

Sayers, Margery

From: Rose Hannett <rosemzh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 4:30 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Toby's

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

Sincerely,
Rose Hannett

Take care and be happy in the moment.

Sayers, Margery

From: larc4r4@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 4:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Input into the budget hearing on 5/27

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Dear Council Members,

I recognize the difficult task ahead of you in voting for a budget in these trying times during the covid-19 pandemic. I know that all segments of the population will be negatively affected by the County's reduced income, and I realize that every budget proposal will have to sacrifice in the final tally. I applaud the proposals put forth by several Council members to have a fiscally responsible budget this year.

Nevertheless, at the budget hearing on Wednesday, May 27, I urge you to reconsider the drastic reduction in funding for the construction of the new East Columbia 50+ Center. The proposed 28% reduction in this project funding represents one of the most severe cuts when compared to other projects. I believe it is unwise and unwarranted to cut the Center funding this year to this extent.

Chief among the reasons is that construction on the East Columbia 50+ Center was set to begin this summer (2020). Reducing funding to this extent now will cause a delay for the project of at least a year, which will increase the overall costs of construction. We know, because the project has already been delayed which resulted in a construction cost increase of \$4 million. Delaying this project for another year would negate any short-term fiscal benefit to the County.

The long-planned East Columbia 50+ Center does not fit the category of being "an unnecessary or unvetted project." In fact, it is a necessity which will provide much needed services both to underserved seniors and the heavily populated community at large. For example, plans for the new center include services for memory-challenged seniors in our community (there are currently no such services in this part of the County.)

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

In addition, I believe there is a proposal before the Council that would increase the County's operating revenue by increasing a tax on high-end real estate sales. I support this idea, as it affects only those most able to pay. This increase in operating revenue would allow the Council to free up more money to be used for critical infrastructure projects such as the senior

center. Please consider this in your deliberations. The increased high-end real estate tax might also be a short-term increase to help tide the County over its crisis.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Arena
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Columbia, MD 21044
larcar4@comcast.net

Sayers, Margery

From: Tamar Gasko <tamargasko@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 4:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Approve FY21 and support Columbia's new Cultural Center, please!

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

Sincerely,

Tamar

Tamar Gasko
she/her/hers
Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School
tamarstutoring.strikingly.com

Sayers, Margery

From: BARBARA ziegler <lynde127@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 4:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget for NCC

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Dear Council Members of the Howard County Council
Although I moved to south central Pennsylvania several years ago, I remain a loyal Toby's subscriber. In addition, there are numerous groups that come to Toby's performances. Toby's is an icon in Columbia. Although the food and shows are excellent, the facility needs a new venue in Columbia.

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If the NCC project isn't funded in the FY21 Capital Budget and the \$62M Federal dollars have been lost, it will be impossible to see Toby's dream of the NCC happen in the future.

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

I understand that there is no certainty about when and how the country's and county's economy will rebound from the current economic crisis. Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project.

Sincerely
Barbara Ziegler
Littlestown, PA

Sayers, Margery

From: HIMA JAIN <hima.jain@me.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 4:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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

Sincerely,
Hima Jain

Sent from my iPhone. Please pardon my thumbs!

Sayers, Margery

From: Caryn Lasser <cdlasser@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 4:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please SUPPORT funding for the New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project.

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Members of the Howard County Council:

Please SUPPORT FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project.

This valuable project has been slowly advancing for the past several years across two administrations. It will be a true gem for our county and will serve so many in need.

PLEASE APPROVE FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project.

Thank you.

Caryn Lasser
District 4

Sayers, Margery

From: Jennifer Herrmann <jkherrmann@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 3:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC support

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Jennifer Herrmann

Sayers, Margery

From: Holly Thomas <hhthomas13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 3:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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

Sincerely,

Holly Thomas

*5400 Vantage Point Road
#1009
Columbia, MD 21044
Mobile: 301-596-1756*

EMAIL: hhthomas13@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Dr. Susie Long <susielong55@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 3:41 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,

Dr. Susie A. Long

Sayers, Margery

From: robertsx@verizon.net
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 3:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

We are contacting you to ask you to please support and include FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project. Delaying the project threatens the already secured \$62 million in Federal funding for affordable housing, dollars that must be used or be lost forever.

If the NCC project isn't funded in the FY21 Capital Budget, it will be impossible for the NCC happen, and the rich blend of affordable, accessible arts experiences for residents of Howard County evaporates. The multi-purpose facility will add 87 residential units that will help close the affordable housing gap. Failure to approve this project now will also threaten development of four additional multi-use projects that are to include almost half of the 900 affordable units the County committed to develop in the 2016 Downtown Redevelopment Plan.

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

Sincerely,
John and Carol Roberts
The Residences at Vantage Point.

Sayers, Margery

From: Sarah Weller-Bentivegna <sweller95b@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 3:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC)

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

Sincerely,

Sarah Weller-Bentivegna M.Ed.

sweller95b@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Marlene Blevins <blevinsrm@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 3:18 PM
To: CouncilMail; Marlene Blevins
Subject: Cultural Center

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PLEASE support the F21 Capital budget funding for the New Columbia Cultural Center.

We NEED the affordable housing badly .

And Columbia will be fortunate to have a cultural Center.

Keep our city one of the BEST.----- LOOK TO THE FUTURE.

Marlene Blevins former home owner in Columbia for 34 years

Sayers, Margery

From: VALTER VALENCA <retlavlav@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 1:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,
Linda Valenca
Patron of Toby's Dinner

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Lauralee Wagner <lauraleewagner@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 3:15 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Toby's Dinner Theater

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Sincerely,
Lauralee Wagner
8726 Sage Brush Way
Columbia, MD 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: Donald Perrone <don.perrone@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 3:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Sincerely,
Mr.&Mrs. Donald E. Perrone
Thank You,
For Your Support

Sayers, Margery

From: patricia knapp <pknapppt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 3:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC and Affordable Housing

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I urge you to support funding for this project.

Sayers, Margery

From: sonia truesdale <cleo46@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 3:06 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: sonia truesdale
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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I am emailing today to ask you to support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project. Delaying the project would threaten the already secured \$62 million in Federal funding for affordable housing—dollars that must be used or be lost to us forever. 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. At the same time, the multi-purpose facility will add 87 residential units that will assist the County in closing its affordable housing gap. As mentioned above, the Federal dollars have been secured but must be expended in the upcoming budget cycle. Also, failure to approve the remainder of the capital budget would threaten development of four additional multi-use projects that are to include almost half of the 900 affordable units the County committed to develop in the 2016 Downtown Development Plan.

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It's not too late to give this consideration. Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project! Thank You!

Sincerely,

Sonia C. Truesdale

Concerned Howard County Citizen

Sayers, Margery

From: Ray Donaldson <rtdonaldson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 3:04 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Donaldson Ray & Fran
Subject: New Cultural Center (NCC) SUPPORT

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Howard County Council members,

We have lived in Howard County since 1972. Toby Orenstein has been an integral part of Columbia since its early days for many reasons. For many years she promoted the arts for young people. Our daughter benefited from this. Our family has also promoted affordable housing in Howard County from the time we moved here. This was part of Jim Rouse's vision for the county as part of the planning for Columbia. The New Cultural Center (NCC) is a continuation of what has made Howard County a great place to live since before we moved here. Our children were born in the Columbia hospital, raised in Columbia and the county, and thrived in the county schools. The strength of this welcoming county is the diverse people that have been drawn to it. Unfortunately it seems that some younger people seem to no longer understand and appreciate these strengths. Some wealthier people or those who have succeeded and become wealthier no longer appreciate what has made this county great. I urge you "young" people on the county council to do the right thing. Support the NCC; support the future of all the people of the county.

Sincerely,

Raymond T Donaldson and Frances A Donaldson

Sayers, Margery

From: LELIA BENJAMIN <labenjamin@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:56 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; CouncilMail
Subject: Cuts to funding for new E. Columbia Senior Center

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Dear Elizabeth Walsh and other Howard County Council Members:

I just learned of the drastic \$4.5 million reduction in funding for the new East Columbia 50+ Center in the county council's budget amendment. The nearly 28% reduction will effectively halt construction indefinitely. Delays in building the new center will wind up costing Howard County MORE money as construction costs rise each year (the 2-year building delay in 2019 resulted in \$4 million in costs).

The 28% cut in funding is disproportionately severe compared to the cuts in other capital projects. The question is why we as a group of seniors are being unfairly targeted? We are the fastest growing group of citizens and we pay lots of taxes. The funding cuts are in direct opposition to the county's efforts to create an age-friendly community "designed to support and enable older people to 'age actively' -- that is, to live in security, enjoy good health and continue to participate fully in society (definition provided by the World Health Organization, WHO)."

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

Sincerely,

Lelia "Ann" M. Benjamin
4315 Ericson Road, Unit 406
Ellicott City, MD 21043
labenjamin@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: Christina Lambert <christinalambertmba@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote FOR New Cultural Center in Howard County's FY21 Capital Budget

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

Sincerely,
Christina Lambert
Toby's Dinner Theater Subscriber

Sayers, Margery

From: SARAH MUGO <smugo@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need Toby dinner theater in our community

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Our kids theatre career will be enhanced by visit to Tobys where they can even intern. We are patrons and attend several shows in a year with Christ Episcopal Church, book club, girls outings and family birthday celebrations. We appreciate all you help to approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project!

Thanks,

Sarah Mugo, MBA, MSHRM
Village of OM resident
Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Judith Gordon <jagordon630@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

Judith Gordon

Sayers, Margery

From: Erica Byrne <EByrne@Voicesforchildren.org>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:47 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Erica Byrne
Subject: PLEASE say NO to budget cuts

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am deeply concerned by your amendments and proposed cuts to the FY21 Capital and Operating Budgets. Please invest in our community, seniors, education and infrastructure and commit to public safety, affordable housing and job creation. Our county can be a catalyst for reviving our community and long-term economic recovery. But these proposed budget cuts are not it. Short-term savings will not create long-term solutions and will deny our community the resources and projects we depend on.

As I know you are aware, Voices for Children, Inc. is the only non-profit in the County who supports 100% of the children in foster care in Howard County. This is one of the most vulnerable populations in our county – and the proposed cuts to DCRS could cripple a small non-profit like ours – who depends on the support of the County. Especially during a pandemic, when we have a limited ability to hold fundraisers.

PLEASE say NO to budget cuts.

Thank you for your continued support of non-profits and the community.

Best, Erica

*Erica B. Byrne, LCSW-C
Executive Director
Voices for Children, Inc
410-740-0933
443-878-2962 cell*

Sayers, Margery

From: Laurese Hale <lilcpa@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC & Affordable Housing Project!

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Sincerely,
A Loyal Toby's Dinner Theatre Customer

Sayers, Margery

From: Joy Gold <joygoldzc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:38 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project

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Sincerely,

Joy Ellen Gold
2530 Kensington Gardens
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Ellicott City, MD 21042
240-620-3924
joygoldzc@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Doris Lefkowitz <doris.lefkowitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: support for the NCC

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Sincerely,

Doris Lefkowitz

5261 Columbia Road

21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Carol Pettey <cp.angel@erols.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Dear Howard County Council Members:

It is our understanding that you will be voting on the Capital Budget for Columbia's New Cultural Center and Affordable Housing Project. We would urge you to consider the merits of voting for this program and project.

We have been attending each and every play that Toby's have produced for four years and would like to continue if they are able to continue. Columbia cultural arts and the Columbia Mall, which is one of the few remaining beautiful Malls in the DC area, has us returning to the area for shopping and for the performances. We were not aware of the Affordable Housing Project, but that would be a huge benefit for Howard County.

As residents of Montgomery County we would like to thank Howard County and in particular Columbia for giving us the option to attend performances at Toby's and Merriweather Post. The Columbia Mall gives us a variety of stores for shopping in a clean and safe environment.

Please consider supporting funding for FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center and Affordable housing.

Carol and William Pettey
2 Quantum Lane
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Sayers, Margery

From: Arlene Brooke <aagui50@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget fundin

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Sincerely,

Harry & Arlene Brooke

Sayers, Margery

From: Lois Gamerman <loisg@gosoftstuff.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Toby's Dinner Theater Project

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

Sincerely,

Lois Gamerman
President/CEO
Soft Stuff Distributors, Inc.

Sayers, Margery

From: Donna Swope <jdswope@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am a frequent patron of the arts in Howard County, and have been looking forward for several years to the construction of the New Cultural Center and the related affordable housing project. The Federal funds that have already been secured, \$62 million, must be used or lost forever - a huge blow to both our cultural aspirations and our plans to increase the inclusivity of Howard County.

I am requesting that you support the FY21 Capital Budget funding that supports these endeavors; 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, while at the same time adding 87 residential units to assist in closing our county's affordable housing gap. As a long-time supporter of Bridges to Housing Stability, I am acutely aware of this need. Also, failure to approve this project now will threaten development of four additional multi-use projects that are to include almost half of the 900 affordable units the county committed to develop in the 2016 Downtown Redevelopment Plan.

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Sincerely,
Donna R. Swope
9345 Windbell Way
Columbia, MD 21045
443-362-0190
jdswope@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: Wanda MacLachlan <wtm@umd.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

Wanda MacLachlan
10357 Whitewasher Way
Columbia, MD. 21044

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Wanda MacLachlan
Area Educator, Residential Landscape Management
University of Maryland Extension
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410-531-5973
www.extension.umd.edu/baywise

Sayers, Margery

From: Jennifer Coon <jenniferacoona@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
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Sincerely,
Jennifer Coon

Sayers, Margery

From: Barbara A. Byrd <babyrd@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:11 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Please Fund the NCC in the Fy 2021 budget. It is very important to the future of our community. AS resident, of Town Center Columbia, I am very concerned regarding the growth and development of our Metropolitan area.

Please do not back down now!

SUPPORT CONTINUED NCC FUNDING.

Barbara Byrd
10000 Town Center Ave.
21044

Sayers, Margery

From: e brandt <ebrandt7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:10 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Toby's Dinner Theater

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Please support the budget for Toby's Dinner Theater, I've gone there many many times and it's a most wonderful gathering place for the community. Every show was done very well.

Thank you! Ethel Brandt

Sayers, Margery

From: Irene Hechler <srh6094@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:07 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Arts Center

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Sincerely,

Irene Hechler
5425 Vantage Point Road
Columbia, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 1:37 PM
To: dhochlowski@aol.com
Subject: Council - support FY21

First Name: Doreen

Last Name: Hochlowski

Email: dhochlowski@aol.com

Street Address: 1003 Klender Ct.

City: Bel Air

Subject: support FY21

Message:

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Sayers, Margery

From: Matthew Greenfield <matthew.joseph.greenfield@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 1:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,

Matthew Greenfield

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Matthew Joseph Greenfield
Cell: 410-320-6259

Sayers, Margery

From: Maran Gluckstein <marangluckstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 12:58 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC and Affordable housing Project

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Sincerely,

Maran Gluckstein

Sayers, Margery

From: RM T. <adv3ntl0z@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 12:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC and Affordable Housing Project

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--Low and moderate wage earners,
--Seniors on fixed incomes, and
--Disabled persons with limited or no earning capacity.

Thus, our community will be denied the opportunity to experience the vibrancy of disparate communities.

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

Sincerely,
Rachel Teachout

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Greg Knauf <gwknauf@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 12:49 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,
Greg Knauf

Sayers, Margery

From: Rosalie Read <rosalieread@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 12:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Rosalie Read

Sayers, Margery

From: Gerry Frank <gfrank@frankbiz.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 12:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

Charles Frank
5367 Five Fingers Way
Columbia, MD. 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: Annette Y. Wilkerson <lme_entertainment@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 12:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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From: Jean Del Vecchio <jeandelvechio60@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 12:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: funding

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I am writing in support of funding for the new Cultural Center and affordable housing in Columbia. The project already has funding from the federal government that could be lost if the council doesn't support the funding. We could lose affordable housing and cultural enrichment.

Sayers, Margery

From: cawatchins@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 12:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

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I lived in Howard County for almost 30 years and most of those years had season tickets for Toby's Dinner Theatre. It provides a quality of entertainment not found in many cities..as good as many Broadway shows and a lot more affordable. It is amazing the action that Toby can produce in a small theater-in-the round. I've been looking forward for several years now to her new venue. Funding for the New Cultural Center in FY 21 is vital to continuing to provide high quality entertainment for both adults and children not just in Howard County but the entire Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan area. Please approve the funding this year.

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Sincerely,
Charlotte Watchinski
Toby's Dinner Theatre Season Ticket Holder and lover of live theatre entertainment

Sayers, Margery

From: melissa.rosenberg@howard-autism.org
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 12:11 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Jones, Diane
Subject: NCC, ADA and Parks & Rec Support!
Attachments: HCASLtrtoHowardCtyCouncil(May2020).doc

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May 25, 2020

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Sayers, Margery

From: Chris Wruck <wruckc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:59 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Capital Budget Funding

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Sincerely,

Chris Wruck

6449 Richardson Farm Lane
Clarksville, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Matt Sweeney <mattwsweeney@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:59 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Comment on new budget amendments

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing here as a resident of Town Center in Columbia. I was angered recently to hear about the recent budget amendments against the new cultural center in Downtown Columbia.

I find it informative that when faced with this crisis the people of Howard County reach out a helping hand to those who are struggling through grassroots initiatives like Columbia Community Cares, while the council turns their back on these people and forces them alone to carry the burden because it's a simple solution. Heaven forbid we have a council that is willing to lead in this difficult time instead of looking to abandon its responsibilities the first change they get.

Matt Sweeney

Sayers, Margery

From: Charles Schroer <crschroer@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:57 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding new cultural center in Columbia Md

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It has come to our attention that funding for the proposed Howard County Cultural Center may be in doubt. Failure to construct such facility ASAP places the future of Tobys Dinner theater, a Columbia landmark, in jeopardy. We have enjoyed Tobys ever since 1974 and loss of this gem and magnet for tourists and locals would be a tragedy to say the least ! We therefore urge the council to find a way to fund the proposed facility to insure the Rouse concept of a true American community continues . Charles and Frances Schroer Swansfield Columbia Md

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device

Sayers, Margery

From: pigelet25 <pigelet25@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:49 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,

Dawn Dunn

Sayers, Margery

From: MAYNARD TUROW <maynardturow@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:55 AM
To: CouncilMail; Maynard Turow
Subject: Fw: Note to Howard County council on Bugget Funding

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To: councilmail@howardcounty.gov <councilmail@howardcounty.gov>
Cc: maynardturow@yahoo.com <maynardturow@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020, 11:47:12 AM EDT
Subject: Note to Howard County council on Bugget Funding

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Maynard Turow
301-518-3834
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Sayers, Margery

From: Alex Meerovich <alex.meerovich@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:54 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please fund Columbia's New Cultural Center and Affordable Housing Project

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Alex Meerovich

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From: Leon Harney <lharney2004@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:54 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Approve FY21

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From: levin custis <l.custis@icloud.com>
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7317 Eden Brook Drive
Apt 404
Columbia, MD 21044

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Sincerely,
Susan Thornton

Sayers, Margery

From: Linda Cote <lcc17fm@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:38 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for NCC and Affordable Housing Project

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

To the Members of the Howard County Council,

I urge you to support funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center and Affordable Housing Project. Not only is there a need for the County to address its affordable housing gap, Covid-19 has ensured that this problem will only grow. There is currently \$62 million in federal funding secured to help fund this project, but it is use-it-or-lose-it money. Let's not throw away this unique opportunity to lean on federal money to ensure that Columbia continues to set the example for innovation in addressing these types of challenges, such as multi-use, multi-purpose projects that provide a way for the arts to be part of the solution in generating future revenues for the County and the State. While I understand that these are challenging times and that difficult decisions must be made, delaying this project would be short-sighted and misguided. Please vote to fund the NCC and Affordable Housing!

Sincerely,
Linda Cote

Sayers, Margery

From: Alix Rolph <akrmadre@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:38 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

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Sincerely,
Alix Rolph

Sayers, Margery

From: Nancy Whitelock <nwhitelock@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:35 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC support

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Sincerely, Nancy Whitelock,
10758 Autumn Splendor Dr., Columbia, MD. 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: William Kujawa <bill.kujawa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:28 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittie Kujawa; William Kujawa
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
William and Kathleen Kujawa
10108 Deep Skies Drive
Laurel, MD 20723

Sayers, Margery

From: Kathy Hurwitz <kathy.hurwitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:23 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for NCC project

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

Sincerely,
Kathleen Hurwitz
Longfellow
Columbia, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Jeanie Lazerov <jlazerov@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:15 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: approve budget for Columbia's new Cultural Center and Affordable Housing

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Sincerely,

Jeanie and Manuel Lazerov
13278 Styer Court
Highland, MD 20777
jlazerov@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: Neil Hunt <nwhunt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:15 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please fund New Cultural Center

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

Sincerely,
Neil Hunt

Sayers, Margery

From: Cathy Graham <piggycrackers@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:13 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Proposal

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Please don't blame the corona virus for your refusal to fund recently approved programs. We've suffered enough with this pandemic and now when you all have finally gotten to the business of providing much needed space for seniors, road improvements and various citizen supports it appears that you refuse to adjust the county income because developers don't like the new tax plan adjustments.

Real estate development in Howard County has fueled our diversity, our superior schools and our first rate libraries, parks and emergency services. But the time has come for that development to respond to the need to shore up and improve those benefits to having a Howard County address. Folks will still buy those million dollar homes if the perks of living in Howard County are not eroded.

We have lived through the problems that greed has created. We've already paved over too much land, we've neglected our natural resources, we've created citizens who feel the need to hoard toilet paper!

Buyers are well aware of the many reasons they seek to become residents. Look at the building of the East Columbia 50+ Center. The senior population of Howard County is on the rise yet this project has been tossed around too often and with a 28% cut will have to be completely reworked and delayed. In this time of heightened community awareness where we all should be seeking to find solutions to the current repercussions of the crisis, please do not reject this proposal and thereby lose the opportunity to fund the projects that help create Howard County's reputation and benefit so many of it's residents.

Stay well and be kind,

Regina Graham

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: molly7433@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:09 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support FY21 Capitol Budget Funding

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

Please support FY21 Capitol 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.

This will help the County in closing its affordable housing gap. The federal dollars have been secured but must be expended in the upcoming budget cycle.

Low and moderate wage earners, seniors on fixed incomes, and persons with disabilities should not be denied the opportunity to live in Columbia, MD.

Please approve FY21 Capitol Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project.

Sincerely,

Janet Davidson Gordon
Chairman
CCTA

Sayers, Margery

From: marcia Gould <marciagould14@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:03 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Suport

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council. I am e/mailing today to ask you to support FYNew Cultural Center (NCC) and affordable housing, dollar that must be used to include funding in the FY21 Capital Budget (NCC) . Thank you for your help in this matter. Marcia Gould

Sayers, Margery

From: Sheila Leiss <ssleiss@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:02 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project

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Please approve!

Sincerely,

Sheila Leiss

Sayers, Margery

From: DIANE PHILLIPS LAGUERRE <phillipslaguerre@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Save the 50 plus center project

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Dear Council Members,

Please reconsider the budget cuts outlined in the budget amendment that you will vote on Wednesday, May 27, specifically the reduction in the funding for construction of the new East Columbia 50+ Center.

Thank you,

Diane

Sayers, Margery

From: S Boschulte <sboschulte@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:54 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center (NCC)

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As a resident for over 20 years, Toby's has allowed my children to experience a unique venue while taking part in events as part of a monthly religious community program. Attending such events is one reason my daughter decided to pursue theatre arts as a career. This project fits with Jim Rouse's vision of Columbia and should continue.

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

Sincerely,

Steve Boschulte

Sayers, Margery

From: Karin Radhe <karinradhe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:51 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center

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Sincerely,

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Karin and Richard Radhe
Long time subscribers of Toby's Dinner Theater

Sayers, Margery

From: Melynda Wintrol <MelyndaWintrol@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:50 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please support the NCC and Affordable Housing Project in your Capital Budget Funding.

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

Thank you,

Melynda Burdette Wintrol

MelyndaWintrol@outlook.com
MelyndaBurdette.com

301-524-6539

Sayers, Margery

From: Kathleen Waschak <kathleen.waschak@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:48 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Recreation and Parks Support

[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,

I am emailing you today to ask you to support the FY2021 Operating Budget to fully fund the Recreation & Parks Department. The purposed cuts to the Recreation and Parks Department will threaten the services and programs for individuals with disabilities.

We understand that there is no specific timeline for when and how the country's and our county's economy will rebound from the current crisis.

But we do know that without programs and services for individuals with disabilities, this demographic will not have the opportunities that their peers have to be a vital part of the Howard County community.

This traditionally under represented population relies on others to be their voice or advocate.

Should the Recreation and Parks Department Budget and positions be cut, vital services will not be provided in FY21. Social engagement, sports activities, arts and vital respite for families will be denied.

As the parent of a 36 year old son with Down Syndrome, I know first hand how valuable these programs are. Our son cannot read above a second grade level and is unable to use any form of social media.

He works in a restaurant kitchen and LIVES for his activities that are offered through Recreation and Parks. These programs are his "normal".

Please *approve FY21 Operating Budget funding for Recreation and Parks Department!*

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Waschak

Sayers, Margery

From: Mark Bollard <termark6011@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:48 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Cancel funding for this unnecessary

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With all of the needs in Howard County- this needs to be cancelled!! Fund schools first!

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Linda Raudenbush <lr78@georgetown.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:47 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Linda Raudenbush (raudenbu@umbc.edu)
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,
Dr Linda Raudenbush

Sayers, Margery

From: KFree <kfmd55@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:35 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I Support Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project.

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Kathleen Free
Ellicott City 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Beth Reiser <bethreiser623@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:29 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC

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I support keeping NCC and Toby's in the budget. They have supported our community for years.

Thanks,
Beth Reiser
Resident of Ellicott City

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Ellen Wile <wileacre@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:27 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support!

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Columbia's history IS the inclusion of everyone in society for the availability of the arts AND an affordable place to live.

DON'T STOP NOW.

Sincerely,
Ellen W. Wile

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Ellen W. Wile

“If I cannot fly, let me sing.” – Stephen Sondheim

Sayers, Margery

From: Carol Hipp <taffycream@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:14 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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My husband and I have attended a myriad of wonderful cultural events and Toby's musicals since the venue opened. As a teacher in Howard County, my elementary students have been enriched by the young people's programs and classic musicals there.

What a loss to Columbia and the surrounding neighborhoods if this project is rejected, both for the arts and for the housing of many families in need, especially with the loss of income due to these trying times!

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Sincerely,
Carol Hipp

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Sayers, Margery

From: Dana Harley <danaeharley@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Let Tobys build

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Sayers, Margery

From: cheryl jones <cljones4@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:09 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support NCC

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Those of us who live close by spend countless hours in Columbia supporting and enjoying all the cultural activities. The Cultural Center would further enhance our experiences and allow those of us who are seniors to find affordable housing in an area rich in diversity and beauty.

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

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Jones
7311 Summerwind Circle
Laurel, MD 20707

Sayers, Margery

From: Andrew Saundry <adsaundry@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

Andrew

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Andrew Saundry

DMV-Based Film & Stage Actor
University of Maryland Alum

Sayers, Margery

From: Ilona Kessell <ikessell@mcdonogh.org>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:58 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia's Cultural Center....

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Sincerely,
Ilona Kessell

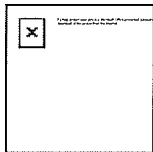
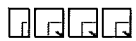
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Sayers, Margery

From: KATHLEEN KASDA <klk1031@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:50 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: capital budget funding

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Sincerely,
William and Kathleen Kasda
1208 Roundgate Ct
Woodbine MD 21797

Sayers, Margery

From: Robin Lobl <hrobin1@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:49 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project.

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Sincerely,

Robin Lobl

Sayers, Margery

From: Rebecca Fields <rebeccafields99@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:48 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Rebecca Fields

Sayers, Margery

From: Rex Powell <rex.powell@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:42 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding the NCC and Affordable Housing Project

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

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Sincerely,

Rex & Peggy Powell
rex.powell@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: Diane Goldbloom <dianegoldbloom@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:34 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC peoject

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Email: councilmail@howardcountymd.gov

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Sincerely,

Diane Goldbloom

Sayers, Margery

From: Patrick Leanza <leanzap@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:31 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

We need to keep growing the cultural opportunities of residents of the area as well as the vibrant small businesses like Toby's dinner theater. I live in Montgomery County and would support contributions from our county.

Over the years we have lost several great dinner theaters let's not lose another.

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Sincerely,
Patrick Leanza

Sayers, Margery

From: David Paulson <d2244p@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:28 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center

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Hi,

It has been brought to my attention that several council members are considering eliminating the New Cultural Center from the FY21 budget. Doing this would cause Howard County to lose \$62 million from the federal government for affordable housing!

This is the supreme example of being penny-wise and pound foolish.

Come on. Get your act together and include the New Cultural Center in the FY21 budget.

David Paulson
5400 Vantage Point Rd.
Columbia, Md

Sayers, Margery

From: Brenda Warehime <brenda_warehime@bd.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:27 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget Funding

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Sincerely,

Brenda Warehime

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Sayers, Margery

From: Nancy Tyler <ntmusic7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:16 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for New Toby's Theatre

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am writing to you because I am in total support of the new facility of Toby's Dinner Theatre and arts building. I have attended Toby's Dinner Theatre for over 40 years and we need to keep the theatre, and Toby's is the best all around. I have never been disappointed with any production at their current location. However, a new building full of the arts, would definitely be a huge improvement. They are in need of a larger theatre to accommodate the hundreds that attend to these amazing shows. This will also be beneficial to the community to keep the arts alive in a great city. Please be so kind and support this wonderful project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Tyler

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Toby Orenstein- Toby's Dinner Theatre <ap@tobysdinnertheatre.com>

To: "ntmusic7@yahoo.com" <ntmusic7@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020, 03:08:40 PM EDT

Subject: We need your help!



Hello Friends and Family of Toby's,



After 10+ years, Toby's CCTA (Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts) and Toby's Dinner Theatre are knocking on the door of a new home as part of the New Cultural Center (NCC) in Columbia. The multi-purpose facility, NCC project, would include a new Toby's Dinner Theatre, 2 dance studios, a children's theatre, classrooms, performing and visual art facilities, a parking garage and approximately 176 housing units (50% of which would be affordable). However, we've hit a snag and need your help!

Funding for this New Cultural Center in Howard County's FY21 Capital Budget is in jeopardy. A couple Council Members have **proposed ELIMINATING** FY21 funding for the New Cultural Center project which thereby denies affordable housing that would be part of the New Cultural Center promised for

Columbia. We must ensure that there are sufficient votes from members of the Howard County Council to guarantee that the project which includes \$62 million in secured Federal dollars for its affordable housing component, moves forward. If the NCC project isn't funded in the FY21 Capital Budget the \$62 million Federal dollars will be lost to us forever. Without these dollars it will be impossible to see Toby's dream of the NCC happen in the future.

Here's what we are asking you to do:

1. Email the County Council at councilmail@howardcountymd.gov using the sample email below ASAP and **NO LATER THAN THIS TUESDAY, MAY 26TH**! Voting on the budget will take place on Wednesday, May 27th and we need to get this message out. Feel free to add your own personal touch about both the value of the arts in Howard County and importance of expanding affordable housing opportunities. Please put *NCC SUPPORT* in the email "Subject" line.

SAMPLE MESSAGE:

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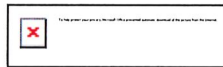
Sincerely,

Please email the sample message to your friends, family, colleagues or anyone in the Toby's/ CCTA world and local community. Please ask them to do the same and send an email to the Howard County Council no later than Tuesday, May 26th!

If you are active on social media, please post the sample email and ask your connections to join in the mission to save this project!

**Thank You for supporting Toby's Dinner Theatre and
Toby's Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts!**

**For more information on
Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts and it's programs please visit:**



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Sayers, Margery

From: Mary Fields <mefgeo@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:09 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia's New Culteral Center & Affordable Housing Project

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Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Fields

Sayers, Margery

From: Debbie Borkman <debbieborkman28@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:06 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Toby's and the NCC

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Sincerely,

Debbie Borkman

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Carla Steinberg <carlasteinberg@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fund NCC and housing project

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Sincerely,

Carla Steinberg

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: Leeann N <niccofive@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:57 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Hello! I am resending this with the appropriate subject line to make sure my email is seen by the correct people.

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Sincerely,
Leeann Niccolini

Leeann

"You can't adjust the wind, but you can adjust your sails."

Sayers, Margery

From: Angela Alston <jaama@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:55 AM
To: CouncilMail
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Sincerely,
Ms Alston

Sayers, Margery

From: Paula Seabright <psrh1995@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:55 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Just Say NO!

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Dear esteemed members of the Howard County Council,
I am writing today to let you know that I adamantly oppose the cuts to the FY21 Capital and Operating Budgets proposed by Councilmembers Jung, Yungman, and Walsh. The items on the chopping block are important investments in the long term health of our community. In many instances these cuts and deferrals will result in increased expenses down the road.

I ask that you specifically vote not to:

- Cutting funding to implement Complete Streets programs which includes pedestrian safety projects
- Delaying construction of the 50+ Senior Center in East Columbia
- Jeopardizing affordable housing and the New Cultural Center by forgoing \$61.6M in federal tax credits - truly unconscionable
- Reducing funding for community resources for seniors, residents with developmental disabilities and services to our most vulnerable populations
- Removing all funding for road resurfacing and sidewalks across the county. These repairs are critical and delaying them will result in more costly repairs in the future.
- Minimizing efforts of environmental compliance programs and delaying storm water management projects (not sure how this jives with D1 voters who have been loud about their concerns about OEC)
- Eliminating all vacancies and the opportunity of growing and maintaining a workforce when people need jobs and core services the most.
- Reducing public safety budget significantly, removing support for public safety positions and community outreach efforts
- Removing funding for systemic improvements with deferred maintenance including critical renovations to address security needs at the Detention center

I liken some of these cuts to delaying a car or appliance repair. The issue is small. A little squeak in the brakes or a drip from a hose. You drive more carefully, you tape the hose up. You had other plans for that extra money in your account. Then all of a sudden, the brake light is on. The tape fails. You are faced with a repair bill that is significantly higher than it would have been had you addressed the issue early on. That's where we will be. We will face huge expenditures to fix all the things you don't want to address now.

I implore you, do not vote for these cuts.

Thanks.
Paula Seabright
Columbia, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: sylvia oliva <saoliva44@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:54 AM
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Mrs. Sylvia Oliva

2900 Shipmaster Way, #Unit 305

Annapolis, MD 21401

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Sayers, Margery

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From: Leeann N <niccofive@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:49 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Toby's Dinner Theater

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Sayers, Margery

From: Marlene West <furstwest@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:45 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please vote NO on cutting senior housing in Columbia

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I don't know if the county needs another art center, but I do know that senior housing is in increasingly short supply, especially affordable. We are going into a period where lifesavings have drained for many, increasing whatever need there was a few months ago.

Regarding:

The County Council is proposing cutting the new cultural arts center from the 2021 budget in order to meet the cuts needed to meet Ball's reduction for the budget for 2021. Included in this new cultural arts center are new low income and affordable housing units, some of which is dedicated for seniors. Affordable housing has almost always gotten a short shrift in the county.

+++++ Marlene Furst West +++++
12214 Sleepy Horse Lane Columbia MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Rodney Timm <outlook_08DA561962C08746@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:27 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Rodney & Luisa Timm

Sayers, Margery

From: bblyveis . <blybarry@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:25 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Email for Deb Jung

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Sincerely,

Barry Blyveis
5400 Vantage Point Rd., Apt. 111
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Alethea <ams@schmallhome.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:23 AM
To: CouncilMail
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Sincerely,
Alethea Schmall

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Thomas Eddy <thomas.a.eddy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:23 AM
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Sincerely,

Thomas & Lorelei Eddy

Sayers, Margery

From: Monica Targonski <targonski4@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:20 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC support

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Sincerely,

Monica Targonski

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: LINDA MILLER <lindamiller2233@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:16 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support the FY21 NCC

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As a life long resident of Maryland, and admirer of the whole Columbia community, and Toby's Dinner Theater specifically, I ask that you favorably consider funding the multi-purpose facility. The cultural center enriches our state with accessibility to our residents to experience wonderful entertainment at affordable prices. Columbia is truly one of the most culturally diverse and lovely towns in Maryland. The parks, shopping, eateries, special events held in Columbia are unique and special. I ask that you vote to support the FY21 budget to advance the development of the New Cultural Center and Affordable Housing project.

Linda Miller

Sayers, Margery

From: Lynda Spencer <lyndyspencer@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:12 AM
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Sincerely,

Lynda Spencer

Sayers, Margery

From: Art Spilkia <artspilkia@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:04 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC funding

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Dear Council, I am asking you to support the FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project.

This is extremely important to keep the arts right here in columbia.

Sincerely,

Art Spilkia

Sayers, Margery

From: Zelda Rachbach <zrachbach@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:01 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Capitol Budget Funding

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Sincerely,

Zelda Rachbach

Sayers, Margery

From: Richard and Janice Strauss <gusstr@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:48 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

Janice Strauss

Sayers, Margery

From: Richard Bresnick <rmbresnick@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:48 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

Richard and Meryl Bresnick

Sayers, Margery

From: Angelika Peck <angelikapec5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:46 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia's New Cultural Center

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Sincerely,
Angelika Peck

Sayers, Margery

From: Helen Hurly <hurlyh@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:36 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Budget

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We live in Columbia and noted your plan to cut money from the culture center. We would prefer the cutting from the disruptive busing plan. There is nothing to be gained from busing children from their neighborhood schools. We lived in Philadelphia when they attempted this plan and it was expensive and a failure

Thank you
Helen and John Hurly

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Cara Ensor Gmail <ensorcara@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:31 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Cara Ensor

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Bill&Pat Pinnell <bnppinnell@md.metrocast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:28 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for the FY21 Capital budget Funding for the New Cultural Center

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From: Edwin Stuart Newman, Jr. <stuskater@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:26 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,
Edwin S. Newman, Jr.
Bowie, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Bob MCCULLEY <lobo21204@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Janice and Robert McCulley

Sayers, Margery

From: Connie Aaronson <aaronsonc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center Funding

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Sincerely,
Connie Aaronson
2231 John Gravel Rd
Marriottsville, MD 21104

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: John Gaeta <jag5637@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:16 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

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Sincerely,

John A. Gaeta
301-622-3815

Sayers, Margery

From: marianne Mann <mariannecmann@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:15 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Recreation and Parks Support

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Dear council members,

I'm writing to In support of ongoing funding of the programs for individuals with disabilities. The programs are a much appreciated and needed area of support for these kids, whose parents often have fewer choices, far fewer. For the kids, these programs are so valuable and for the parents So appreciated. Please prioritize these in your funding decisions.

Sincerely,
Marianne Mann
7105 Biter Lane
Highland, MD 20777

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Anne Kierstead <bronsak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:14 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely and Thank you,
Anne Kierstead

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Sayers, Margery

From: miketwomey@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 6:43 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for this New Cultural Center

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Sincerely,

Michael R. Twomey

Sayers, Margery

From: Sally Boldman <sallyb853@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 6:39 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia's New Culture Center

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Sincerely,

Sally Boldman

Sayers, Margery

From: Robert Cahn <nuttredcheese@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 6:23 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Arlene and Robert Cahn

Sayers, Margery

From: Dave Livingston <pccowboy1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 5:57 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Cultural Center

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Sayers, Margery

From: Barbara A. Collins <barbaracollins36@me.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 5:47 AM
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Sincerely,

Barbara A. Collins
Haines Centre for Strategic Management DC
443.472.0268

Sayers, Margery

From: Becky Ripley <becky@beckyripley.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 4:45 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

The arts have always been critically important to the residents of Howard County. Toby's is one of the best of its kind in the country—and the opportunity to use the federal funding is a gift we'll unlikely see again in my life time. Affordable housing is much needed in Howard County. I am emailing today to ask you to support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project. Delaying the project would threaten the already secured \$62 million in Federal funding for affordable housing, dollars that must be used or be lost forever. We are therefore asking you to include funding in the FY21 Capital Budget for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC).

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Sincerely,

Rebecca

Rebecca Ripley
Village of Hickory Ridge, Clemens Crossing

Sayers, Margery

From: pamela.wilt@verizon.net
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:04 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: [Possible Scam Fraud]How the Arts Sustain us in Peace and in Crisis - PLEASE SAVE THE NCC

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To the Honorable Ms. Walsh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Rigby, Ms. Jung, and Mr. Yungmann of The Howard County Council:

Please consider saving the New Cultural Center (and Toby's Dinner Theatre) with your FY21 vote this week. It's true that we are facing a terrible crisis and that our country's morale is in a downward spiral.

BUT PLEASE do not underestimate the power of The Arts when it comes to lifting and sustaining the human spirit! We must also heal from within. That just has to count for something.

After the planes hit the twin towers in New York City in 2001, actors everywhere questioned what possible difference their songs and stories could make to a country in pain. But an NYU professor wrote:

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"...Is there a place for musical comedy now? How can there be? How can we laugh now? How can we sing?

Then I was reminded of something my most beloved mentor once said to me.

At the end of World War II, among the first buildings to be rebuilt in Europe were the theatres. The morale of the people was held in high premium.

A place to congregate and leave behind the tensions and strife of the day was of utmost importance to the fabric of society. At a time of strife, what we do becomes very important. We are the morale officers in this crisis.

We are the guardians of the light when the darkness is creeping closer. So sing, my darlings. Sing your hearts out. Sing on the streets. Sing with a purpose. Make one person a day smile with your joy and we will win the war.

Sing, act, dance, hone your craft, communicate your joy and spread the light.

That's how I plan to get through this. Love and peace.

David Sabella

Actor-Singer-Teacher

New York City<<<<

Please, Howard County Council... Toby's Dinner Theatre has brought joy to the people of the Baltimore-Washington Corridor for nearly 40 years, as well as to guests from most states of the country. THOUSANDS of children and teen students have attended their school productions, (where books come to LIFE and they come face to face with historical and literary characters!) and many of those children venture into Toby's theatre programs later heading for stages all over: not merely Broadway and regional theaters, but all the way to classrooms across the country where they pass along their passion and skills, creating wind for the sails of future generations of the arts. The New Cultural Center with its affordable housing and amazing concept would be an inspiration far and wide.

Please vote yes to nurture and support this worthy, and much needed breath of hope for the future. Please keep this beautiful dream alive.

Thank you so much for considering.

Very sincerely,

Pamela and Daniel Wilt
Columbia, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Molly Klezer <klezerlouise@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 1:05 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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I am an employee of Toby's Dinner Theatre of 3 years. I have grown to love this place and those that work there as much as my own family. I visited the theatre numerous times while growing up and it has been an amazing dream come true to work there now. The arts is a huge part of my life and as a 2020 graduate from the University of Maryland with a B.A. in Theatre, the arts is something that I plan on keeping in my life for a long time. I have been excited to share my knowledge with the youth of Columbia while also working with CCTA. The arts bring joy to so many people it is super important that it remains accessible. Especially during these tough times we have been and will continue to turn toward the arts.

Sincerely,

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Molly Klezer

University of Maryland

B.A Theatre

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Sayers, Margery

From: Trigg, S. Jenell <STrigg@lrmansenter.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 12:45 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: ap@tobysdinnertheatre.com
Subject: Toby's and New Cultural Center Support

Importance: High

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S. Jenell Trigg
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Columbia, MD 21044

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Sayers, Margery

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Subject: Toby's and New Cultural Center

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Sayers, Margery

From: Colette Jackson <peace4all515@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 12:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Recreation and Park Support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am emailing you today to ask you to support the FY2021 Operating Budget to fully fund the Recreation & Parks Department. The purposed cuts to the Recreation and Parks Department will threaten the services and programs for individuals with disabilities.

We understand that there is no specific timeline for when and how the country's and our county's economy will rebound from the current crisis. But we do know that without programs and services for individuals with disabilities, this demographic will not have the opportunities that their peers have to be a vital part of the Howard County community. This traditionally under represented population relies on others to be their voice or advocate. Should the Recreation and Parks Department Budget and positions be cut, vital services will not be provided in FY21. Social engagement, sports activities, arts and vital respite for families will be denied resulting in severe seclusion for this population.

Please approve FY21 Operating Budget funding for Recreation and Parks Department!

Sincerely,

Colette Jackson
Proud Mom of Regina Maria Jackson
Registered Howard County Resident and Voter

Sayers, Margery

From: hannah kamau <hkamau1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 12:12 AM
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Sincerely,

Hannah Kamau, RN, BSN, CM

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From: Naseeb Riaz <naseeb.riaz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 11:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project.

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