.

The DHCD staff is already not the final decision maker. Rather, the staff makes recommendations that are approved by its oversight board and then by the County Executive. Another level of oversight is unnecessary, would prove to be burdensome and may not even be legal.

Decision making over the location of County-supported affordable housing should be made at the Executive level. It is important that the Executive and his highly qualified experienced housing staff maintain the control over these funds. They have an understanding of the County as a whole and the need to balance housing opportunities. They and they alone should continue to make decisions regarding the use of Fee in Lieu funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns. Stay safe and stay well.

Sincerely,

Grace

Grace A. Morris
Executive Director



HHPCorp
Heritage Housing Partners

May 22, 2020

The Howard County Council

Re: New Cultural Center

Dear Council President Jung and Council Members:

Heritage Housing Partners Corporation (HHP Corp) joins with PATH, the Housing Affordability Coalition and the many other affordable housing advocates to express concern regarding any attempts to eliminate the funding for the New Cultural Center (NCC). In 2016, the County made a commitment to a Downtown Development Plan that includes 900 units of affordable housing. This Council should be taking steps to ensure that this commitment is not delayed.

HHP Corp strongly supports FY 21 funding for the New Cultural Center, including the affordable housing component of 87 units. We urge you to reject amendments to eliminate funding which would jeopardize the \$65 million in state and other funding already secured for the NCC, and threaten the development of four other multi-use projects. This amendment could impact the ability of the Commission to secure LIHTC funding in the future and possibly the ability of other developers as well. In this period of crisis when we can all plainly see multiple inequities playing out in our community, we ask you to not be short sighted. Low-income families and low-wage earners are already squeezed into fewer and fewer housing options in our community. Far too many cannot even reside in the county in which they work. We ask this Council to please reconsider this proposal which harms the development of affordable housing in our community both now and in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns.

Sincerely,
Grace Morris
Executive Director

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Sayers, Margery

From: Grace Morris <gmorris@hhpcorp.org>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 10:33 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Comments regarding proposed amendments to the CE's Budget
Attachments: NCC.docx; Amendment9.docx

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Good morning

Please see attached comments regarding two of the amendments to the Executive's budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns.

In accordance with Gov. Hogan's recent COVID-19 Order concerning MD businesses, Heritage Housing Partners will remain open for business as an essential service. However wherever possible our professional and support staff will be working from home but will continue to provide essential services to our clients and our communities. We are available via email and/or phone as noted in the signature block below. We hope that you stay well during this difficult time.

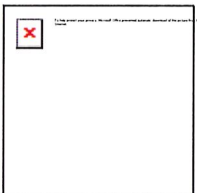
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Grace Morris

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Sayers, Margery

From: Michael Femiano <mfemiano@fastmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 10:37 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for East Columbia 50+ Center

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Dear Council Members,

I urge you to reconsider the budget cuts outlined in the budget amendment that you will vote on Wednesday, May 27, specifically the drastic reduction in the funding for construction of the new East Columbia 50+ Center, \$4.5 million. While I recognize that these are difficult times requiring difficult solutions, it is unwise and unwarranted to cut the Center funding now for the following reasons:

1. The construction on the East Columbia 50+ Center was set to begin this summer (2020). Reduced funding means that the Center cannot be built now causing a delay for the project of at least a year, perhaps longer. Delaying the project will increase the overall costs of construction. It has already been delayed resulting in a construction cost increase of over \$4 million. In fact, seniors have been waiting over 6 years for that center to be built. Isn't that long enough?
2. The planned 50+ Center is not "an unnecessary or unvetted project." The East Columbia 50+ Center is a necessity which will provide much needed services to underserved seniors and the heavily populated community at large. Among other services, plans for the new center would include services for memory-challenged seniors in our community (there are currently no such services in this part of the County).
3. A 28% reduction in this project funding represented one of the most severe cuts compared to other projects. Why are seniors being targeted for disproportional sacrifice? We are the fastest growing segment of the population, we pay taxes yet we ask very little from our government. How is this equitable and fiscally fair?

Please reconsider this drastic reduction and restore full funding to the East Columbia 50+ Center. If Howard County is to remain a vibrant, wonderful place to live, it must provide for all its residents. Certainly we seniors are not getting any younger.

Michael Femiano

3405 Font Hill Drive, Ellicott City, MD. 21042

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Michael Femiano
mfemiano@fastmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Barbara Kellner <bkellner45@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 10:40 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: In support of funding for arts center

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I am writing to strongly urge not to cut funding for this long awaited project. I understand the budget concerns the County is facing at this time. Cuts are going to need to be made and the choices will be hard.

The Arts Center project which includes a key element in the plan for affordable housing in downtown is vitally important to the future of Columbia. The downtown plan that is guiding today's development is ensuring Columbia's future. And the future of Howard County hinges in large part on the success of Columbia's efforts to keep people coming to the County to live, work and recreate. The future revenues hinge on this.

If the county backs out of this project now the state and federal tax credits for the project will be lost and jeopardize such assistance in the future.

I can not express more strongly how I feel this project needs the go-ahead. So much had been done to get to this point in the plan. We can not let today's budget crunch destroy it and tomorrow's future success.

Sincerely,
Barbara Kellner
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Columbia 21044

Passionate advocate for Columbia and Howard County

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: pdm53@verizon.net
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 10:49 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support the New Cultural Center

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

As a resident of downtown Columbia and a Board Member of the Columbia Downtown Housing Corporation, I urge you to support funding for the New Cultural Center so affordable housing can be made available in Artists Flats. As the former Chair of the Housing and Community Development Board and the Housing Commission I know how much affordable housing is needed in downtown Columbia. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Peter Morgan
pdm53@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: Kevin Kelehan <kevinkelehan1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 10:53 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Council Bill 2020-25 Amendments

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council:

I have worked most of my professional career in helping nonprofits and developers who have chosen to assist developing affordable housing throughout the State. Affordable housing development is a path which includes multiple equity and loan sources, deferral of developer fees and working within income limits and rising construction costs, to create safe and decent affordable housing. No easy task, in good economic times. We have a forward-thinking local housing commission which has received an award for competitively-based 9 percent Low Income Housing Tax Credits from the State of Maryland, to be utilized in connection with the development of Artists Flats, as part of the affordable housing envisioned in the DRRRA for Downtown Columbia. The proposed amendments to CB 2020-25 would "delay" the funding of the Cultural Arts Center which would trigger a return of the award, not only jeopardizing EVER developing this site, but seriously jeopardizing the Commission's ability to compete in future funding rounds.

Please do not remove funding for the long-planned Cultural Center. It is the first of several needed affordable products to be included in the ambitious plan to revitalize Downtown.

Thank you.

Kevin Kelehan
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Columbia, MD 21045
(410) 241-3411

Sayers, Margery

From: Matthew Molyett <matthew@molyett.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 10:54 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: County Budget

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Please protect the quality of life concerns of today that mean sufficient public infrastructure tomorrow.

Pedestrian safety, especially within a few miles of the Miller Branch Library, is atrocious. Please do not defund sidewalk expansion and repair.

HCPSS is suffering due to capacity issues and deferred maintenance while the population served is only expected to increase. Please do not delay renovations. Especially do not defund the road development that will support the construction of the next high school.

Public infrastructure is always costly today, but the appropriate time to do it is when the need is expected, not when the need is today. This issues had the need arrive yesterday and we still have not met them. Delaying the projects means it will cost even more while the needs go unmet.

Thank you,
Matthew Molyett
443-598-2441

Sayers, Margery

From: Jolly Burks <jolly.burks@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 10:56 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: SAVE NCC - Vote YES for New Cultural Center in Downtown Columbia - Support Affordable Housing

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Please SAVE NCC

From: Jolly Burks <jolly.burks@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 5:58 PM
To: 'd jung@howardcountymd.gov' <d jung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Vote YES for New Cultural Center in Downtown Columbia - Support Affordable Housing

Dear Chairman Jung,

I am writing to request that your support of affordable housing in your district by voting YES for funding the New Cultural Center (NCC) in Downtown. Your vote YES is essential to ensure that the first affordable housing community in downtown – Artists Flats -- happens. Please show that you care about a diverse inclusive downtown. Failure to do so risks the entire downtown Columbia affordable housing plan. We cannot risk the loss of close to \$62 M in state funding for affordable housing . A vote no kills the current affordable development and likely kills state funding for future developments, which will include over 400 much needed affordable rental units. Please support AFFORDABLE housing development in downtown and VOTE YES for NCC!

Sincerely,
Jolly Burks
Columbia resident – Hobbits Glen Community
Board member, Columbia Downtown Housing Corporation

Sayers, Margery

From: Barbara Scher <byscher@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 10:56 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Today's amendment

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All:

I am writing to all of our council members to express my dismay over the amendment being presented today by Councilpersons Jung, Yungman and Walsh. They seem to know very little about the work of county government or the needs of its citizens. To make draconian cuts to agencies and capital projects that have been years in the making is beyond short-sighted and cruel to all of the people who they are elected to serve. Every county department is pivoting to meet the needs of the community, and have been attempting to do more with less, especially now in these unprecedented times. Reducing funding for capital projects that have been in the pipeline for years, with design cost already incurred wastes the funding already spent, not to mention the time that county employees have put into these projects.

Now when our community is hurting, especially those who are most vulnerable and most economically impacted by COVID-19, this is what they do? This is not helping anyone except their own egos, and their own pockets.

Please toss this hast prepared amendment out. It is ill-informed and hurts people.

Sincerely,
Barbara Scher

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Claire Femiano <cfemiano@fastmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 10:57 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Message from Claire Femiano

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to protest the steep cuts that are being proposed in the budget amendment. In particular, I urge you to reconsider the drastic reduction in funding for the new senior center in East Columbia.

A 4.5 million cut in funding (28%) would guarantee that the building will be delayed at least a year, if not permanently cancelled. It seems grossly unfair to target the senior population - particularly in one area of our County for such harsh treatment. I understand that redesigning the project will waste money already spent on design plans and delaying construction will wind up costing the County more money in the future. How is that fiscally fair or responsible?

You will note that I live in district 1 which is about 5 minutes from a the beautiful Ellicott City senior center. I take classes at the East Columbia location too and can't help but be upset by the disparity in size and amenities between the two centers. I know too, that the little center does a great deal for needy seniors and the surrounding community.

Not all projects are equal. And while I recognize that cuts will have to be made in these difficult times, the construction of a decent senior center in East Columbia is not frivolous; it is a necessity.

We Howard Countians cannot call ourselves a vibrant, thriving place to live if that only holds true for some of our citizens. Council representatives have the power, and the responsibility to ensure that really happens. Thank you.

Claire Femiano
3405 Font Hill Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Thornton Hobby <susanthobby@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 11:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please fund the downtown project

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Dear County Council!

I work in the arts and support the necessity of arts to help our society and our economy. I need affordable housing. And I have lived in Columbia since 1973. All these factors combine to compel me to support the downtown Columbia arts center project. Infrastructure projects are what the county needs right now -- a chance to improve our county and our economy. A delay would mean that the county would lose state and federal funding credits.

Please fund this project.

Thank you for your consideration,

Susan Thornton Hobby
4213 Purple Twilight Way, Ellicott City, MD 21042
410-313-8422

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Susan Thornton Hobby
Writer and editor
www.talkswithwriters.blogspot.com

"I know nothing in the world that has as much power as a word. Sometimes I write one, and I look at it, until it begins to shine."

— Emily Dickinson

Sayers, Margery

From: Goodrich, Virginia <vgoodrich@hrehllc.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 11:24 AM
To: CouncilMail; Jung, Deb
Subject: VOTE YES for funding the New Cultural Center (NCC) in Downtown

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Council Chair Deb Jung (djung@howardcountymd.gov):

VOTE YES for funding the New Cultural Center (NCC) in Downtown. YOUR vote YES is essential to ensure that the first affordable housing community in downtown – Artists Flats -- will happen. Downtown Columbia is in YOUR district and you say you support affordable housing. The time is NOW to show that you care about a diverse inclusive downtown. We NEED you to stand up and be counted – VOTE YES for NCC – Failure to do so risks the entire downtown Columbia affordable housing plan. JOIN US and be a leader for affordable and inclusive housing in downtown We cannot risk the loss of close to \$62 M in state funding for affordable housing . A vote no kills the current affordable development and likely kills state funding for future developments, which will include over 400 much needed affordable rental units. PLEASE stand up and support AFFORDABLE housing development in downtown!!

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Sayers, Margery

From: McGowan, Sheri <smcgowan@hrehllc.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 11:26 AM
To: CouncilMail; Jung, Deb
Subject: VOTE YES for funding the New Cultural Center (NCC) in Downtown.

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Sheri McGowan
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Sayers, Margery

From: Russ Snyder <outlook_9C1D94560B65CD9E@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 11:47 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center in Downtown Columbia

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Good morning Members of the Council – We are requesting you to *VOTE YES for funding the New Cultural Center (NCC) in Downtown. YOUR vote YES is essential to ensure that the first affordable housing community in downtown – Artists Flats -- will happen. Downtown Columbia is in YOUR district and you say you support affordable housing. The time is NOW to show that you care about a diverse inclusive downtown. We NEED you to stand up and be counted – VOTE YES for NCC – Failure to do so risks the entire downtown Columbia affordable housing plan. JOIN US and be a leader for affordable and inclusive housing in downtown We cannot risk the loss of close to \$62 M in state funding for affordable housing . A vote no kills the current affordable development and likely kills state funding for future developments, which will include over 400 much needed affordable rental units. PLEASE stand up and support AFFORDABLE housing development in downtown!!*

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sayers, Margery

From: Pat Harman <patonsunset@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 11:49 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding Howard County

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to reconsider the budget cuts outlined in the budget amendment that you will vote [on Wednesday, May 27](#), specifically the drastic reduction in the funding for construction of the new East Columbia 50+ Center. While I recognize that these are difficult times requiring difficult solutions, it is unwise and unwarranted to cut the Center funding now.

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Sincerely,
Pat Harman
9728 Oak Hill Drive
Ellicott City 21042
Patonsunset@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Dr. Joan Spicknall <director@suzukimusicsschool.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 11:51 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Dr. Joan Spicknall; Dr. Joan Spicknall
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT THE LONG-AWAITED HC CULTURAL ARTS CENTER TO PROCEED NOW, NOT LATER--THE ARTS ARE AN IMPORTANT WAY FOR ALL OF US TO KEEP OUR HUMANITY AND LOVE OF CULTIVATING BEAUTY BY AND FOR HUMANS!

Importance: High

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Dear [Elected] Members of the Howard County Council,

I lend MY support to the IMPORTANT cause of proceeding ON SCHEDULE with the long-awaited and anticipated building on the NEW Howard County Arts Center, including the new home for Toby's and the other Artists Units PLUS the other components to THIS Project!—We must PROTECT the funding of the ARTS IN HOWARD COUNTY—the 'heart and soul' of the beauty created BY Humans FOR Humans!

We citizens and residents of Howard County need ALL OF YOU to Vote FOR sustaining NOW the 'go ahead' plan to build the NEW ARTS CENTER—do Not delay its creation!—SUPPORT THE ARTS IN HOWARD COUNTY NOW!!!

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Dr. Joan Spicknall, Director
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Sayers, Margery

From: Carla Gates <carla.g725@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 11:55 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for FY21 Budget - w/o Ammendments

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council;

My name is Carla Gates, and I live in District 2 at 5417 El Camino, Columbia, MD 21044.

I'm writing to support Executive Calvin Ball's FY21 Proposed budget *as is* without any amendments. I am truly stunned with disbelief that my representative would propose cutting \$120 million from the Capital and Operating Budget. I would like to sustain the Howard County: Police Department, Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney, Department of Public Works and Recreation and Parks.

I also believe that maintaining affordable housing in Columbia is essential to maintaining Rouse's equitable vision of Columbia. High school 13 needs road access and other high schools require maintenance. We also need ADA compliant ramps for our neighbors who access sidewalks differently.

I believe that in Columbia we should put our funds where our values are. We need to act as if all of us need affordable housing, repaired schools or ADA ramps. Rouse demonstrated his commitment to Preemptive Radical Inclusion by ensuring that he listened to those who had been traditionally excluded from the table of conversation, making a space for them at the table, and acting accordingly.

My Unitarian Universalist faith calls me to act with respect to the inherent worth and dignity of every person and to pursue justice, equity and compassion in human relations. For me, these budget cut amendments go against these core values that I hold dear. I sincerely hope that you will reconsider, and pass the FY21 Capital and Operating Budget from the County Executive as it is.

Sending everyone wellness, safety and peace in these trying times;

Carla Gates, Candaca
She / Her / Hers
~ Love is the Law

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of the human and social services in our County, particularly during these unparalleled times.

Sincerely

Bia Lewis

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From: Beatrice Lewis <beatricetrubinlewis@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 11:55 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: letter

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May 22, 2020

Dear Ms. Rigby,

I know that this is an unprecedented and a very challenging time. From a financial perspective, I know that it is impossible to fully fund every initiative and department and that some areas will likely have to face challenging cuts. However, when I heard that \$515,748 is proposed to be eliminated from the Department of Community Resources (DCRS) budget through Amendment 10, I was shocked. I would like to ask that you consider offering an amendment to Amendment 10. DCRS is the County agency that serves our most vulnerable populations. They provide services for our oldest and our youngest residents, our residents with disabilities, our veteran residents, our residents impacted by human trafficking and more. In short, they provide resources to our community members who we love and care for and need some extra help. What makes Howard County such a wonderful place to live is the value that we place on each individual resident. DCRS has also proven through the Ellicott City floods and now through the COVID-19 crisis that it is one of the County's essential front line service organizations. This Department cannot support these vulnerable community members if key positions remain unstaffed. I feel strongly that this is a huge departure from caring for all members of our community.

The funds are intended to fund seven (7) currently vacant and/or authorized high-level positions, one of which currently has a list of candidates waiting to be interviewed. These unfunded positions would be added to the two unfilled leadership positions (Office of Consumer Protection and Office of Disabilities) that already were sacrificed during the development of the Administration's FY 21 budget proposal.

The positions are four (4) positions in the Office on Aging, two (2) in the Office of Community Partnerships and one (1) in the Director's office. The Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) has nine (9) authorized full-time positions, seven (7) of which are filled. OCP has the responsibility to award and manage the Community Service Partnership grant portfolio of \$8 million of County funds, as well as acquire and manage \$2.5 million in federal and state grants that provide significant funding to accomplish the County's Plan to End Homelessness. In addition, the office oversees the implementation of the Plan to End Homelessness, the Multi-Service Center and two County Boards (BPSS and Coalition to End Homelessness). With two (2) of the nine (9) authorized OCP positions vacant and unfilled because of the proposed funding cuts, appropriate technical assistance, oversight and audits of the over 50 grants that comprise the total \$10.5 million OCP portfolio cannot be accomplished.

The specific Amendment 10 funding reductions that we are asking that you help to preserve are:

- Administrative personnel, \$79k (1 position)
- Home and Community-Based Services personnel \$160k (2 positions, Office of Aging)
- Senior Center Division personnel \$57k (1 position)
- "Age Friendly" personnel \$54k (1 position, Office on Aging)
- Community Partnerships personnel \$167k (2 positions)

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From: Lash, Valerie <vlash@howardcc.edu>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 12:03 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center and Artists Flats in Columbia

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Hello Counsel People,

I am Valerie Lash, 6446 Elibank Dr., Elkridge, MD 21075. I am writing in support of funding in the upcoming budget for the New Cultural Center and Artists Flats in Columbia. This project is sorely needed in downtown Columbia and is well overdue.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Valerie

Valerie Lash

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From: Suzy Hill <shill28@verizon.net>
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To: CouncilMail
Subject: Budget Cuts

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Thank you to Council Members Jung, Walsh, and Yungmann for displaying common sense when they proposed operating budget cuts. Clearly when revenue is down, you have no choice but to make adjustments instead of raising taxes!

Suzy Hill
Dayton, Md

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: Diane Dunn <diane.dunn3@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 12:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Budget cuts for cultural arts center and mixed-income housing for Downtown Columbia

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To the members of the Howard County Council,

I was very discouraged to hear of the plan to cut funding for the new cultural arts center in Downtown Columbia. As a visual artist who has been very active in the Howard County arts community for many years, this is something that we have envisioned for many years. An arts center that would not only serve the community at large, but also the artistic community, should be a top priority for a community with the resources of Howard County. I am not in need of mixed-income housing, but this would be a real boon to young, upcoming artists that can not afford to follow and fully engage in their art without some kind of financial incentives, like reduced rent.

I understand the concern about spending money at this very critical time in the history of our county and our country. But it seems short-sighted to abandon this plan, that has been worked on and developed for such a long time. My fear is that once it is cut, it will be difficult or maybe impossible to implement in the future. Once funds are reassigned to other expenses, it will be difficult get them re-appropriated for the arts project.

The arts are what every great civilization is remembered for. I hope ours won't be forgotten.

Thank you,
Diane Dunn

wonderful place to live, it must provide for all its residents.
Certainly we seniors are not getting any younger.

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Sayers, Margery

From: Carol Powell <cpowell978@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 12:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please don't delay funding for the New East Columbia 50+ Center

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Dear Council Members,

The present East Columbia Senior Center is just a hallway with a poorly shaped all purpose room. Before and after the class I attend at East Columbia, there is no place to assemble and converse with the other seniors I only see once a week. So we stand outside in the hot or cold (and dark) weather after class. We are not just chatting, we are providing solutions to each others' problems! We are terrific resources for each other. I'm not surprised you are cutting funding for this project, just very disappointed in all of you. I don't think any of you will read this, but know that I have never, ever missed voting in any election (and I am a senior). I don't vote early, just in case a candidate shows their true self before I cast my vote.

I urge you to reconsider the budget cuts outlined in the budget amendment that you will vote on Wednesday, May 27, specifically the drastic reduction in the funding for construction of the new East Columbia 50+ Center. While I recognize that these are difficult times requiring difficult solutions, it is unwise and unwarranted to cut the Center funding now for the following reasons:

1. The construction on the East Columbia 50+ Center was set to begin this summer (2020). Reduced funding means that the Center cannot be built now causing a delay for the project of at least a year, perhaps longer. Delaying the project will increase the overall costs of construction. It has already been delayed resulting in a construction cost increase of \$4 million. In fact, seniors have been waiting over 6 years for that center to be built. Isn't that long enough?
2. The planned 50+ Center is not "an unnecessary or unvetted project." The East Columbia 50+ Center is a necessity which will provide much needed services to underserved seniors and the heavily populated community at large. Among other services, plans for the new center would include services for memory-challenged seniors in our community (there are currently no such services in this part of the County).
3. A 28% reduction in this project funding represented one of the most severe cuts compared to other projects. Why are seniors being targeted for disproportional sacrifice? We are the fastest growing segment of the population, we pay taxes yet we ask very little from our government. How is this equitable and fiscally fair?

Please reconsider this drastic reduction and restore full funding to the East Columbia 50+ Center. If Howard County is to remain a vibrant,

Sayers, Margery

From: Fran LoPresti <fflopresti@gmail.com>
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To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget - East Columbia 50+ Center

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Council members,

I am extremely unhappy with the course three of you have taken in regards to the East Columbia 50+ Center construction funds. I have worked on this project for 4 years and some of you have heard me testify and supported this project. We have waited 6 long years for this project and none of us are getting any younger.

East Columbia has more than its share of low to moderate income seniors who rely on the 50+ Center for their social, mental, and health support. This is the only area in the county that does not provide kitchen meals nor exercise equipment. The shoddy current 3000 square feet has been inadequate for years.

Seniors pay a whole lot more into the coffers than they get out in services and seniors feel both ignored and disrespected by this action. Cutting 4.5 million from this project means that NO construction will start in the next fiscal year. You have effectively killed the project. It has been totally vetted and it is necessary. The seniors have met with the architects, and we were excited that finally, after 6 years, we would put a shovel in the ground this summer for a center that meets the needs of Seniors in East Columbia and beyond.

I assure you that seniors will not forget this despicable action and I urge you to reverse course immediately.

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From: Alberta Hall <albertawh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 1:27 PM
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Cc: allisonkorn@comcast.net
Subject: East Columbia 50+ Center

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Your Address: 7732 River Rock Way, Columbia, MD 21044

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"A Teacher Takes A Hand, Opens A Mind And Touches The Heart" "Unknown"

Sayers, Margery

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Subject: Budget Amendment

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Niki Deanda

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"We make a living by getting, but a life by giving." Winston Churchill

ALLX TYPOS ARE DUE TO NEVERR LEARNING TT-ING IN HI SCHOOL 😞

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Sayers, Margery

From: Stephen Sternheimer <stephen.sternheimer6@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 1:45 PM
To: CouncilMail; Jung, Deb
Cc: Stephen Sternheimer
Subject: Balancing the County Budget: Endorse Rewcordation Fee Increases, Oppose Defunding New Cultural Center & Housing in Town Center

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As County Residents (6473 Bright Plume, Columbia 21044) , my wife Sue & I support the proposal to balance the County budget for FY2021 by increasing the recordation fee (it's a fee with a progressive basis, not a tax, in our view) to offset a projected \$21 million shortfall. Likewise, we oppose the Council balancing the budget at the expense of/by cutting funds for a new cultural complex with mixed-income housing & a new building for Toby's theater in Columbia Town Center, esp. since all are enabled by a state grant that likely will be jeopardized by postponement. We have been following this matter in the Baltimore Sun and Flier.

As middle-income County homeowners who are likely to sell/repurchase in Columbia in the next few years—and as folks who have “run the numbers” for sale/purchase in the \$400K range—we do not agree with some (like Council member and real-estate dealer Yungmann) who argue -- without supporting evidence--that an increased fee would be a “major burden,” a “deterrent,” an “obstacle” to folks looking to sell and buy homes in the \$250K-\$500K range. A \$3500 recordation fee on a house selling for \$500K (already more than the vast majority of houses in our area of Hickory Ridge cost) amounts to only \$1750 more for the buyer and less for the seller — hardly likely to be a real game changer (at less than half of 1% of transaction value for each!) when folks are looking at a half-million dollar deal!! The same goes for houses in the just-under \$1 million range, where a fee is a little more than 1% of the transaction. And beyond that, as our Australian friend puts it, houses of \$1 million and up are really NOCD (“not our class, dear”) for most County residents. We judge that it's a “false flag” raised by Council member Yungmann to argue that the COVID-19 pandemic would change decisions by either party, any more than a fee half that size would.

Like others in our Hickory Ridge area who look forward to a culturally vibrant and income diverse Town Center in our Columbia future, we urge each of you to vote against any funding cuts in FY2021 for TC's proposed new cultural developments and in favor of any increased recordation fees for real estate transactions to achieve a balanced budget.

Thanks for your attention & listening,

Steve & Sue Sternheimer

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
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Subject: District 5 - Senior Center in East Columbia

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City: Marriottsville
Subject: Senior Center in East Columbia

Message: I am a member of the tai chi class at the East Columbia Senior Center and am advocating for a larger center for that area. I notice that the center in Glenewood is spacious and the population in that area is certainly not as dense as it is in Columbia. I understand that you are opposing the construction of this needed center and ask that you reconsider your vote.

Sayers, Margery

From: t <padraickennedy@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 1:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Affordable Housing and the Cultural Arts Center

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Please, please do not delete the new Cultural Arts Center and affordable housing from the budget. These are very important and long awaited projects. And do not throw away the State's financial contribution in them.

Padraic Kennedy
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ratio and how that affects a lenders perspective of your buying power"

"I liked the realization of how you spend your money and the importance of a budget."

"I like that it provided a lender's perspective on what to expect related to your debt and credit when figuring out our mortgage loan."

"I like that one-on-one attention for our individual situations. It help me look at my finances differently and realize that I am not in such a bad situation."

"I learned that it is important to manage your money and budget in order to change your spending habits"

"I learned how to analyze my financial profile from a lender's perspective in order to develop an individual financial plan to meet my homebuyer's goal."

"I learned that having good credit is good, but knowing what the lender is looking at along with the good credit is also important."

Making Change, Inc.

Excerpts from “Think Like a Lender” Feedback

The participants evaluated the instructor’s approach of the group-coaching as follows:

“Renee was fun and made this subject interesting”

“I loved the instructors and I loved how informative the workshop was.”

“Very organized and educational”

“I loved the information given with a sense of humor and compassion”

“I loved the advice given it was very helpful”

“Very informative. 1:1 puts the class in perspective”

“How in depth the real life examples were and helping w/your particular situation”

“How it open my mind and showed me how to get my place”

“The detailed instructions on how to improve my financial situation. The walk through with my credit”

What was the most important thing you learned during the group coaching?

“Debt snowball payoff”

“I was no longer afraid to face my credit/spending status and felt empowered to make good choices and changes”

“How to improve my financial lifestyle, credit, debt-to-income ratio”

“Monitor your credit and keep your debts low”

“How to clean-up my credit. I love your program and don’t stop helping people”

“That if I work on budgeting, I will be safe of unexpected money leaks”

“Credit, navigating bills, etc.”

“Debts & credit”

“What to pay and how to boost it”

“That I can be mortgage ready. It’s up to me”

“The importance of debt to income ratio, credit score and budgeting”

“I learned a lot about credit and about what I need to do to purchase my house”

“That my credit is not as bad I thought is was”

“How important it is to track your finances”

General

“I enjoyed how practical and how all the information provided would be useful in my financial journey toward stability and that I was closer than I thought I was to owning my own home and that I could budget and pay off my debt with an organized and personalized plan”

“I specifically liked how the coach showed me how to look at my budget and how to reduce expenses, how to tackle my debt payment in a smart way and things a lender will look at”

“This is by far the first money workshop that I understood every piece of information that was being given and I learned more in-depth knowledge about what is considered debt-to-income

by DHCD by design and (2) providing crucial services to County residents aspiring to own a home or access other DHCD-supported services.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter. **We ask that you vote "no" to Amendment 9.** We would be happy to discuss further the points we raise.

Sincerely,



Jean Sedlacko
Chair, Making Change, Inc.

has much bigger issues to deal with than being in the weeds of a grant selection process.

- **The County Council likely does not know the applicants with whom DHCD already has a very strong relationship.** In our instance, in addition to what Making Change provides through the grant application process, DHCD knows Making Change's staff, expertise, services provided, and client rapport. In addition, DHCD works closely with its grantees to develop and enhance programming. For example, Making Change designed together with DHCD the "Think Like a Lender" program, merging the specific DHCD clients' needs with the expertise of Making Change. The program has been highly successful – we cooperate with each other, we have good results, and, most important, we help County residents. **It should not be in the County Council's hands to determine whether that strong relationship continues.**

- *Timeliness.*

- The programs offered by Making Change take time to prepare and are on a cycle dictated by the MIHU application process. We count on knowing far in advance whether funding exists and in what amount. **Any delay that might occur with placing the decision-making in the hands of the County Council would have an adverse effect on program delivery.** For example, we are already working on July and November sessions. Content and presentation materials are being updated based on ever-evolving rules and regulations and lender requirements, as well as on evaluation feedback from the clients and DHCD.
- It is not hard to imagine that other organizations are on a similar pre-planning cycle and their cycle may be different than Making Change's. Without knowing the pace and process of County Council involvement, it is easy to imagine that some organizations may get "caught" in a cumbersome process that negates their ability to function at their necessary time of the year. Currently, the timing is predictable. **If the process changes to an unknown County Council schedule, that is subject to whatever may be pressing on the County Council agenda or other factors, it seems there would be no predictability of when funding might be available.** Therefore, groups will have no solid idea if a cyclical program that must occur at "x" time of the year can even be funded or happen.
- **In this time of Covid-19**, we and other organizations are in the midst of making plans for alternative service delivery and trying to survive revenue swings. We have enough uncertainty. **Now, and for the unforeseeable future, is not the time to create further hurdles and processes to get money into the hands of worthy organizations who are (1) vetted fully**

- The motivation for the amendment is not obvious. One could venture a guess that it is to somehow improve the use of the MIHU Fee-In-Lieu funds and the selection of the grantees – as in, the County Council believes it can do a better job than DHCD? DHCD accomplishes its goals with the assistance of third-party providers it carefully chooses, whether they be contractors or grantees. **If the process isn't working, then please focus on legislation or guidelines to fix the process rather than wrestling control over an executive function that takes away DHCD's authority to choose what's best for DHCD and its programs, including the selection of third-party service providers.**
- **Allowing DHCD to manage the funds for its own grant program and select awardees should be no different than a department being allowed to implement a procurement policy for contractors.**
 - **Grant awardee selection should not be subject to the desires of the County Council and the related inevitable constituent pressures that come with placing any matter in the hands of the County Council.** The role of the County Council is to set policy, appropriate funds, and rely on the administration to carry out the County's priorities in a reasonable manner. Just like within a procurement policy, decision-making over who works best with DHCD to implement those priorities should not be in the hands of the County Council. It is important for DHCD to have control over its own programs, under the guidance and direction of the County Executive and his administration, as it advances its work.
 - **If you pass this amendment and place the DHCD grant funds in the Contingency Fund, you are essentially taking away DHCD's procurement decisions. You may then be forced into a position whereby you must, in the name of consistency, exercise similar control over all departments.** We do not believe that is the result desired and we venture to suggest that that would be wholly violative of the separation of powers rubric.
- *The County Council does not have the capacity to manage a grant program. Grantees rely on a thorough, predictable and timely process.*
 - *Thoroughness.*
 - **First, the current grant application process is solid and objective.** DHCD issues the grant application and the application provides the opportunity for full analysis of an applicant's background, expertise, services and programs. A grant committee then makes the final selection of awardees. **Adding or replacing that level of review by introducing the County Council into the process thus seems duplicative, unnecessary and burdensome.** And, we aver that the County Council



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May 22, 2020

The Howard County Council

Re: Amendment 9 to CB 25-2020 in Connection with MIHU Fee in Lieu Grantees

Dear Council President Jung and Council Members:

Making Change, Inc. (“Making Change”) is submitting this letter **in opposition to Amendment 9 to CB 25-2020, particularly the request to move the MIHU Fee-in-Lieu Grantee funds to a Contingency Fund**. By moving the grant funds to the Contingency Fund, our understanding is that it results in putting the control of the funds and the grant process into the hands of the County Council. As such, we believe that the amendment will jeopardize valuable programs conducted by nonprofit service providers who are assisting the County’s Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Howard County residents.

Such a change, among other things, would create a system that will:

- **overstep the County Council’s role by**
 - **having the County Council function in an executive capacity, and**
 - **becoming DHCD’s procurement decisionmaker**
- **not be as effective as the current grant process, and**
- **cause detrimental uncertainty and delay**

MakingChange/DHCD relationship. With support from the MIHU Fee-in-Lieu funds, Making Change has provided seminars, workshop sessions and one-on-one financial counseling to MIHU applicants who have not qualified for home purchase because they are not yet “mortgage ready”. The Making Change services help applicants “think like a lender” (which is actually the name of the program) as they work to improve their credit scores and savings by paying down debt and taking other important steps – all with the goal of becoming a homeowner. The Making Change services are very well-received by the clients, as indicated by the attached testimonials from recent sessions.

Adverse Effects. Amendment 9 creates adverse effects for the MIHU Fee-in-Lieu grant funding.

- ***Placing the MIHU Fee-in-Lieu Grantee Funds in the Contingency Fund violates concepts of separations of power. Control and expenditure of funds, including managing a grant process and selecting grantees for crucial services, is an executive, not a legislative, function. It is akin to a contractor procurement process.***

Sayers, Margery

From: Gelwicks, Colette
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 2:07 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Making Change, Inc.'s Opposition to Amendment 9, CB 25-2020
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Testimony

From: Jean Sedlacko <jsedlacko@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 1:27 PM
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Please see attached letter. Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Jean Sedlacko
Chair, Making Change, Inc.

not ask for your consideration of trying to reinstate this DCRS funding if we were not significantly concerned about DCRS' capacity to do the increasingly burdensome job with which they are charged.

Thank you. I am available to talk through this request at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Joan

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From: Joan Driessen <joan.driessen@acshoco.org>
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To: CouncilMail
Subject: DCRS Amendment 10 cuts

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Dear Council Members,

I write on behalf of ACS to ask your consideration of offering an amendment to Amendment 10, which would eliminate \$515,748 from the proposed DCRS budget. These funds are intended to fund seven (7) currently vacant and/or authorized high-level positions, one of which currently has a list of candidates waiting to be interviewed. These unfunded positions would be added to the two unfilled leadership positions (Office of Consumer Protection and Office of Disabilities) that already were sacrificed during development of the Administration's FY 21 budget proposal.

On a day-to-day basis, DCRS is the County agency charged with supporting our community's most vulnerable residents. In addition to these regular responsibilities, DCRS has proven thru the Ellicott City floods and now through COVID crisis that it is one of the County's essential front line service organizations. In our opinion, this Department that has proven its metal and resiliency simply cannot function effectively or efficiently if understaffed in key positions.

The positions in question are four in the Office of Aging, two in the Office of Community Partnerships and one in the Director's office. One of the Office of Aging positions is the leader of Home and Community Based Services, which serves the County's most vulnerable. The Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) has 9 authorized full-time positions, 7 of which are filled. OCP has responsibility to award and manage the Community Service Partnership grant portfolio of \$8 million of County funds, as well as acquire and manage \$2.5 million in federal and state grants that provide significant funding to accomplish the County's Plan to End Homelessness. In addition, the office oversees the implementation of the Plan to End Homelessness, the Multi-Service Center, and two County Boards (BPSS and Coalition to End Homeless). With two of the nine authorized OCP positions vacant and unfilled because of the proposed funding cuts, appropriate technical assistance, oversight and audits of the over 50 grants that comprise the total \$10.5 million OCP portfolio cannot be accomplished.

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- Community Partnerships personnel, \$167k (2 positions)

We sincerely appreciate how you have consistently spoken up in support of the human and social service functions and personnel in our County, particularly through these uncharted health and economic times. Please know that we would

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Sayers, Margery

From: FRANK HERRON <amfjherron@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 2:56 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Allisonkorn
Subject: Capital Funding Cuts to East Columbia Senior Center Project

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Dear Council Members,

We urge you to reconsider the budget cuts outlined in the budget amendment that you will vote on Wednesday, May 27, specifically the drastic reduction in the funding for construction of the new East Columbia 50+ Center. While I recognize that these are difficult times requiring difficult solutions, it is unwise and unwarranted to cut the Center funding now for the following reasons:

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4. The tragedy of the virus hitting nursing homes clearly demonstrates the value of seniors remaining in their homes in the community and staying healthy. The East Columbia Senior Center directly supports this concept and is a life-saving and cost-saving initiative in the long term.

Please reconsider this drastic reduction and restore full funding to the East Columbia 50+ Center. If Howard County is to remain a vibrant, wonderful place to live, it must provide for all its residents. Certainly we seniors are not getting any younger.

Ann and Frank Herron

9506 Angelina Circle, Columbia MD 21045

amfjherron@msn.com

From: Liz Larson <ealarson1@verizon.net>

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:42 PM

To: 'cball@howardcountymd.gov' <cball@howardcountymd.gov>; 'councilmail@howardcountymd.gov' <councilmail@howardcountymd.gov>; 'crigby@howardcountymd.gov' <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>

Cc: 'ealarson1@verizon.net' <ealarson1@verizon.net>; 'Lew's Mail' <lewlion@verizon.net>

Subject: Re Proposed East Columbia 50-Plus Center

Dr Ball and Howard County Council Members –

Having just learned of the measure to be proposed on 20 May 2020 to cut from the FY 2021 budget funding for the long-promised East Columbia 50-Plus Center, we are writing to beg you to stay the course and build the Center as promised. We understand the awful toll the COVID-19 pandemic has had (and will continue to have for some time) on Howard County's finances, but this is one project that should be funded. Our current 2200 sq ft of activity space is on every level inadequate for the large East Columbia Senior population. Many of us are tired of being bottom of the list when it comes to County projects and repeatedly have done all we can to justify our needs. We remain tax-payers and good citizens who have spent a lifetime contributing to society and feel strongly that it is time for us to be considered on an equal footing with other categories of residents. As all are aware, the COVID toll nation-wide has been highest on those who fall into the "50-Plus" category, and we implore you to ensure the East Columbia 50-Plus center is not yet another casualty. Please find a way to fund and build the Center in the upcoming fiscal year. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Elisabeth and Lewis Larson
9774 Polished Stone
Columbia, MD 21046

Sayers, Margery

From: Liz Larson <ealarson1@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 3:06 PM
To: Ball, Calvin; Rigby, Christiana; CouncilMail
Cc: ealarson1@verizon.net; 'Lew's Mail'
Subject: Re Proposed Budget Cuts and Proposed East Columbia 50-Plus Center

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Dr Ball and Council Members –

Now that we are aware of the specific \$4.5 million proposed cut to the East Columbia 50-Plus Center budget, we would like to expand a bit on our comments sent on 19 May 2020, as follows:

- No one will deny that situations such as the Ellicott City flooding and the current COVID-19 pandemic are critical issues, but it is now appearing that “emergency” needs will always trump those of Senior Citizens in Howard County. As long-time residents and taxpayers in East Columbia (since 1975), it is demoralizing to be the only part of the county without an adequate 50-Plus Center. This year funds were made available for AGAIN renovating the Bain Center – as patrons of both centers, we found this unnecessary and inexplicable, especially since those funds could have been applied to the East Columbia Center.
- In the recent past the East Columbia Library (which houses the 50-Plus Center) was “renovated,” not to increase library storage, books, or functions, but to increase child-care facilities there. While acknowledging the interest in providing Howard County children with the finest facilities and services that money can buy, it seems unfair to do so at the expense of Seniors – no improvements were made to the tiny 50-Plus Center.
- We strongly believe that it is in the best interest of Columbia and Howard County to attract and accommodate those of us who have spent our adult lives and careers living (and, as noted above, paying taxes) in Howard County and chose to retire here. We contribute fiscally, socially, and culturally, and having a vibrant and welcoming 50-Plus Center would add immeasurably to our lives.
- Senior citizens should be on an equal footing with other demographic groups. It is difficult enough to deal with the aging process, but to feel that as a political group we are “throw-aways” is disheartening. This is doubly true for residents of East Columbia, which often does not receive the same attention as other parts of the city.
- No tax increase is popular, but the proposed recordation and transfer tax increases seem eminently reasonable in that they likely will not affect the most financially vulnerable portion of the population. If Howard County REALLY wanted to be fair to its citizens (and improve its tax base), the Council would be looking at increasing developers’ fees across the board: not only are Howard County’s real estate developers’ fees ridiculously low, but they are incredibly unfair to the County, which ultimately uses tax-payer money to remediate or provide what developers in other Maryland counties pay for up-front.

Please support full funding for the East Columbia 50-Plus Center in the upcoming Fiscal year. It is the right thing to do, in all respects.

Sincerely,
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Columbia, MD 21046

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From: Marni Schwartz <mbs@wsfamilylaw.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 3:41 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Cc: Risa Garon; Kathy Helt (khelt@nfrchelp.org) (khelt@nfrchelp.org)
Subject: Urgent - NRFC IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR COMMUNITY AND MUST RECEIVE FUNDING

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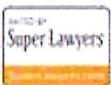
To Whom it may concern,

As a thirty plus year Howard County family law attorney, I urge you to re-instate the \$14,280 proposed cut to the CSP grant to NFRC. The unique, child focused, family and lifesaving services NFRC provides to our community are essential and irreplaceable. It is unimaginable to me that this small but essential grant would be cut. The negative repercussions to the children and families of Howard County would be unimaginable should NFRC fail to receive this funding.

I again urge each and every one of you to support NFRC a long term essential and important pillar of our community.

Thank you, Marni.

Marni B. Schwartz, Attorney at Law



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Sayers, Margery

From: Carmen <cmortiz3@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 3:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Construction of the new East Columbia 50+ Center.

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Sincerely,

Carmen and Rafael Ortiz

6602 Windsor Court

Columbia, MD 21044

Cmortiz3@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Richard Gates <rgates725@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 3:55 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Proposed Budget

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council;

My name is Richard Gates, and I live in District 2 at 5417 El Camino, Columbia, MD 21044.

I'm writing to support Executive Calvin Ball's FY21 Proposed budget *as is* without any amendments. I am truly stunned with disbelief that my representative would propose cutting \$120 million from the Capital and Operating Budget. I would like to sustain the Howard County: Police Department, Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney, Department of Public Works and Recreation and Parks.

I believe that maintaining affordable housing in Columbia is essential to maintaining Rouse's equitable vision of Columbia.

I believe that in Columbia we should put our funds where our values are. We need to act as if all of us need affordable housing, repaired schools, safe neighborhoods and outdoor spaces. Rouse demonstrated his commitment to Preemptive Radical Inclusion by ensuring that he listened to those who had been traditionally excluded from the table of conversation, making a space for them at the table, and acting accordingly.

My Unitarian Universalist faith calls me to act with respect to the inherent worth and dignity of every person and to pursue justice, equity and compassion in human relations. For me, these budget cut amendments go against these core values that I hold dear. I sincerely hope that you will reconsider, and pass the FY21 Capital and Operating Budget from the County Executive as it is.

Warmest Regards,

Richard

Sayers, Margery

From: Alan Schneider <ajs333@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 4:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Thank you for your work on the budgets

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County Council Members,

Your questions and discussion on budget items is very much appreciated.

A greater pandemic is forecast.

Planning ahead and taking action now, will cost far less than waiting or postponing immediate action to slow down its inevitable arrival.

Read about it in: **Drawdown** The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed To Reverse Global Warming.

Thank you for your work.

Alan Schneider
Volunteer

Our auditor incurred an error in presenting our IRS returns. We believe that this is still not understood to be a mistake even though we have tried to clarify this. The auditor inappropriately and incorrectly stated that my salary was derived from "commission". It never has. It never was. This was corrected by the Dembo Jones CPA in a letter to the Community Service Staff in August, 2019. Unfortunately, when we met with the Community Service Staff in December 2019, they conveyed that they had "not received any letter." In leaving the meeting, our associate director, Kathleen Helt, immediately called Dembo Jones. Dembo Jones immediately confirmed that the letter was sent in August. Dembo Jones then re-sent a copy of the original letter. Meghan Godfrey later acknowledged receipt of the copy when we followed up the next day. My salary as director does not provide benefits or even a pension. My salary as director has remained the same since 2013. Just as all our contract therapists earn a fee percentage for their clinical work, I earn a fee percentage for my clinical work. This is totally separate and distinct from my 30- hour position as Executive Director.

It was very disheartening to be told our funding was slashed in half at 2:39 am the day of the hearings. The late notice prevented us from testifying since the deadline expired the prior day. If you read the many letters of support over the past two weeks from professionals, former clients, volunteers, you can probably gather that we build a sense of family and remain available to families basically forever. They remain our driving force in this work. We hope that you will commit to re-instating the additional \$14,000 funding so that we may continue to reach the citizens of Howard County.

We respectfully hope that this letter will help you understand just how much NFRC is integral to the community you serve and, in turn, will provide NFRC the same funding we have received since 2013.

Thank you,

Lora Cushman Guidi, Board President

Risa Garon, Executive Director

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Columbia, MD 21044

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Sayers, Margery

From: Kathy Helt <khelt@nfrchelp.org>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 4:30 PM
To: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Subject: NFRC request - SENT ON BEHALF OF RISA GARON AND BOARD PRESIDENT

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Dear Dr. Ball

Dear Members of the County Council: Ms. Jung, Mr. Jones, Ms. Rigby, Ms. Walsh, Mr. Yungmann :

It is our sincere and respectful request that you reconsider re-instating the additional \$14,000 in funding for our center, the National Family Resiliency Center.

At the County Council meeting on May 15th, it was stated that there was "not evidence of a very robust plan to take the suggestions made in May/June 2019 seriously." We would like to clarify this and some other points made at the council meeting on Friday, May 15th.

We recognize that there are many fine therapists in Howard County. At the same time, they refer to us (and vice versa) because of our comprehensive family focused approach. Many therapists are unable to work with high conflict parents, which we do. We are also not just about "divorce." Every family is unique; we are often dealing with substance abuse, child abuse, domestic violence, and mental illness.

Our center is a non-profit mental health center providing a multitude of services across the spectra of family transitions. Co-parenting is but one service we offer. Our model has been documented nationally as a center that works with all family members and that includes every aspect of each family's life. This work includes individual, family, groups for adults and youth, marital therapy, separation and divorce therapy, blended family therapy and co-parenting. Serving more than 35,000 family members over many years, we have acquired an expertise that is respected both in Maryland and nationally. We were astounded when we heard that somebody vocalized at the last session that we were not accountable. We are accountable in every way, both legally and to our community. Not only do we follow best practices methods, we are responsible for having developed and promulgated many of those methods now commonly accepted by the professional community.

When we met with the directors of the Community Services Grants in July 2019, they said we needed to include new board members and have more fundraising. We initiated these goals beginning in late summer 2019. In early September 2019, NFRC board and directors nominated three new board members, a psychologist, a physician, and a mental health assistant director of a center for adults with disabilities. The new board members are diverse in terms of experience, ethnicity and gender. In the beginning of September, NFRC launched a matching fundraiser that was underwritten by two esteemed family foundations along with both corporate and individual donors. To date we have raised \$53,028 which has exceeded the \$15,000 matching grant challenge. Additionally, we are planning a fundraiser in December 2020 with Deanna Bogart, nationally recognized musician, who has made a commitment because she wants to support NFRC.

Sayers, Margery

From: Jennifer White <jwhite@thehorizonfoundation.org>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 4:41 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Good Afternoon County Council,

The Horizon Foundation stands with our grantee, Association of Community Services, urging the County Council to support FY21 funding for the New Cultural Center, which would provide 87 affordable housing units. We urge you to reject amendments that seek to eliminate this funding. Eliminating funding for the New Cultural Center, will result in detrimental consequences to our low income families in Howard County. This would also jeopardize the \$65M in state and other funding secured for the NCC and threaten the development of four other multi-use projects. We are in a season where we are faced with difficult decisions. However, we cannot afford to make budgetary decisions that would spur systemic gaps and inequities in a time where low income families are experiencing hardships the most. We urge you to reject these amendments and support FY21 funding for the New Cultural Center.

Thank you for your consideration.

Horizon Foundation
10221 Wincopin Circle, Suite 200, Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 4:42 PM
To: nanettems@aol.com
Subject: District 4 - Budget Cuts

First Name: Nanette

Last Name: Schweitzer

Email: nanettems@aol.com

Street Address: 10001 Windstream Dr, #108

City: Columbia

Subject: Budget Cuts

Message: Please do not cut the funding for the bike paths and walkways .AKA "Streets for All". I believe this will be even more important now. I hope will vote against the Cultural Center funding. Thanks, Nanette Schweitzer .

Sayers, Margery

From: Jeanette Jenkins <steelmag1@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 6:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for East Columbia 50+ Center

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Jeanette Jenkins

10800 Symphony Way
Columbia MD 21044

Steelmag1@icloud.com

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Sarah Smith <sbfooster01@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 7:19 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center

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Dear council members,

I understand that several members have proposed cutting all funding for the New Cultural Center proposed to be built on the site of the existing Toby's Dinner Theater. As a resident of district 4 with a young child and an employee in Downtown Columbia, I would like to see this funding restored.

The New Cultural Center brings together the Howard County arts community in one of the most unique ways. Not only would the arts community have a new facility and amenities to thrive, it's my understanding that more children's programming would be available of our community.

I also appreciate how the project incorporates mixed income housing for residents. It truly brings together two core tenets of James' Rouse's vision for Columbia-social and economic diversity and a thriving arts community.

The New Cultural Center was part of the initial Downtown Columbia plan that was passed by the council more than 10 years ago. The center has gone through an extensive design and approval process.

Most importantly, the center has been awarded federal and state money through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program. Unfortunately, due to the structure of the program, the credits will be lost if the county fails to approve the bonds for the project in this budget cycle. In my opinion, this would be short-sighted, especially as we look to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and our residents may be in financial situations where this housing is much needed.

As a resident of district 4 and an employee in Downtown Columbia, it would be prudent to move forward with the New Cultural Center so we can keep the Downtown Columbia plan moving forward.

Sincerely,
Sarah Smith

Sayers, Margery

From: Rich Madzel <rmadzel@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 8:33 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding Cuts

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How can we afford to support the funding for Ellicott City but not Downtown?
The former is a wild guess at fighting Mother Nature (she always wins) vs investing in our present and future.
I ask that you support the Downtown program.

Rich Madzel
Try It Out Comedy: The laughs start here!
rmadzel@hotmail.com
443-745-0332

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Frances Parker and Levon Parker

6027 Jerrys Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Frances Parker <aaron123x@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 9:19 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: East Columbia 50+ Center

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To: councilmail@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Funding for East Columbia 50+ Center

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Sayers, Margery

From: Pat Hersey <trishhersey@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 10:51 PM
To: CouncilMail; Jones, Opel
Subject: Restore funding for CO329

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My name is Pat Hersey, Founder of Less Plastic Please. We are in a climate crisis which cannot be placed on the back burner. Everything we do must be viewed through the eyes of this climate emergency. We must continue to reduce our carbon footprint. I am requesting you to fully restore the funds to CO329.

Sincerely,
Pat Hersey
9462 Farewell Rd.
Columbia, MD 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: avwit@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 2:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fwd: Funding for East Columbia 50+ Center

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Ann Witten
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Sayers, Margery

From: Fran LoPresti <fflopresti@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 4:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: A compromise?

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Council members,

I watched the budget session on Friday. I must say that I was dismayed at the tone in that meeting and the inadequate time spent on the impact of the cuts proposed. I was, however, happy to verify via DPW that the East Columbia 50+ Center would not be set back by 4 or 6 months as misstated yesterday, but by more than a year and the costs would go up with the delay. The seniors have been advocating for this center for years and have testified before you on more than one occasion. We have waited since the 2014-2015 report on Aging in Howard County. I have testified personally the last 4 years and this project had the support of the Council last year. I am not getting any younger and I would like to see this 50+ center come to fruition in my lifetime.

It seems the impasse is on the raising of the Transfer tax and/or the Recordation Tax. I have looked at both pieces of legislation as well as how we rate with our peers. We are close to our peers in the Transfer Tax but we are way out of whack with our adjoining counties by a whole lot on the Recordation tax. Rates in adjoining counties are between 5.5 and 10. Ours is a flat 5. Moreover, the proposal would lower the rate for some buyers as the proposed legislation is progressive.

I suggest a compromise. Abandon the hike in the Transfer Tax and pass the progressive increase in the Recordation Tax. Would this not satisfy everyone? The county held the line on taxing more than our neighboring counties but increased the Recordation tax in a progressive way that saves money for many first-time home buyers.

I urge you to consider this compromise.

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Sayers, Margery

From: Jane C Boyle <janedoll40@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 4:49 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Funding

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am emailing today to ask you to support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project.

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This project will bring together a rich blend of affordable, accessible arts experiences for residents of all ages and walks of life right here in Howard County.

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Sayers, Margery

From: DAVID HOPKINS <hopkins1415@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 5:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC

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Sincerely,

David Hopkins

Sayers, Margery

From: Carolyn Kelemen <docndancer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 5:04 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Save FY21 funding

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Sincerely,

Carolyn Kelemen

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From: Carolyn Kelemen <docndancer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 5:05 PM
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Subject: important email

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Sincerely,

Michael Kelemen, MD

Michele Kelemen, NPR Diplomatic Correspondent

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From: James Raymond <jamesraymond1990@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 5:33 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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**Sincerely,
James Raymond**

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James V. Raymond
Scenic Designer
MFA in Scenic Design & Technology
West Virginia University
jamesvraymond.com
(301)-928-9458

Sayers, Margery

From: Lynnjios <lynnjos@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 5:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,

Lynn Joslin
Lighting designer

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Haley Wells <hwells1588@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 5:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center

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Sincerely,

Haley Wells / Dancer/Performer

[\(443\) 878-5013](tel:4438785013)



Sayers, Margery

From: Jessica Binder <oceanbreezessoap@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 5:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,

Jessica Binder, HCPSS EDUCATOR

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From: Stephanie Ichniowski <stephanieichniowski@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 5:52 PM
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Stephanie Ichniowski

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From: Elena Y. Ahn <Elena_Ahn@hcpss.org>
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Sincerely,

Elena Ahn
Special Education Teacher
Patapsco Middle School
410-313-2848

Sayers, Margery

From: Cynthia Lynn <cynthiadancer@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 6:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
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10605 Clarksville Pike
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Heather Beck <Heather_Beck@hcpss.org>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 6:10 PM
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Sincerely,

Heather Marie Beck
Mathis Beck Kettering

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From: sam_deininger <sam_deininger@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 6:11 PM
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Sincerely,

Samantha McEwen

Sayers, Margery

From: Gregory May <greg@circusgreg.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 6:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

As a 40-year Columbia resident, and a full-time Howard County artist, I am emailing today to ask you to support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project.

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Sincerely,
Greg May

Gregory May
9489 Greco Garth
Columbia, MD 21045
443-996-8197
www.CircusGreg.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Ariel Messeca <rel313000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 6:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Your Help

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I have been performing with CCTA and Toby's dinner theater for many years now—the help and joy our theater brings to the community is monumental—without this projects ability to move forward the work we have been doing for so many years will come to a stop. The county needs a development like this, and needs affordable homes.

Sincerely,

Ariel Messeca

Sincerely,

Heather Beck

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Heather Beck <lawmanhalo@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 6:13 PM
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From: Heather Beck <lawmanhalo@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 6:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fwd: NCC Support

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Cynthia Lynn <cynthiadancer@icloud.com>
Date: May 23, 2020 at 6:08:35 PM EDT
To: councilmail@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

Cynthia Lynn, Ph.D.
410-227-8479- mobile

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Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project!

Sincerely,

Tom Alonso
Ellicott City, Md _____

Sayers, Margery

From: Samantha McEwen Deininger <samanthamcewen@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 6:15 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FW: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,

Samantha McEwen

Vincent Musgrave

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: Vincent Musgrave <vincentkirk66@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 6:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

2. **Please email the sample message to your friends, family, colleagues anyone in the Toby's/CCTA world and local community to do the same and ask them to send their email the Howard County Council ASAP – and no later than [May 25th](#)!**
3. **If you are active on social media, please post the sample email and ask your connections to send an email and then share to their networks.**

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Marsha <mraymond@stmaryofthemills.org>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 6:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,

Marsha V. Raymond

Sayers, Margery

From: wizardoz39 <wizardoz39@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 6:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Merriweather Park Toby's Cultural Arts Center

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Dear members of the
Howard County Council,

I am emailing [today](#) to ask you to support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project.

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Sincerely,

David Bosley-Reynolds
307 Ardmore Rd
Linthicum, MD 21090

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Sayers, Margery

From: Davis, Dean A - Washington, DC <ddean31@usps.gov>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 6:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project! Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dean A Davis

Sayers, Margery

From: Kosh Events <koshevents@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 6:57 PM
To: CouncilMail

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Greetings,

This email is a plea to

Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project!. This budget is extremely important to the community is arts as well as the opportunity to provide housing for low income citizens who will desperately need housing when Covid Pandemic is no longer a threat. I ask that you consider what this budget means to the community of Howard a county. We've been patiently anticipating the new development in downtown Columbia for years. It will bring much more revenue to the area and provide a new and pleasant experience for everyone. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sayers, Margery

From: Diane Alonso <dalonso@umbc.edu>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 7:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Diane Alonso

Diane L. Alonso, Ph.D.

*Senior Lecturer/Program Director
Special Assistant to the Vice Provost of Shady Grove Initiatives
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9636 Gudelsky Drive
Rockville, MD 20850
301-738-6318*

Sayers, Margery

From: Sarah Joyce <sarahjoyce4@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 7:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project!

Sincerely,

Sarah Joyce

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-Sarah

Sayers, Margery

From: Cassie Saunders <cassie.w.saunders@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 7:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

In these uncertain and unsettling times, Howard County cannot stand to lose the light that is its expanding arts programs and hold on the arts community.

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Since the age of 10, Howard County Arts has been a defining force in my life that has allowed me to express myself and feel like I had a home away from home through Toby's and CCTA.

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Howard County needs the arts. Howard County needs hope. Howard County needs this plan approved.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Sincerely,

Catherine "Cassie" Saunders

Sayers, Margery

From: Maya Brettell <mayatheatretegirl@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 7:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Maya Brettell

Sayers, Margery

From: Judy Fox <speedmommy8691@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 7:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget

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Sincerely,

Christopher Fox III and Judith A. Fox

Sayers, Margery

From: Tom/Mary <gypsies_2@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 7:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Respectfully,
Thomas Canning

Sayers, Margery

From: Mary Canning <goldenearrings@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 7:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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> Respectfully,

> Mary Canning

Sayers, Margery

From: Kristin Fitch <kmsorrells@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 8:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sayers, Margery

From: Rachel Sandler <rachel.sandler14@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 8:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21

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Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project!

Sincerely,

Rachel Sandler

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Richard Evans <wineuntasted1024@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 8:25 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

As a registered voter, I am emailing today to ask you to support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project.

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Sincerely,

Richard Evans

Registered Voter

Sayers, Margery

From: Andrew Horn <bbofun@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 8:25 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am emailing today to ask you to support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project.

If the project is delayed, it could threaten the already secured \$62 million in federal funding for affordable housing—dollars that must be used or be lost.

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The arts are being particularly hard hit by the COVID-19 crisis. Howard County has had a rich history of the arts, which, without support, could be irreparably damaged by the pandemic. This project has the dual purpose of both supporting the arts, and creating the sort of affordable housing Howard County is in need of.

Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project!

Sincerely,
Andrew Horn

Sayers, Margery

From: Scott Kincaid <skincaid14@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 8:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project!

Sincerely,

Scott Kincaid

Sayers, Margery

From: Tania Alvarez-Kemper <vania.alvarez730@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 8:35 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center

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Sincerely,

Tania Alvarez-Kemper

Sayers, Margery

From: Big Cats Management <bigcatsmanagement@gmail.com>
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From: Rew Garner <rewgarner19@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 8:42 PM
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"Live as though life was created for you"

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Sincerely,

Christen Svingos Douglass
410-458-1352
www.ChristenSvingos.com

From: Christen Svingos <csvingos@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 8:49 PM
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Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

So many of us in the community are looking forward to this addition to Howard county. The youth of this area have been enriched with arts for decades by Tobys performances and theatre courses. This is a place called home for many and when this pandemic lifts theatre is one way we will all heal. Please take this into consideration as you read the "meatier" reasons why you should keep this project alive.

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Sincerely,
Morganne Chu

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Sayers, Margery

From: Morganne Chu Artist <morganne.chu@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 8:54 PM
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From: Mary Maurey <marymaurey@comcast.net>
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Sayers, Margery

From: Sophia <moradish08@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 9:47 PM
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Sophia Moradi

Sayers, Margery

From: Tabatha Harrison <daisey37555@icloud.com>
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Tabatha Harrison

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Celia Blitzer <cmbsings@gmail.com>
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From: Matthew Moore <matthew.moore190@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 9:51 PM
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From: Dianne Fussaro <fussaro@yahoo.com>
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From: Lydia Gifford <gifford@cua.edu>
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From: MarQuis Fair <marq777@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 10:34 PM
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From: Stephen Foreman <sforeman85@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 10:46 PM
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From: Sophie Schulman <sophiebethschulman@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 11:36 PM
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From: Noah Beye <noahbeye@gmail.com>
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From: Michael Ordovensky <Michael_Ordovensky@hcpss.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 12:33 AM
To: CouncilMail
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Sincerely,

Michael Ordovensky

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6th grade Geography and World Cultures G/T, GEN
Patapsco Middle School

Sayers, Margery

From: Jennifer Joyce <jenjoyce2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,

Jen Joyce

Mother of a newly graduated musical theatre major who, along with many other actors and actresses are being especially hard hit by this virus.

Sayers, Margery

From: John Dellaporta <johnbdellaporta@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 4:02 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

John Dellaporta

Sayers, Margery

From: Mary Cummings <servantfaith@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 7:45 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Dear County Council Member,

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I just learned of an amendment being presented on May 20 that would cut funds for many for many capital projects in the FY2021 budget, particularly the new East Columbia 50+ Center.

As one of the many seniors living in Howard County who uses this center (along with others who live throughout Howard County's five districts}, I urge you to reconsider eliminating plans to build this much needed facility. Please think about making cuts from several of the proposed capital projects, not just the 50+ center so that seniors are not only segment of our population making sacrifices.

We appreciate the difficult decisions that you must make in these trying times. Please consider seniors when you make your final decisions.

Sincerely,

Mary Cummings
7014 Copperwood Way
Columbia, Md 21046

Servantfaith@yahoo.com

Sayers, Margery

From: 4439945573 <catrockrun@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 9:07 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC support

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Sincerely,

Rita Hamlet

Sayers, Margery

From: Coleen Foley <coleemfoley@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 9:25 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,
Coleen M. Foley

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Katie Kanaley <katiekanaley@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 9:37 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Katie Kanaley

Sayers, Margery

From: Anthony Kanaley <anthonykanaley@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 9:39 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT - Please Read

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I appreciate your time and consideration. Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project!

Sincerely,
Anthony Kanaley

Sayers, Margery

From: Katie Heidbreder <kheidbred@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 9:41 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: URGENT: NCC SUPPORT

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Katie Heidbreder

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Katie Heidbreder
Masters of Science: Television Producing and Management
Boston University Class of 2017
www.linkedin.com/in/katieheidbreder

Sayers, Margery

From: Lynn Sharp Spears <sharpspearsl@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 9:43 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Capital Budget Funding

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**Sincerely,
Lynn Sharp Spears**

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Lynn Sharp Spears
301-943-8318

www.lynnsharpspears.com

sharpspearsl@gmail.com

Note: please don't use lshearspear@aol.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Nikki Tracht <nicholetracht@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 10:06 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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NIKKI Tracht, Elkridge

Nichole Tracht

Tel: 410-718-0861

nicholetracht@hotmail.com



<http://www.facebook.com/dogsxlrscue>

Sayers, Margery

From: april blandin <ahblandin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 10:14 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,

April Harr Blandin

Past performer at Toby's and resident of low income housing in Columbia, MD. I met my husband at Toby's and would not be the person I am today without the involvement of both the theater community of Toby's and the low income housing that was available to me at Island Club Apartments in the 80's and 90's.

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Darren McDonnell <dfmcd62@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 10:31 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

Darren McDonnell

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Jean Satterfield <ljsatterfield@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 10:35 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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My husband and I moved to Howard County 30 years ago and began our married lives here. We've raised two children, both of whom were heavily involved in the arts, including CCTA. Part of what makes Columbia such a great place to live is the vibrant arts community and it is rapidly becoming difficult to find affordable housing.

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Sincerely,

Jean Satterfield

Sayers, Margery

From: ising4u659@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 10:42 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia Cultural Center

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Larry Friedman

Sayers, Margery

From: taurean44 <taurean44@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 11:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

Charles Cofield
Columbia resident since 1970
Employed in Columbia for 37 years

Service is the secret and Action is the magic word.

Sayers, Margery

From: Diverjay <diverjay@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 11:22 AM
To: CouncilMail
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Sincerely,

Jay E. Miller

Howard County Arts Supporter

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Kobren <raiderko13@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 11:24 AM
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Sincerely,
Susan R. Kobren

Sayers, Margery

From: Nick Lehan <nlehan1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 11:45 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We Need the Arts More Than Ever

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Sincerely,

Nick Lehan
240.462.5484

Sayers, Margery

From: Emily Rice <therices5@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 11:52 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Toby's!

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Sincerely, Emily Rice (HoCo Resident)

Sayers, Margery

From: CHRIS MAYNARD <cmaynardusa@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 12:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Budget concerns.

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Hello council members.

As I read about the proposed cuts for affordable housing and for the arts in downtown Columbia, I am indeed quite disturbed. As a fiscal conservative, I do understand the need for appropriating taxpayer dollars in the most efficient and effective way. However I don't think that the long term affects of defunding the arts and not moving forward with the housing project are being considered here.

Think of all the contracts that are now going to be nullified and people that will not be able to work to build these capital projects. Think of all the people that will be paying rent and shopping at the local establishments who live and work in this area. Think of all the patrons that will be returning to theaters once COVID-19 is thwarted. Think of all the workers and their families that work right here in downtown Columbia and yet cannot afford to live in the community where they are work. That is a sad but true reality here.

It seems like it's time to put politics aside and think of what the best long-term solutions for downtown Columbia will be. Are you looking at budgets in a short term manner or are you considering the big picture in your decisions?

I realize your collective and individual jobs are quite difficult. That said, The arts and affordable housing positively impact communities both economically and socially.

Thank you for your attention to my message.

Sincerely Chris Maynard , Ellicott city

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Vickie Beck <century03@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 12:11 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: keeping funding in place!

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Sincerely,

Vickie Beck
2920 Evening Dew Drive
Woodstock, Maryland

Howard County Resident, who loves all the Howard County stands for!

Sayers, Margery

From: Garrett Matthews <gmatthews418@gmail.com>
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To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Garrett Matthews

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G. Diane Graham ☺

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From: Alexander DeVito <adevito20@students.gilman.edu>
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Alex DeVito

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From: Barbara Weinstein <aahtickets@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 1:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: cultural center project

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council:

It has come to my attention that the project for affordable housing could possibly lose its 62 million dollar federal funding within the new Columbia Arts Center.. I am asking you to please consider voting for this project to continue. Now more than ever, the people of Howard County will be in need of affordable housing,

Sincerely

y, Barbara Weinstein

Sayers, Margery

From: Toby Kemper <topajak@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 2:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding

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Sincerely,

Toby Kemper
Teacher
Actor

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Dawn Thomas <dawnt89@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:13 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia's New cultural center

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Sincerely, A Columbia Resident

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From: Kerry Greer <kerry.b.greer@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:12 PM
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Sincerely,
Kerry Greer
10415 Churchill Way
Laurel, MD 20723

Sayers, Margery

From: Peggy Edmonds <WPEdmonds70@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Toby's - FY 21

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Sincerely,
Emily Hartung

Sayers, Margery

From: Marcia McAdoo <mlmlibrary2006@yahoo.com>
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Sincerely,

Marcia McAdoo

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Roberta and Maurice Haynes
7427 Hickory Log Circle
Columbia, MD 21045
410-381-4569
mh192j@gmail.com

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Sincerely,

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Pleeeeeze vote for the FY21 for the New Cultural Center... it is a dream and will do so much for our great county. Please vote yes."

Sayers, Margery

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I, along with many others who love the arts, will be very disappointed if this is cancelled. Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project!

Sincerely,
Margaret

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Sincerely,

Kirsten Eland
Columbia, Md.

Sayers, Margery

From: Jill Grimm <jill.grimm@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:19 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC)

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Sincerely,
Jill A. Grimm and the Grimm Family

*Fans of Toby's Dinner Theatre which has opened the world of theatre arts to my young daughters.

Sayers, Margery

From: Jill Comeaux <djaoct@aol.com>
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To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

Jill Comeaux
Columbia resident since 1992

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Debra Brown <dasphr@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:19 PM
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Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Debra Brown

Sayers, Margery

From: Lynette Casey <jamom17@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:22 PM
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Sincerely,
Lynette Casey

Sayers, Margery

From: Laura Graham Feters <grahamlala@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support the Fy21 Funding of NCC !

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Sincerely,
Laura Graham Feters
Former student and long time friend of Toby Orenstein

Sayers, Margery

From: Linda <lanadal1@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

Linda Anadale

Sayers, Margery

From: Stefanie Soeken <ssoeken@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:25 PM
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Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Stefanie Soeken

Sayers, Margery

From: Emily Soeken <epsoeken@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:27 PM
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Sincerely,
Emily Soeken

Sayers, Margery

From: Sue Ashman <ashmanmom@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Susan Ashman
Howard County Resident and
Board Chair, Bridge of Hope Greater Baltimore Region

Our locally elected officials like to boast of our quality of life in Howard County. Unquestionably, the theatre community in Howard County and in particular, Toby's, is a major contributor to our quality of life. To continue on that track, the expansion of this outstanding institution through the NCC must be supported.

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Sincerely,
Steve Charing
5912 Trotter Rd.
Clarksville, MD 21029
443-545-9863

Sayers, Margery

From: Steve Charing <charingsteve@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:27 PM
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As someone who has attended and reviewed theatre since I was a teenager (many decades), I can say with absolute certainty that the positive impact of theatre in Howard County as a cultural fixture cannot be overstated. Rep Stage, Red Branch, HCC, and Silhouette Stages are among those which have been vital contributors to the dynamic theatre culture in the county. Adding to that are the many theatrical productions from our local public schools whereby young people showcase their talents in all phases of theatrical productions.

However, Toby's, the Dinner Theatre of Columbia, is arguably the anchor of the local theatre community having delivered quality entertainment for 40 years. Toby's as well as the Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts (CCTA) have provided numerous jobs to local residents and offered opportunities for talented young people to develop and enhance their skills and pursue careers emanating from these opportunities. Not only does this apply to performers, but also to technicians, designers, engineers, musicians, kitchen and office staff and all others who have been key components of this success.

Moreover, through the excellence of their productions and buffet, Toby's has gained a nationwide reputation. Each production attracts visitors from all over the country to take in the D.C. area with a side trip to Columbia to attend a Toby's show or they visit the theater directly. The economic boost to the county from these excursions is significant.

Sayers, Margery

From: mark fine <mark@joshuasystems.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:27 PM
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Subject: Columbia's New Cultural Center

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Sincerely,

Mark Fine

Sayers, Margery

From: Jeff Soeken <jsoeken@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:28 PM
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Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sayers, Margery

From: Mary Peitz <mary.peitz@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Capital budget funding for the Cultural Arts center

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Dear County Council,

I am aware of the budget challenges we are facing but I'm writing to ask you not to cut the funding for the Cultural Arts Centers. The critical part of the project is the affordable housing. We need to close this affordable housing gap. I'm confident that eventually our economy will recover and I am hoping that we will all rethink our priorities in life. I believe our school system, housing and quality of life are significant factors as to why people live in Howard County. The cost of living is higher here but so are our amenities. Art helps us all to transcend tragedy and challenges which we are certainly facing now. And our housing costs are crazy - I do not want to live in a county in which only rich people can live. I want to live in a county that supports diversity, education, the arts and helps all those who live here and contribute to our society.

Thanks

Mary Peitz
District 1.

Sayers, Margery

From: Henry Soeken <hsoeken@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,

Henry Soeken

Sayers, Margery

From: Ronica Johnson <rosasderonica@yahoo.com>
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Sincerely,

Ronica Johnson
Mother of a Dancer, Singer, Actress
Theatre lover
HCPSS Teacher

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: Doralee Simko <djsimko95@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:30 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: please protect Toby's!

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I am a senior citizen on a very restrictive budget--my primary income is Social Security. The one discretionary expense I allow myself is a season ticket to Toby's. PLEASE do not cancel funding for the cultural arts center! Maybe you have not visited Toby's lately and do not know that the vast majority of the audience is senior citizens. If you cause Toby's to go under you will snuff out the one live cultural event I can, by saving in other budget items such as food, afford. Toby's feeds my soul. Please do not take away my only outlet to the cultural world.

Doralee Simko
10801 Enfield Dr, Woodstock, MD 21163

Sayers, Margery

From: Marsha Argo <outlook_C02CD60912958FAC@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts

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The Arts are so important to the entire community, along with the surrounding counties. Please consider this proposal. At this particular time, I believe everyone needs to be uplifted. Thank you.

Sayers, Margery

From: gail shapiro <shapirofamily00@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project

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Providing homes for those who need them has been magnified during this pandemic. Everyone needs a safe space. Also, as a patron of the Arts and parent of a daughter currently unemployed due to the Arts being unfunded, I implore you to address this issue.

Sincerely,
Gail Shapiro

Sayers, Margery

From: Danny Clemens <dannyclmns@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:32 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC support

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Sincerely,
Danny Clemens

Sayers, Margery

From: Katie Soeken <krsoeken@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Katie Soeken

Sayers, Margery

From: Missy Flores <tmflores06@comcast.net>
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Sincerely,

Missy Flores

Sayers, Margery

From: Ronica Johnson <rosasderonica@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:35 PM
To: CouncilMail
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Sincerely,
Ronica Johnson
HCPSS Teacher
HCPSS Resident
Mother of a Dancer/Actress/Singer
Theatre/Show Lover♥

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: Russell Cain <russpcain@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:37 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center (NCC)

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Understand, this is an issue is extremely important to me and will be a basis for my future voting.

Sincerely,
Russell Paul Cain

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Russell Paul Cain

10014 Hyla Brook Road
Columbia, MD 21044-1703
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"Chance favors the prepared mind", L. Pasteur

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Sayers, Margery

From: Melissa Main <bebemain@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:39 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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ON A PERSONAL NOTE, my friends and I have so enjoyed supporting Toby's over the years, and would love to see her dreams come true. Why? Well because she sees the importance of the ARTS in our society, helping students with their gifts/talents in this field, all the while helping those with affordable housing. I see that truly a win/win/win situation. I hope you do too!

PLEASE approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project!

Thank you,
Melissa Main

Sayers, Margery

From: Rob nachman <rln7463@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Jung, Deb; Ball, Calvin
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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I am a resident of Howard County, a frequent attendee of Toby's, and a customer of downtown Columbia and environs. I also represent the Cherry Tree Park community of 55+ seniors as president of both COA and HOA.

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Sincerely,

Robert Nachman
8410 Ice Crystal Dr
Unit C
Laurel MD 20723

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From: tigercat21550@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
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Sincerely,

Mary P. Duvall

Sayers, Margery

From: Jessica <jessica.shanfield@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:41 PM
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Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,
Jessica Petro

Sayers, Margery

From: The Duvalls <bmduvall63@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project

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Sincerely,

Robert F. Duvall, Sr.

Sayers, Margery

From: Karen Brindle <krnbrindle@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget/New Cultural Center

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Dear Howard County Council,

Please support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project. I am not okay with the threat to the \$62 million in Federal funding for affordable housing. I support Toby's dream of the NCC and its capacity to bring affordable, accessible arts to a diverse audience in Howard County. While I understand that we are at a time of economic uncertainty, we cannot let our support to low and moderate-income renters be the first on the chopping block.

Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project. Thank you for keeping your priorities in alignment with your constituents.

Best,

Karen Brindle
21043

Sayers, Margery

From: Ellen Bartlett <ellenbartlett@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support Funding for NCC/Affordable Housing Project

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Sincerely,

Ellen Bartlett
Toby's and Affordable Housing Supporter

Sayers, Margery

From: Tracy Trobridge <tracy21794@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Toby's Dinner Theatre

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Sincerely,

Tracy Trobridge

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Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:49 PM
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Sincerely,

Dave & Barb Sherry
8527 Blounts Lane
Fulton, MD 20759

Beth Leanza

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Leisure World Maryland resident