

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Howard County Councilwoman Christiana Rigby posts online about the proposed amendments to the FY21 Budgets - Scott E's Blog

Deb Jung
Council Chair, District 4
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From: Ann De Lacy <anndelacy@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 5:51 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Howard County Councilwoman Christiana Rigby posts online about the proposed amendments to the FY21 Budgets - Scott E's Blog

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I was hoping you would be less afraid and more progressive. I agree with Rigby, you are just another privileged white woman.
<https://scotteblog.com/2020/05/21/howard-county-councilwoman-christiana-rigby-posts-online-about-the-proposed-amendments-to-the-fy21-budgets/>

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Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 2:41 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: CB 25 Cuts to Vital Transportation
Attachments: A12CB25-2020_LJS.pdf; A2CR60-2020_LJS.pdf

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From: Larry Schoen <larryschoen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Williams, China <ccwilliams@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Ted Cochran <tedcochran55409@gmail.com>
Subject: CB 25 Cuts to Vital Transportation

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China, thanks for taking my calls in the midst of all the other things going on.

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Larry

Larry Schoen, P.E., chair Howard County Multimodal Transportation Board

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From: Antonio Tavares <ttavares1@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:47 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.]

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.
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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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 will not be available without the NCC project being funded in the FY21 Capital budget cycle. 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.

We understand that there is no certainty about when and how the country's and our county's economy will rebound from the current economic crisis. There is certainty, however, that low and moderate-income renters will need housing now more than ever. Should the NCC project not advance in FY21, low and moderate wage earners, seniors on fixed incomes, and persons with disabilities with limited or no earning capacity will continue to be denied the opportunity to live in Columbia. 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,
Tony Tavares

Sayers, Margery

From: Barbara Hale <bhale3130@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 2:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC)

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Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project! Thank you in advance for your approval.

Sincerely,
Barbara Hale-Johnson

Sayers, Margery

From: S Gould <sherrydgould@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 12:15 AM
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.

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

Thank you

Sayers, Margery

From: DeSales Lacy <fdcl2@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 3:58 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote "No" on FY 21 Funding of New Cultural Center

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All,

I am a registered Democrat in District 1 who votes. Please vote "No" on the FY 21 funding of the New Cultural Center (NCC). While the NCC may be a worthy project during times of revenue increases, it is not an essential project and should not be funded during our current times of revenue decline. We do not not the full extent of the revenue decline because we are only slowly beginning to go back to work in Howard County. It would be fiscally irresponsible to allocate money for a "nice to have" project when there are "must have" projects to be funded.

Regards,

DeSales Lacy
3437 Jay Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Ann Larry McDonald <annlarrymc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: SAVE East Columbia 50+ Center

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Dear County Council Members,

We just learned of an amendment 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 I urge you to support the East Columbia 50+ Center. Support for this East Columbia site has for many years been lacking.

Seniors are the fastest growing age group in the county, and importantly pay taxes to Howard County. They need support to live and thrive here.

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,

Ann & Larry McDonald

8854 Warm Granite Drive

Long Reach Village

Columbia MD 21045

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From: jackie schiffer <jjschiffer@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:04 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Supporting FY21

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We are sending on our thoughts about supporting FY21 - As we understand it, it is an important thing to do so that the following projects can take place - Toby's has been a part of our lives since we moved to Columbia 48 years ago. We have always been enthusiastic about the arts & theater & have supported Toby's Theater, in particular, wonderful performances through the years. The other important reason for supporting FY21 is to include the low-cost housing that was proposed for the people who so badly need it available to them.

Thank you for anything that you can do to make sure that FY21 will go though Jackie & Bob Schiffer

Sayers, Margery

From: Jeryl Baker <villagemanager@columbiatowncenter.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment 13 to CB25
Attachments: TCCA Cultural Center Amendment Support .pdf

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

Dear County Council Members,
Please read the attached letter from the Board of Directors of the Town Center Community association asking the County Council to support Amendment 13 to CB25. Thank you.

Jeryl Baker

Village Manager, Executive Director

Town Center Community Association

Historic Oakland Manor

5430 Vantage Point Road

Columbia, MD 21044

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May 27, 2020

Howard County Council
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3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Howard County Council,

This letter is in support of Amendment 13 to CB25 proposed by Christiana Rigby. The Town Center Community Association sees this at the very least as a compromise to the bill instead of as a complete veto. The affordable housing component is an essential part of this project and a promise to the people of Downtown Columbia. We understand that the County is facing tough decisions regarding budget issues in the light of the corona virus pandemic, but this project is not conceivable without the affordable housing component.

Sincerely,

Lynn Foehrkolb for the Town Center Village Board

Lynn Foehrkolb
Village Board Chair
Town Center Community Association

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From: barbara lebson <barbdog3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12:05 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment 13 CB25

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I would like to ask the council to please support Amendment 13 / CB25 for this very important project.

Please don't let Howard County become like Baltimore. This is a way to help prevent that.

Thank you

Barbara Lebson

Sayers, Margery

From: Maurice Haynes <mh192j@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 10:55 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment 13 to CB25.

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I sincerely request that the Howard County Council support Amendment 13 to CB25.

Thank you for your consideration.

Oswald Maurice Haynes
7427 Hickory Log Circle, Columbia, MD 21045
Email: mh192j@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Katherine Marek <kat.l.marek@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 10:41 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: The NCC serves the most essential of us

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To the County Council, respectfully:

I got an email today from my kid's daycare detailing the many precautions they would be taking as they reopen for the children of essential workers, and it drove home to me once again how completely we rely upon people who earn very little money.

The teachers at the daycare drive cars that are falling apart and live with their parents, because they can't afford to have their own residence in Columbia. Housing costs here are through the roof. And we will be relying on them to keep our children safe and well.

As a landlord working with the voucher system in Howard County Housing, I know that there's more demand than we can ever meet. The NCC, particularly the affordable housing component, is not only an urgent community need, but a moral imperative if we are to continue leaning on the services of the poorest of us.

Please keep the NCC and protect the most vulnerable among us. It's our duty as a community.

Thank you for your time,

Katherine Marek
Owen Brown

Sayers, Margery

From: Chelsea Hagerty <chelrose4@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 10:38 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fwd: Howard County Council Letter

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Dear Councilmembers Jung, Walsh and Yungmann,

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.

Please **VOTE NO** to:

- **Cutting** funding to implement Complete Streets programs which includes pedestrian safety projects like installing crosswalks, path improvements and installing ADA compliant ramps
- **Delaying** the long-awaited construction 50+ Senior Center in East Columbia
- **Jeopardizing** affordable housing and the New Cultural Center by forgoing \$61.6M in federal tax credits
- **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 harming fundamental infrastructure and safety needs, with over \$52 million backlog in road work already
- **Minimizing** efforts of environmental compliance programs and delaying storm water management projects
- **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

Councilwoman Jung, Councilwoman Walsh and Councilman Yungmann, I ask that you support our residents and **VOTE NO** to divesting in our community.

Please **VOTE YES** to approve the proposed progressive reform to our county's recordation fees proposed by Council Members Opel Jones and Christiana Mercer Rigby.

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

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We understand that there is no certainty about when and how the country's and our county's economy will rebound from the current economic crisis. There is certainty, however, that low and moderate-income renters will need housing now more than ever. Should the NCC project not advance in FY21, low and moderate wage earners, seniors on fixed incomes, and persons with disabilities with limited or no earning capacity will continue to be denied the opportunity to live in Columbia. 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!

Thank you,

Chelsea Hagerty

Long Reach Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Barbara Lawson <bklawson@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 10:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment 13

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I'm in favor. Must keep going on downtown for all the economic, housing and cultural imperatives.

Thxs Barbara K. Lawson

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: James Cecil <jamescecil02@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:59 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: The Greater Good

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Dear Council Members,

I will keep this brief, because I believe the arguments necessary in regards to proposed amendments to our budget are clear.

History has shown us that austerity, while grand in concept, is failure in practice. Recoveries past have been fueled by the investment of our government. The government is the largest consumer and removing government spending from the marketplace disrupts true trickle down economics. Recovery will fund the investments made now, while there is no recovery without the investment.

Further, there are cuts to programs that will disproportionately impact those most vulnerable in our community. I was in the room when you were presented with the dire situation of affordable housing last year and observed the concern some of you expressed. There is a solution on the table that has an unfortunate title of being a cultural center. It is so much more. It is opportunity. It is access. It is equity. Failure to support this now could kill it forever and the viability of any projects that were to come. There could be no "next time" for future councils because of the impact of your actions today.

I came before you all twice to express the need to move our capital education projects forward and the need for increased special education funding. I truly hope you do not tinker with school construction funds and wish you would make a stand for students with disabilities. You know the outcomes our current budget destinies them to. It is not enough, which makes the opposition to raise funds in the out years via the transfer tax all that more disheartening.

The proposed transfer tax adjustment (as it is not an increase for many) will benefit us all while not adding another financial hardship to those disproportionately feeling negative impacts of this crisis already. The transfer tax can soften the cuts, keep programs running, keep hard working people in their jobs and build in the flexibility necessary down the line. There is so much unknown and having no revenue to offset future cuts if recovery is delayed will hurt us all even more.

I hope that you will come to broad support that keeps our most vulnerable in mind and use your personal capital for the greater good.

Stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,
James Cecil

Sayers, Margery

From: Nirmala Mallya <nirmala.mallya@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:52 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: East Columbia 50+ center

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

I am a senior living in Columbia and asking you to please restore the original funding plans for the new 50+ center which we are desperately in need of .

Please reconsider our needs .

Thank you .

Nirmala Mallya

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Ralph Paradiso <ralphparadiso@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:52 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please vote for Amendment 13 to CB25

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We so desperately need this. Thank you.

Ralph Paradiso
Esen Paradiso

5440 High Tor Hill 21045

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: C JEAN Parker <jsp4k3d@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:46 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote for Amendment 13 to CB25

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Hello HC Council,

Please vote favorably for AMENDMENT 13 to CB25.

As a Howard County resident since 1965, this is a great addition to our Arts community while also approaching the project as fiscally as possible.

Cordially,
Jean S. Parker
773 Chessie Crossing Way
Woodbine, MD 21797

Sayers, Margery

From: Deborah Clutts <deborahclutts@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:34 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: NCC Support

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

Good Morning, Council Members

I appreciate your consideration of my request for supporting the FY 21 Capital Budget request for the NCC. I also am requesting that you support Amendment 13 to CB 25, which would assist in moving this project forward in a responsible manner this year!

Thank you for your consideration.

Wishing you peace and health!

Debbie Clutts

Sent from my iPhone

On May 26, 2020, at 9:28 PM, Deborah Clutts <deborahclutts@gmail.com> wrote:

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. One of the capstones of the downtown Columbia revitalization project is the New Cultural Center.

If the project is delayed, it is likely the already secured \$62 million in Federal funding for affordable housing will be lost forever. I am respectfully asking you to include funding in the FY21 Capital Budget for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC).

If the NCC project isn't funded in the FY21 Capital Budget and the \$62 million Federal dollars have been lost, it will be impossible to see Toby's dream and our hopes for the development of the NCC come to fruition. This would be a serious and disappointing loss for Columbia and for all of Howard County.

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. As well, it will assist Howard County in offering additional affordable housing, which is sorely needed in our community.

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 will not be available without the NCC project being funded in the FY21 Capital budget cycle. 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

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I understand these are extremely difficult times, and that there are serious and unique stressors on the County's budget. But this is one project that cannot afford to be delayed. Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project!

Best regards,

Deborah Clutts
10607 Millet Seed Hill
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Diane Dunn <diane.dunn3@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:30 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment 13 to CB25 - in support of going forward with Cultural Arts Center and artist flats

[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,

I'm writing to ask you to support Amendment 13 to CB25 to allow the new cultural arts center and artist flats to go forward, with the suggested reduction in costs.

Howard County has been one of the best in supporting the local art scene and this project will be an important way to keep that support going!!

Thanks for your consideration,

Diane

Sayers, Margery

From: Jon Lemich <jonlemich@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:05 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: County Budget FY21 - No on Cuts

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Ahoy, Council;

I understand members **Jung, Walsh, and Yungman** want to impose austerity cuts in the face of a crisis. I beg them to change their minds. I ask you all to vote NO on affordable housing cuts, NO on public safety cuts and NO on cutting community services. The people you're snatching security from are your own voters.

I thought, in one of the richest counties in the country, we were past dangerous and irresponsible austerity cuts. Austerity measures in times of crisis have done **irreparable harm** to other counties across the US.

I understand budgets are tight due to COVID-19, but wise government policy is to invest *more* in **times of crisis**, help your citizens *more* in the months following a crisis, and **make up for it in times of plenty** -- not the other way around.

Vote NO on austerity, please.

Sincerely,

Jon A. Lemich
9568 Patchin Ct., Columbia, MD 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: Becky Ripley <becky@beckyripley.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:49 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment 13

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I want to ask the County Council to support Amendment 13 to CB25 and express my support. Given these times, a reduction in spending may be needed, but the project must move forward.

Best always,

Rebecca Ripley
Hickory Ridge Resident since 1990

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Sayers, Margery

From: Sara Via <svia@umd.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:47 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pls restore funds for energy improvement fund
Attachments: Via_County Council budget 5.27.20.docx

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Dear Council Members,

I write to urge you to reject Amendment 12 to the Budget. I attach a letter explaining my request and also copy it below.

Thank you!
Sara Via

May 27, 2020
To: Members of the Howard County Council
From: Dr. Sara Via
4811 Manor Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042
svia@umd.edu

re: Budget (CB25-2020, Amendment 12)

I strongly urge you to reject Amendment 12 and restore full funding for the energy improvement fund (CO329).

The proposed energy improvements are important contributions to Howard County's commitment to meaningful climate action. Energy efficiency is the [cheapest source of "new" power](#) and is one of the most effective ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Energy efficiency is also the healthiest way to satisfy energy requirements because it reduces the need to generate power [from nuclear \(34% in 2018\) or dirty sources such as natural gas \(22%\) or coal \(23%\)](#). For every kWh of power we don't use because of energy efficiency, we avoid the carbon pollution and environmental damage from electricity generation.

It is my understanding that the following projects would be eliminated by Amendment 12:

- Retro commissioning of Grassroots Center, Central Library, Ascend One, George Howard Building (payback time: 5 months)
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These projects will reduce power use by 2.85 million kWh, save 73,000 gallons of fuel and reduce greenhouse gas emissions (in CO2 equivalents) by 2595 metric tons. This is equal to removing the pollution caused by 552 cars for a year. These projects will clean the air and reduce the pace of climate change.

But the best thing about energy efficiency is how quickly it pays for itself. These projects have a payback time ranging from 5 months to just a few years. After that, the savings accrue year after year with no additional costs! After the short payback period, the savings from energy efficiency is like getting money **added** to the budget for up to 20 or 30 years.

I understand that this is a tough time and that someone is advocating for every single item in the budget. But abandoning energy efficiency upgrades to solve a short-term budget problem is shortsighted financially. These upgrades pay for themselves relatively quickly and after that they pay you.

--

Dr. Sara Via
Professor and Climate Extension Specialist
Dept. of Entomology &
University of Maryland Extension
UMD, College Park
svia@umd.edu

Interested in natural climate solutions or climate change and agriculture? Check out my webinars:

"Carbon sequestration in agricultural soils":

<http://www.climatewebinars.net/webinars/sequestering-carbon-in-agricultural-soils-what-works/>

"Managing agricultural risk in a changing environment":

<https://extension.umd.edu/anmp/climate-change>

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Sayers, Margery

From: Richard Wasserkrug <rmwasserkrug@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:42 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

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

Sincerely,

Richard Wasserkrug
9414 Book Row
Columbia, MD 21046

Sayers, Margery

From: Rene C. Wasserkrug <mmewass@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:37 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC and AHP

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Sincerely,

Rene Wasserkrug
9414 Book Row
Columbia, MD 21046

Sayers, Margery

From: Risa Kipnis <rckipnis@kipnislaw.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:26 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: URGENT - NCC SUPPORT

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

Sincerely,
Risa Kipnis
6938 Tolling Bells Ct
Columbia, MD 21044

Please approve!

So many positives if approved.

If not approved, so many negatives: sad, disgraceful and unfortunate for Columbia, Howard County, Maryland and BEYOND!

Sayers, Margery

From: MARILYN HOLLAND <mjlavie@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:16 AM
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.]

Please keep the funding for The Cultural Center in Columbia! This is a vital part of our community, on which many people in Howard County depend. It's what makes our community the envy of America. Many of us enjoy the programs that will be provided by this center. It would really be a shame if this does not get funding. Please keep James Rouse in mind, as you make this decision. His vision for our community has enriched us all. Sincerely, Marilyn Holland (Long time resident and proud member of Howard County)

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:14 AM
To: lapazulski@gmail.com
Subject: District 3 - Proposed tax increase

First Name: Lee Ann
Last Name: Pazulski
Email: lapazulski@gmail.com
Street Address: 7323 Rocky Creek Drive
City: Columbia
Subject: Proposed tax increase

Message: Good Morning Ms. Rigby, I learned last night from some neighbors that the County Council is discussing/voting today on a proposed tax increase to cover the deficits that have been created due to the Covid-19 pandemic. I implore you to vote against this proposal. Instead, I suggest that the county reduce spending (such as delaying construction of the cultural center, eliminating vacant positions) instead. I strongly believe that fiscal responsibility is required during times of crisis. Many residents within this county have been effected financially due to loss of employment and have had to adjust spending. I have personally been effected due to loss of summer school hours, and need to tighten my household budget. Again, please vote against increasing taxes to address the shortfall, and instead take projects off the table that are not essential to our county now. Thank you so much for your attention, and your consideration to this crucial and time sensitive matter, Lee Ann Pazulski

Sayers, Margery

From: Debramore <debramore@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:13 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please pass Amendment 13 to CB25

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Thank you Council for your work; stretching our budget to include worthy projects during tough times.

Please pass Amendment 13 to CB25.

May 27, 2013 7:00 a.m. Rigby, Christiana (crigby@howardcountymd.gov) To: you Detail Dear Debra,

Thank you for your email in support of funding for the New Cultural Center and the East Columbia 50+ Center in Howard County's FY21 Capital Budget. As you may know, both projects have been planned for many years and would bring a much needed space for seniors and much-needed arts spaces and affordable housing opportunities to our community.

I wholeheartedly support both projects, and I will continue to advocate for them in Howard County's Capital Budget. Regarding the New Cultural Center, last summer, I wrote a [letter](#) to the State of Maryland to encourage their approval of a Low-income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) for this project. I was pleased to see that \$64 million in state & federal funding were approved for the New Cultural Center, allowing it to move forward in the County budget this year. If this project is cut from the budget, I expect that construction costs will continue to increase in future years, driving up the price of this project. Additionally, delaying and deferring this project further may jeopardize the state and federal funding that the New Cultural Center has already received.

Last week, I introduced an amendment to the New Cultural Center which would reduce spending by \$7 million and still allow the project to move forward this year. I believe that this is the most fiscally responsible approach to funding the New Cultural Center this year. In addition, I have also introduced an amendment to the budget cuts to restore funding for the East Columbia 50+ Center in the FY21 Capital Budget. If you would like to voice your support for either of these, I encourage you to email CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov and ask the County Council to support Amendment 13 to CB25.

The Council is scheduled to take final votes on the FY2021 Operating and Capital Budget today, May 27th, at 10am. You can watch the vote online here: <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>.

Once again, thank you for your advocacy for the New Cultural Center and the East Columbia 50+ Center. Ultimately, our budgets are a reflection of our priorities and our values. I truly appreciate you sharing your voice and priorities with the County Council.

Hoping you remain healthy and safe in this difficult time,

Christiana

Christiana Rigby – she/her/hers
Councilwoman, District 3
Serving North Laurel, Savage, Columbia, Jessup and Guilford

Howard County Council
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410.313.4101



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From: Debramore <debramore@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:35 PM
To: CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject:

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

Thank you for all your time and work, as well as for the many difficult decisions you have to make. I have two requests for your thoughtful consideration. Best of success in stretching our dollars to accommodate many. Thank you!

#1

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!

#2

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:

- 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?
- The planned **50+ Center** is not "an unnecessary or un-vetted project." The East Columbia 50+ Center is a necessity which will **provide much needed services to under-served 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)
- 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? They are the **fastest growing segment** of the population, they **pay taxes**, and **contribute all that is asked of them.** 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. **Seniors under consideration helped develop and support the growth and prosperity of Columbia.** Perhaps, **they need care and consideration now that they are aging?** They have raised their families and assured the vibrant Columbia that we now enjoy and need to secure for everyone's future.

Sincerely,

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Sayers, Margery

From: Gail Goldstein <gjgoldstein1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:13 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Keep Funding for the New Cultural Center in Howard County

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Sincerely,

Gail Goldstein

Sayers, Margery

From: The Smiths <byusmiths@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:11 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: support Amendment 13 to CB25

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I ask the County Council to support Amendment 13 to CB25.
Thank you.
Christy Smith

Sayers, Margery

From: sarahpick648@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 7:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: support for NCC.....

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Sincerely,

Sarah Pick
7165 Deer Valley Road
Highland, MD 20777

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 7:07 AM
To: jasonabooms@gmail.com
Subject: District 4 - Budget

First Name: Jason
Last Name: Booms
Email: jasonabooms@gmail.com
Street Address: 10363 Cullen Terrace
City: Columbia
Subject: Budget

Message: Spartan Considerations here. Still haven't received a reply. I am going to be watching this vote very closely. I want to be on record here. I: - Support investment in our community - Oppose austerity measures - Want affordable housing in Downtown Columbia - Oppose job cuts (especially now!) - Support funding for vital community services Jason Booms

Sayers, Margery

From: Melva Lowry <mlowry@baltimorepresbytery.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 7:01 AM
To: CouncilMail

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In addition, 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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Sincerely,

Melva Lowry
Board Member, Bridge of Hope Greater Baltimore Region

Sayers, Margery

From: Glenn Rolph <gdrpadre@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 6:36 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support Amendment 13 to CB25

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I am writing to request that you support Amendment 13 to CB25, which includes funding in the FY21 Capital Budget for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC).

Glenn Rolph

Sayers, Margery

From: Cheryle Wharton <cherylewharton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 5:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center in Columbia

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

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Cheryle Wharton

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Pam Stevens <pamelacstevens@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 3:19 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support Amendment 13 to CB25

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I write to ask your support of amendment 13 to CB25.
Thank you,

Pam

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Sayers, Margery

From: joel hurewitz <joelhurewitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:11 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support Amendment 14 to CR25-2020

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Dear Council,

I write to ask for your support for Amendment 14 to CR25-2020 which will separate the North Columbia Fire Station from the project for the fields at Harper's Choice Middle School. You may recall, this was my request when I testified at the budget hearing. The projects are about a half-mile apart and having been separated in location have little relationship to one another in scope.

After watching the work session, it is still unclear how much of the price increase in the fire station was due to the increased square footage, increases in construction costs, or the costs for the fields, parking areas, driveways, and intersection improvements at Cedar Lane and Rivendell Lane. It also remains unclear regarding the funding source for the fields, parking and intersection improvements; are the funds coming from the fire tax and the fire portion of the transfer tax or from other sources?

It also remains unclear on the need for the fields or whether Harper's Choice is the appropriate place for the fields. The fields unlike those proposed for the East Columbia Library, Troy Park, or Blandair Park are not in the Recreation and Parks master plan.

Separation will clarify the sources of funding and the steps in the development process. The middle school is in New Town while the Cedar Lane Park properties are not.

Community Outreach

The County's community outreach for the project is rather mixed. As I have stated previously, I serve on the Harper's Choice Village Board. County presentations to the Village Board last fall and winter were canceled without explanation or detail. On March 3, 2020, Kim Pruim was on the agenda to give an update. A presentation from the County Executive's staff was not unexpected. During the prior administration, Grace Fielhaur came to a Board meeting and discussed the status of the fire station project. However, rather than a low-key update, Ms. Pruim came with an entourage including, the Director of Public Works, the Acting Fire Chief, the Assistant Fire Chief, HCDFRS staff, the fire station consultant, the Director of Recreation and Parks, and Mark Stromdahl. Councilmember Jung also attended. Neither the Village Manager nor Board were given prior notice of the County officials that would be attending the meeting.

At this Board meeting, the community was first informed that the fire station was being moved to the East Area of Cedar Lane Park and that fields would be constructed at the middle school. The previous iteration of the plan had the fire station AND the fields at the middle school—as an offer of appeasement to the community for the loss of the open space. At that time, the fire station project also included the demolition of the Old Cedar Lane School. However, when Mark Stromdahl testified to the Planning Board for the capital project, he incorrectly stated that the fields had community support. This is just not true; the COMMUNITY, other than those attending the Village Board meeting, had never had an opportunity to comment on the latest plan with the fire station at Cedar Lane Park and only new fields at the middle school.

In addition, though the Harper's Choice Community Association and the Heritage Green Townhouse Association were involved in the planning and hosting of previous community meetings for the fire station, neither received notice of the Planning Board's Capital Project Hearings.

The March 19, 2020 Planning Board Capital Project Public Hearing

The newspaper notice for the first planned Planning Board hearing was fatally defective as it stated the date of the meeting was March 5 (the publication date) and not March 19, 2020.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Howard County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on new and substantially modified capital projects that have been requested by County agencies to be included in the County Executive's proposed FY2021 Capital Budget and the FY2022-FY2031 Ten-Year Capital Improvement Master Plan. The hearing is scheduled for March 5, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043. This notice is provided as required by Section 22.403(b)(3) (iii) of the Howard County Code. A brief description follows of the proposed new and substantially modified capital projects:

NEW CAPITAL PROJECTS

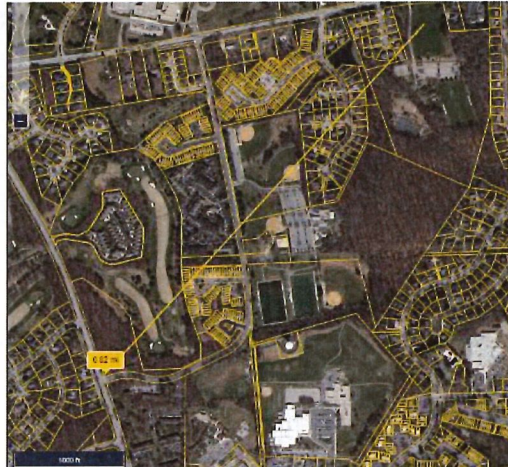
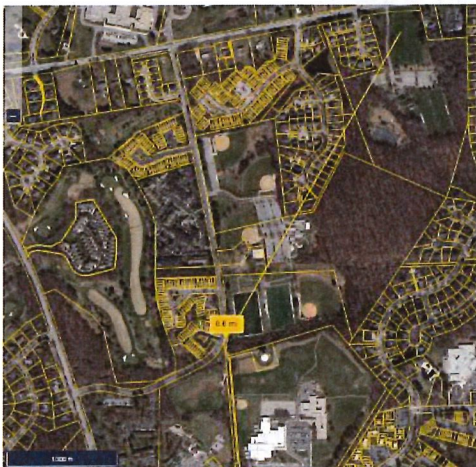
F5976 A new project to construct a 13,500 SF fire station on Route 108 to establish emergency services in a strategic position in the North Columbia area to relieve the demands associated with increased population density and call demands.

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Though the newspaper stated that the project was on Route 108, the signs were posted in Harper's Choice. The project at the Harpers Choice Middle School no longer involved a fire station. It was a misstatement of material fact to refer to a "fire station" near Harper's Choice Middle School when it is now only planned to be athletic fields.



The sign placed at Rivendell and Cedar Lane was located 0.6 miles as the crow flies from the actual location of the fire station.

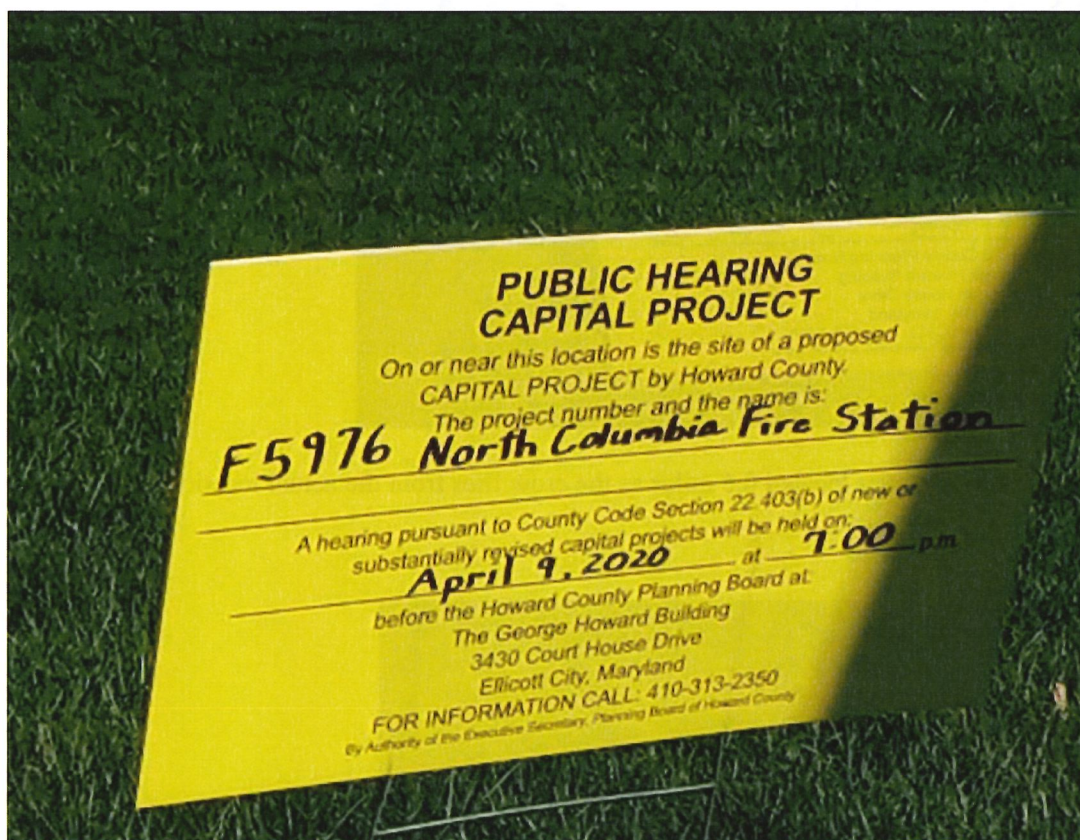


Section 22.403 of the Howard County Code requires that the sign be posted on the County property or on a public right-of-way. The sign in the photo was on Columbia Association property. The sign was not posted on either the right-of-way, on the Recreation and Park property, or on the DPW water tower property. Furthermore, the sign at the intersection of Rivendell and Harpers Farm Road was not the nearest public right-of-way to the property. It was 0.82 miles from the location of the fire station.

For the March 19, 2020 hearing, a sign was never observed posted at the actual location of the fire station in East Cedar Lane Park.

The April 9, 2020 Planning Board Capital Project Public Hearing

The March 19, 2020 Planning Board meeting having been canceled, the hearing was rescheduled for April 9, 2020. The sign placement for the Planning Board's hearing on April 9, 2020 were the reverse of those for the March 19 meeting. There were no signs for the capital project near the Harper's Choice Middle School. The sign below was at the East Area of Cedar Lane Park on or about March 26, 2020.



On April 9, 2020, I made formal motions and objections regarding the notice for the Planning Board. The Planning Board rejected the concerns and denied the motions.

At the next meeting of the Planning Board on April 23, 2020, Director of Planning and Zoning, Amy Gowan, though the motion had previously been denied, was given an opportunity to respond to the objections in the April 9 motions. During her presentation, Director Gowan deceptively told the Planning Board that the sign stated that the meeting would be held virtually and not at the George Howard Building. However, as can be seen the sign at East Area of Cedar Lane Park did not have the virtual location for the meeting. As some unknown time subsequent to March 26, the sign was amended to cross out the George Howard Building address lines and add the virtual information. It is unknown whether these changes were made prior to or after the April 9, 2020 hearing before the Planning Board.



Required Signage Posted at the Proposed Site off MD 108

Conclusion

For the reasons and issues discussed above, I urge the Council to adopt Amendment 14. The Amendment will separate the projects which will actually benefit the fire station project by not having it burdened by issues of the Harper's Choice Middle School fields. Furthermore, the amendment will assure that the community is involved and that the HCPSS grants its approval for the use of its school fields.

Sayers, Margery

From: Amy h kimble <Amyhkimble@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:05 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for the Arts -Columbia Md.

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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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If the NCC project isn't funded in the FY21 Capital Budget and the \$62 million 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 right here in Howard County.

Toby's Dinner Theatre is such a gift to our society and is huge asset to the county offering educational programs as well as excellent theatrical presentations for Pleasure and Entertainment.

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

Sincerely,
Amy Kimble

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: DEEBA Jafri <deebajafri@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12:32 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC budget testimony.
Attachments: Budget testimony 2020-21.docx

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Please see attached.

Thank you.

Kind regards

Deeba Jafri
Elkridge, MD

Dear County Council Members,

By now you have probably received a lot of email in favor of building the NCC and the affordable housing units that come with it.

I believe that we are at a historical inflection point, with Covid-19. What we do now in this year's budget will have repercussions for decades to come.

Not so long ago we celebrated 50 years of Columbia and the values of this special place. I hope that at our 100th anniversary we will be celebrating those same Rouse values too.

NCC and all of downtown has been put together with community spaces in mind, and again, mixed income community spaces because that's what Columbia is all about.

I fear that by delaying the NCC and the affordable housing component, we won't be able to regain that ground for many years, if ever. The Housing Commission will be handicapped in obtaining LIHTCs as its rating will be negatively impacted.

We will be like Palo Alto, an incredibly wealthy county with no affordable housing happening. I don't want the headline of this news story to be our future. "First affordable-housing project in seven years wins approval."

https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2019/01/14/affordable-housing-project-wins-approval-in-palo-alto?fbclid=IwAR19Kq6GNUy_W6oa2skNXJAZGOrmD5la5yM04vewgv5VG_MrYgpp4UaMdvE

I see the work that all of us are helping with in Columbia Community Care and think about how many families would benefit from those 80+ units. How this housing has the power to change lives and lifetime trajectories. The current Mayor of London was a beneficiary of affordable housing as a child. Who knows what the achievements of children in those affordable housing units could be?

Housing and community gathering spaces lie at the center of Rouse's vision for an integrated diverse community in Columbia. NCC brings both of these ideas together to be an important piece of downtown Columbia.

Please don't cast a shadow across that dream and please support the NCC and the affordable housing units that come with it.

Thank you.

Deeba Jafri, Elkridge, MD.

Sayers, Margery

From: Kosmas, Michael <MKosmas@KelleyDrye.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12:24 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kosmas, Michael
Subject: Clark's Crossing Community - Columbia, Maryland - Please Support Budget Cuts

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

Dear Councilperson Rigby and Howard County Council Members:

I am the President of the Clark's Crossing Community in Columbia, Maryland, and I am writing to respectfully request your support for the budget cuts proposed by Councilpersons Walsh, Jung and Yungmann which will be voted on later today. I address Councilperson Rigby first because our community is within Council District 3, but as we are a small tight knit county, I also share our thoughts with the entire council. I am sorry that this entire process has moved so quickly right before a holiday weekend that we did not have an opportunity to address you prior to this time, and we understand that this request is contrary to the current position of our councilperson. Nevertheless we request that you keep an open mind and consider our opinions as a community as you move to a final vote.

Our community is a middle-class townhouse community in Columbia. We are neither a rich nor a poor community. Our median home sale price is approximately \$40,000 less than the median price for Howard County as a whole. And we are comprised of young families with children, retirees on fixed incomes, white collar workers, blue collar workers, government employees and private sector employees, and today, unemployed people as well. We are comprised of immigrant families from all parts of the world who immigrated at many different times over many generations. We are white and black, Christian, Jewish and Muslim. In short, we are a microcosm of this wonderful county.

Despite our great diversity, when we learned very recently about this upcoming vote and I reached out to my Board and our residents for their opinions, of everyone who responded, the response on this issue was uniform and without a single exception. During this time of great crisis and uncertainty, as many of us are facing loss of incomes and even jobs altogether, we are pulling our belts tighter and adjusting our spending to meet our in many cases reduced incomes. We do not have a switch we can pull and increase our incomes, so we are adjusting our spending. This is both at our individual household level, as well as at our community association level.

Respectfully, we request that Howard County government do the same thing. Many of us are making spending cuts in our homes of things that could be valuable and important. We are cutting more than just frivolous expenses. If we are making the hard choices in our homes, Howard County government should do the same thing. It is hard for us to understand how in operating and capex budgets of nearly \$2 Billion, prudent spending cuts cannot be found to make spending match revenue, rather than the reverse.

Many of our owners have expressed special concern that the county is pushing forward with the cultural center in the budget at a time of such great economic crisis. The concerns are not so much with the project itself as with the timing. We love the arts as much as any community, and understand that low and income median housing can be a valuable thing, not only in preventing concentrations of poverty, but also in making sure public servants such as teachers, fire fighters, police officers and nurses who protect us, especially in these difficult times, are not priced out of living in our great county. But the timing is not this year, and we do not have the right to mortgage our children's future by spending more money than we have. This is how we run our households. This is how we should run our county. And we should absolutely only spend within the constraints set by the Howard County spending affordability committee. Fiscal discipline and prudence requires this.

I know the hour is late and the vote is close at hand. But we respectfully request that our elected officials keep an open mind and consider our community's opinion, even received at this late hour. Many thanks to each of you for your dedication and service to this great county.

Respectfully,

Michael S. Kosmas
President, Clark's Crossing Community
Columbia, Maryland
(410) 925-1150

Sayers, Margery

From: Marianne Otto-Smith <mottosmith@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:35 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY 2021 budget for REC and Parks

[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 on behalf of my daughter, Kirsten, and all her friends with disabilities currently living in Howard County, who are not able to advocate for themselves. I am asking you to support the FY2021 Operating Budget **to fund the Recreation & Parks Department**. The purposed cuts to the Recreation and Parks Department will threaten the services and programs for individuals with disabilities.*

The need for Therapeutic programs is overwhelming, and oftentimes programs are full and waiting lists are created just 30 minutes after registration has opened for classes and programs serving people with disabilities.

Cuts to the Funding of the Parks and Recreation Operating Budget would threaten much needed and relatively scarce programs here in Howard County!

We understand that there is no specific timeline for when and how the county 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 services for families will be denied.

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

*Sincerely,
Marianne Otto-Smith and Jeffrey Smith
Parents of Kirsten Smith*

Sayers, Margery

From: Carol Carrico <carolfrancies@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:35 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please fund HCRP services

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*Dear Members of the Howard County Council,
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These activities are my sons only form of social engagement in the community. To cut them would be devastating for him.

*There are so few activities available for people with disabilities as it is so this cut would mean even fewer opportunities for social engagement
Please approve FY21 Operating Budget funding for Recreation and Parks Department!*

*Sincerely,
Carol Carrico*

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Lewis Buchanan <Lb@lewlewinc.com>
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Cc: Sales
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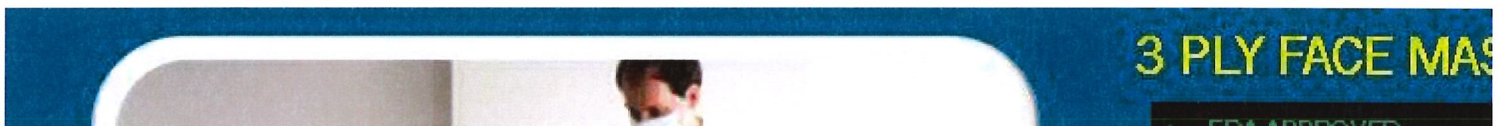
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Sayers, Margery

From: Melanie Bartlett <melaniebartlett@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:32 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 13 to CB25

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County Council Members,

As an advocate for the New Cultural Center in Howard County's Capital Budget, I want to urge you to support Christiana Rigby's amendment to the Capital Budget. If this project is cut from the budget, I expect that construction costs will continue to increase in future years, driving up the price of this project. Additionally, delaying and deferring this project further may jeopardize the state and federal funding that the New Cultural Center has already received. The amendment, which would reduce spending by \$7 million, would still allow the project to move forward this year. Therefore I urge you to support Amendment 13 to CB25.

Thank you,

Melanie S. Bartlett
Toby's Member.

Sayers, Margery

From: Ellen Bartlett <ellenbartlett@verizon.net>
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Thank you,

Ellen Bartlett
Toby's Supporter

Sayers, Margery

From: Penny Rice <pennysrice@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: VOTE YES

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

Penelope S Rice
Columbia Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Misty Greficz <misty.greficz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote on May 27

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To Councilmembers Jung, Walsh and Yungmann,

We need long-term solutions that protect the future of our county and keep it the vibrant, exciting community it is today. As someone who lives and works and hopes to raise a family here, please:

VOTE NO to:

- **Divesting** in our community
- **Cutting** funding to implement Complete Streets programs which includes pedestrian safety projects like installing crosswalks, path improvements and installing ADA compliant ramps
- **Delaying** the long-awaited construction 50+ Senior Center in East Columbia
- **Jeopardizing** affordable housing and the New Cultural Center by forgoing \$61.6M in federal tax credits
- **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 harming fundamental infrastructure and safety needs, with over \$52 million backlog in road work already
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VOTE YES to approve the proposed progressive reform to our county's recordation fees proposed by Council Members Opel Jones and Christiana Mercer Rigby.

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Thank you for your service in the best interest of our entire community!

Sayers, Margery

From: Alex Greficz <alexgreficz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Urgent

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Dear Councilmembers Jung, Walsh and Yungmann,

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.

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

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Sayers, Margery

From: FRANK HERRON <amfjherron@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:49 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Allisonkorn
Subject: Amendment to Add Back Capital Funding for East Columbia Senior Center

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

We urge you to strongly support the Amendment to restore Capital Funding for the East Columbia Senior Center in the upcoming Budget. This project is of vital importance to support the concept of seniors remaining in their homes in the community. The COVID-19 pandemic has clearly demonstrated the downside of other senior living arrangements. The Senior Center will empower a diverse community of seniors to stay in the community and remain healthy. The initiative to make drastic cuts to the future budget in the face of the pandemic seems premature given the potential for a rapid return to normalcy!

Support the amendment to fund the East Columbia Senior Center!!

Thank You,
Ann and Frank Herron
9506 Angelina Circle
Columbia, MD 21045

amfjherron@msn.com
410-381-6797

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Sayers, Margery

From: Diane Cohen <dianedcohen22@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for New Cultural Center and housing

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council, I am asking you to please pass the funding for the New Cultural Center in Columbia and affordable housing project in the FY 21 Budget. The arts are a major factor in my love for living in Columbia. Toby's is an institution here for entertaining us and the new spaces will be instrumental in educating students in the arts, outside of school, with a place to perform. The addition of affordable housing in our Downtown is urgent.

This is an excellent project to continue the values of Columbia.

The \$62 million in Federal funding for this project is secured and will be lost without the funding from the Howard County FY 21 Capital Budget. Please fund this outstanding project for the New Cultural Center and affordable housing in this new area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Diane Cohen
10671 Quarterstaff Rd.
Columbia, MD 21044

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Kat Dash <katdash5@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: VOTE YES for the FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project

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To do anything else goes against everything that Columbia was created for, and made Howard County what it is.

Policies and beliefs like these are why my family moved to Columbia and why I've decided to stay and start my own family.

Katherine Dash

Sayers, Margery

From: life192124 <life192124@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:10 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.

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

Sincerely,

Jesse Knox

Theater and community supporter at a time when both are needed most

Sayers, Margery

From: Babette Silverman <babette13@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:49 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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

Sincerely,
Babette Silverman

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Betty Myers <bettymyers@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:44 PM
To: Jung, Deb; Walsh, Elizabeth; Yungmann, David
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget-restore funding for East Columbia 50+ Center

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

Dear Council members Jung, Walsh and Yungmann,
Sadly you have proposed a \$4.5 million cut to the East Columbia 50+ Center funding. As seniors in East Columbia, we deserve better, and the need for this Center will only increase after the COVID-19 pandemic has ended. We have worked tirelessly to raise awareness of the importance of this resource. You likely would be pushing to ensure funding for this if your loved one suffered from dementia and you needed respite care, and a safe space for your parent, or wife or husband. Or you lived alone, and this center was vital to your wellbeing through needed services.

I realize you have tough decisions, and need to develop strategies for funding all the promises that have been made over the years. Maybe you realize, too, that many of those needing this resource have contributed their tax dollars for a variety of things that have little direct benefit. It's our turn to be respected and supported, and not pushed aside yet again.

Therefore, I urge you to support Councilwoman Rigby's amendment to the budget cuts to restore funding for the East Columbia 50+ Center in the FY21 Capital Budget.

CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov

It's shameful dishonor the commitment of us seniors over the years by severely cutting the one feature that could enhance our lives greatly.

Please support the amendment, and find creative ways to fund this project.

Betty Myers

**5238 Raccoon Court
Columbia, MD 21045
410-715-1175**

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

Sayers, Margery

From: Jennifer Solpietro <jennygrlrocks@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Budget Decisions

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

Dear Councilmembers Jung, Walsh, and Yungmann:

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.

Please VOTE NO to:

Cutting funding to implement Complete Streets programs which includes pedestrian safety projects like installing crosswalks, path improvements and installing ADA compliant ramps

Delaying the long-awaited construction 50+ Senior Center in East Columbia

Jeopardizing affordable housing and the New Cultural Center by forgoing \$61.6M in federal tax credits

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 harming fundamental infrastructure and safety needs, with over \$52 million backlog in road work already

Minimizing efforts of environmental compliance programs and delaying storm water management projects

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

Councilwoman Jung, Councilwoman Walsh and Councilman Yungmann, I ask that you support our residents and VOTE NO to divesting in our community.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Solpietro

Sayers, Margery

From: Steven Sachs <swsachs@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:30 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center and Affordable Housing

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

Council Persons,

I hope that the Amendment proposed by Councilperson Rigby will allow you to support this project.

Last week, Councilperson Rigby, introduced an amendment to the New Cultural Center which would reduce spending by \$7 million and still allow the project to move forward this year. I hope that you will find this to be a fiscally responsible approach to funding the New Cultural Center/Affordable Housing.

Respectfully,

Steven Sachs

Swsachs@icloud.com
410-209-0712

2811 English Bond Court
Woodstock, MD. 21163

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Deborah Clutts <deborahclutts@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:29 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.]

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. One of the capstones of the downtown Columbia revitalization project is the New Cultural Center.

If the project is delayed, it is likely the already secured \$62 million in Federal funding for affordable housing will be lost forever. I am respectfully asking you to include funding in the FY21 Capital Budget for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC).

If the NCC project isn't funded in the FY21 Capital Budget and the \$62 million Federal dollars have been lost, it will be impossible to see Toby's dream and our hopes for the development of the NCC come to fruition. This would be a serious and disappointing loss for Columbia and for all of Howard County.

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. As well, it will assist Howard County in offering additional affordable housing, which is sorely needed in our community.

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 will not be available without the NCC project being funded in the FY21 Capital budget cycle. 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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I understand these are extremely difficult times, and that there are serious and unique stressors on the County's budget. But this is one project that cannot afford to be delayed. Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project!

Best regards,

Deborah Clutts
10607 Millet Seed Hill
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Khaleda Hasan <shahidkhaleda@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Reconsider the devastating cuts in the FY21 and support the recordation tax increase

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

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my dismay and frustration regarding the budget cuts for FY21 Capital and Operating Budgets. I tuned in a few times to the work sessions in between working on the volunteer projects I continue to work on for the PTA and for my community and helping my kids with their online learning. Frankly, I'm disappointed by how sloppily this is being handled. The massive cuts being proposed clearly have not been carefully considered by some of you and I urge you to think about the long-term impacts of your decisions. Not knowing how many positions your budget cuts impact in each department is unacceptable.

I am writing as a private citizen, but to give a little background, I have served on the SAAC for two years in a row and I understand the big picture (at least slightly better than the average resident) when it comes to how complex the counties needs are and how much our wonderful amenities cost. I understand that the County already has a challenging time reigning in spending. The SAAC has suggested that the County examine multiple sources for increasing revenue and the County Council has acted on some of those suggestions in the past. The recordation tax increase is one of those suggestions that should be a no brainer. With the potential to bring in over \$20 million, I'm left wondering what any Councilmember is thinking in not supporting this. I hope you've already changed your mind on this, but if you haven't, please provide an explanation because I just don't understand.

I want to reiterate the importance of balancing fiscal responsibility with recognizing the need for economic growth. I shouldn't have to remind elected officials that a county budget is not the same as a household budget. The level of cuts proposed will lead to extreme negligence and will end up costing more in the long run.

As an education advocate, I'm disheartened that after so many years of advocacy from local communities and individual community members that you are considering taking away Complete Streets funding for safer walking paths to school for children (who would then no longer need bus transportation, i.e., savings in transportation costs). I am in disbelief that THREE of you are considering delaying ADA compliance across the county.

Looking through the proposed cuts, I'm frankly terrified at the downstream effects of cutting funding for long delayed improvements to infrastructure, like our roads and sidewalks, which as relayed to the SAAC and I'm sure to you, is already backlogged by over \$50 million.

It's unconscionable that some of you have proposed cuts that will eliminate vacancies and opportunities for jobs within the county. We should be providing as much opportunity for our residents to find employment within our county, especially when so many are already facing new or prolonged unemployment.

While a new cultural center may seem frivolous by name, surely you understand that you would be jeopardizing a potential increase in the much-needed stock in the affordable housing and that you would be leaving tens of millions of federal tax credits on the table. The fact that many teachers and first responders who work in the county can't even afford to live here without a supplemental income should tell you how badly needed affordable housing is for the more vulnerable residents.

Finally, having heard two years in a row, the budget proposal from the Department of Corrections, I cannot fathom what makes you think the detention center can handle any MORE deferred maintenance than it has already been suffering from for years. I was haunted the first time I heard the bare bones budget proposal last year and I continue to worry about the building that is literally falling apart.

In closing, I hope you vote keeping in mind the downstream and long-term effects of your decisions will on the county's growth and health. You will have to make tough decisions, but start with the easiest one and support the increase in the progressive recordation tax.

Respectfully,

Khaleda Hasan, PhD

Sayers, Margery

From: Rebecca Yorinks <rebeccayorinks@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: 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,

Becca Yorinks

Sayers, Margery

From: Patrick Albright <pdsa1983@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:11 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Affordable Housing and Arts Center

[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,

I'm writing to you, on the night before the vote, to voice my opinion on the affordable housing and cultural center project in downtown Columbia. I 100% believe that this affordable housing project is a necessity. I work in the arts. The arts are my passion and the arts are my career choice. It is next to impossible to find affordable housing in Howard County. Especially affordable housing that is not deplorable and run down. One can go to a neighboring county and find affordable housing but that adds expenses with having to own a car and commute to Columbia, MD for employment. According to US Today, Howard County is the third wealthiest county in the United States. Third out of 3,142 counties in the United States. I can understand if there were a discrepancy for funding in a low population county in central West Virginia or on the Bayou of Louisiana, but Howard county is neither of these types of places. And I am not saying that places like West Virginia don't deserve government funding because the most certainly do. That being said, not everyone in Howard County has a 6 figure job. People that only make \$28,000 a year or less do deserve to have the opportunity to live in a place that has class without breaking the bank. That is what I understand and see this project being. That is why I think this affordable housing project is very important to the new cultural district of Columbia, MD. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

Patrick Albright

Sayers, Margery

From: Laurie Diener <diener.lauren@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC/Affordable Housing Project Funding

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Sincerely,

Laurie & Steve Diener
10622 Millet Seed Hill
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: barbara lebson <barbdog3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:57 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 capital Budget

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Council:

How can one proposal have so many advantages at the same time? To provide culture, arts, education, affordable housing, and recreation to prevent crime and get the youth of Howard County interested in things that are so beneficial to them?

Many of us who raised children in Baltimore turned to Howard County for these very things. Please keep them available with this brilliant proposal that miraculously has funding available.

Keep Jim Rouse's intentions alive.

My daughter benefited from teen experiences involved with Toby's summer program that shaped her entire character and life.

Sincere thanks for reading this.

Barbara Lebson

Sayers, Margery

From: Anthony Neenan <campyman@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: County Ciuncil Support of Amendment 13 to CB25

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To the Howard County Council :

I Strongly encourage the County Council to support Amendment 13 to CB25 to fund the New Cultural Center in Howard County's FY21 Capital Budget. In these trying times low income housing is needed more than ever.
Please vote yes on Amendment 13 to CB25.

Sincerely
Anthony Neenan

Anthony Neenan
campyman@verizon.net
cell: 443-756-0065

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Linda Eisenberg <eisenbhouse@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:33 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for New Cultural Center and Affordable Housing Project

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

Sincerely,

Linda Eisenberg
10417 Blue Arrow Court
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Katherine Lewis <katherinelewis40@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:23 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Recreation & 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. As a mother of a 27 year old daughter with autism, I know there is a tremendous need for these services. In fact the last two sessions I attempted to register my daughter, I was unable to enroll her. These classes filled up within minutes. Without these classes my daughter would be more isolated than she is now. Please do not take away the few services that are now available for her population. My daughter health, safety and quality of life depends on them.

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

Regards

Katherine Lewis

Sayers, Margery

From: Nathan Rosen <nathan.h.rosen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:11 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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

Sincerely,

Nathan H. Rosen

Sayers, Margery

From: Larry Corsa <president@heritagegreen.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:08 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana; Jones, Opel; Yungmann, David
Cc: Jung, Deb; CouncilMail
Subject: Re: Testimony in Support of CB25-2020 Amendment 14
Attachments: extract from Budget Work Session 5_22 re Fire Station.docx

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

Please find attached a transcript from the May 22, 2020 Budget Work Session regarding Amendment 14. I would like this information to be made part of the public record.

Best regards,

Larry Corsa, President
Heritage Green Townhouse Association
5253 Lightfoot Path, Columbia, MD 21044
443-745-0703

On Tue, May 26, 2020 at 4:12 PM Larry Corsa <president@heritagegreen.net> wrote:

My name is Larry Corsa and I am president of the Heritage Green Townhouse Association. Our neighborhood is located directly across Cedar and Rivendell Lanes from Cedar Lane Park and the Harpers Choice MS grounds. I represent approximately 200 residents who have been following the North Columbia Fire Station project since we were made aware of it in 2017.

My community supports the need for a fire station serving northern Columbia, and agrees that a site on Route 108 offers the best access, despite traffic concerns. The proposed site for the fire station facility is located within the boundaries of Cedar Lane Park, and uses land from an existing turf field to save time and money; yet there is \$3M available in a contingency fund to build a replacement field and much more a half mile away on Harpers Choice MS grounds.

I am writing to support Amendment 14 to Council Bill CB25-2020 to require a "community outreach meeting including a public presentation and comment process on preliminary site plans". Friday's discussion of this amendment centered around the need for an open and transparent process that provides opportunity for community involvement. Councilman Jones indicated that he was not aware of any non-transparency in the process to date; Chief Anuszewski indicated that there was no intent to be non-transparent; Mr. Delorme stated that "we always have transparency on all our projects."; and Mr. Stromdahl said "I guess I don't necessarily agree that the process really hasn't been transparent" and later added that "we did push to get it into the planning board, so we could get it in this budget this year".

While I have lived in Howard County for twenty years, this fire station project has been my first exposure to the workings of Howard County Government. As an outside observer, the processes seem to be designed almost exclusively around the internal needs of the government participants, and are anything but transparent. I do not mean to imply any ill intent, but it has been a challenge the past three years to stay abreast of events to react in a timely manner, never mind to observe or affect the process in motion. I testified to the Planning Board on March 19th regarding the lack of proper notice and the need to take extraordinary measures in these extraordinary times, rather than as an excuse to do the minimum required.

I appreciate that the new site takes away a soccer field from the east area of Cedar Lane Park and I support the idea that replacement facilities and parking will be added to the west area by the Harpers Choice Middle School. However, the new fields bring along new roads and reconfigured intersections to the school grounds, and these impacts require much more information. I urge the Council to pass Amendment 14 to assure that these additional funds are spent in a manner that includes a large measure of community involvement.

Sincerely,

Larry Corsa, President
Heritage Green Townhouse Association
5253 Lightfoot Path, Columbia, MD 21044
443-745-0703

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Ms. Jung (00:02):

Oh, the North Columbia Fire Station. Okay, so... CD 25, number 12... just wanna go to that page. Oh.

Chairwoman Rigby (00:21):

I think next is your fire station one.

Ms. Jung (00:37):

14. Oh, right, okay. I thought we were still looking at the cultural center. Okay. 14, which is the fire station. This is really weird, I need people to help me label things. Well, I'll just talk about it without looking at it, 'cause I know what it's about. This is to put \$3 million in contingency for the, um, the field, uh, for the, um, the turf field that was attached to the new fire station. The fire station money remains in the fund but the \$3 million goes into contingency, and the contingency is to ensure that there is a transparent public process regarding the, uh, field, the addition of the field in the back of Harper's Choice Middle School, and that the, um, administration is also transparent in the process of its agreements with the Board of Education and in MOU.

Ms. Jung (02:01):

You're smiling, Ms. Rigby. You're like, "This woman is never gonna let this fire station go." I know Mr. Yungmann is thinking the same thing. I- I am happy to let the fire station move, but I wanna make sure that when it moves, it moves in a very open and transparent process. I have not seen that so far and I really would like to see that for the sake of the community. So, whatever happens, happens. But I would like to see it be open and transparent. That's it.

Dr. Jones (02:42):

Since, uh, we have dozens of people either on the line or waiting to speak, can someone speak to it? Um, the supposed non-transparency of this field? I know I've read about it, and I don't even live over there.

Ms. Jung (02:56):

Well, I know... I know that in order to get the agreement between the Board of Education and the county administration, um, we had to do an MPIA. So... that's not exactly what I call transparent.

Chairwoman Rigby (03:13):

Are we doing the time for questions? So, I- I just don't wanna... I wanna make sure that I'm only talking...

Ms. Jung (03:18):

Yes, we are. We're timing. Yes.

Chairwoman Rigby (03:20):

Okay. So who, whose turn is it? Who's on first?

Ms. Jung (03:22):

Um, well, uh, I didn't set up a who goes first, second, and third. But, um, you can feel free to ask a question.

Chairwoman Rigby (03:37):

Is Dr. Jones going... is it... is it Dr. Jones' turn, so that he can ask the questions [crosstalk 00:03:43].

Ms. Jung (03:42):

Okay. Dr. Jones, would you like to ask any other questions?

Dr. Jones (03:47):

No, I mean, I was just curious to see if anyone had anything to say about it. Um, you- you mentioned that it was not transparent. You mentioned, uh, an MPIA. There may be someone here to talk about that. If not, then okay, but I don't know. I just, I'm- I don't know of too many things, if anything at all, happening in a non-transparent way. So, that's just me, though. I mean, you have a different take, you're more invested on that side of the county, which I appreciate, 'cause I'm paying more attention to things on this side of the county. But maybe someone could say that it is or it isn't. I'm not sure.

Raul Delerme (04:23):

Do you want to start off? Or do you want me to start?

Chief William Anuszewski (04:29):

No, I- I was just- just leaning in trying to get a breath in, but uh, first let me say thank you to, uh, Chairman Jung, Chairwoman Jung, for the little acknowledgement in the beginning. I couldn't unmute myself to say thank you, so I say thank you now.

Ms. Jung (04:42):

Aw, well, we're really excited that you're the new chief, and we're very, very happy that you have secured this job. And I know that we already enjoy working with you, and I know.... I- I wanna say it to your... I was gonna say to your face, but to the screen, to your face on the screen, um, that, um, we're- we're really glad that, uh, you- you will be the new chief. So, yay.

Chief William Anuszewski (05:08):

Look forward to the- the continued partnership. Uh, first, let's- let's talk about... I'm not sure about the transparency either. I know that, um, you know, that- that my involvement in it with the community meeting. I know there was good to be more meetings going on with the public as far as the direction of the station, input as far as where it was going.

Chief William Anuszewski (05:26):

Um, unfortunately, COVID's kinda derailed us a little bit there. So, um, that is more into the DPW side of things. [inaudible 00:05:36] as far as meetings, but I don't think we are... there's no intent to be non-

transparent with this process at all. We know there needs to be a fire station there, um, to help protect the public. We know we have response time issues into that area. Uh, so we know it's needed.

Chief William Anuszewski (05:52):

Now, the... as far as the \$3 million transfer to the, um, uh, to the contingency plan, these are kinda protected funds as they are, because they are fire tax funds. So they- they can't really be spent in other areas of, uh, funding throughout the county, because... 'cause they're tied back to the fire tax. I'm not sure the- the need to put into the contingency line elsewhere.

Chief William Anuszewski (06:17):

Uh, I think once we have the Waterloo plan finalized, we will have a great, uh, consideration for what the cost of construction of a fire station will be, 'cause it's gonna be the same fire station minus a, uh, the police hub that we had built into this fire station at Waterloo. So we'll have a better idea of what the standard footprint fire station will look like once that's done.

Chief William Anuszewski (06:39):

As far as the- the planning meetings and everything else, I would have to ask, uh, Mr. [Stromdahl 00:06:44] to speak on that part.

Ms. Jung (06:46):

Mis-... okay.

Raul Delerme (06:52):

I can go ahead and start until Mark is... and this is Raoul. Um, we always, uh, have transparency on all of our projects. Um, you know, one... when we were asked and talked to the, you know, fire department, Mark Stromdahl about this project, uh, to be placed on the Cedar Lane Park.

Raul Delerme (07:08):

Um, one of our goals was, you know, to get that field replaced, and- and we looked at the area behind the school, and- and it seemed to work out really well, so we did a conceptual plan of that layout, we- we presented it to the village board there, and... as well as, um, you know, to the board, uh, to the Howard County Public School System. And, um, we haven't gone any further to date, you know, we're waiting through the... for this process, and, um, you know, I think it's been looked at by the- the chief there, and- and Mark, and it seemed to work out really well, where- where they're locating along Cedar Lane Road... I mean, not Cedar Lane Road, Route 108.

Raul Delerme (07:44):

So, um, our next step will be to take it to the public. So, for further transparency. So, Mark, I'll let you speak on that behalf.

Mark Stromdahl (07:52):

Okay, yeah. Um, appreciate that. So, um, I guess I don't necessarily agree that- that the process really hasn't been transparent. Um, with the original scheme, where the fire station was down, uh, off of Cedar Lane, I mean, we had, uh, we began with, you know, the sort of, um, required public meetings, starting the SDP process, and that led to a number of public meetings, to present the project and gather

input from the public, and, um, and as a result of those public meetings, we actually... I think that's when we came up with, uh, the relocation, you know, in Cedar Lane Park East, and, um, and just with the fields down by, uh, down off of Cedar Lane.

Mark Stromdahl (08:40):

So, I think, um, you know, as far as the school board goes, we never could get that project far enough along to where we could begin to really develop the agreement at that time with the school board, because we couldn't define what the property was gonna be. So there wasn't anything to share. Certainly that would be shared once we were able to get to some kind of an agreement, and in this situation, I know, um, I mean, we've been accused of, uh, or it's been suggested, that we, you know, haven't been transparent with the new direction that the project has taken.

Mark Stromdahl (09:17):

But I mean, we did push to get it into the planning board, so we could get it in this budget this year, but there's certainly no intention not to have, you know, all the public meetings required to discuss both the fire station, um, and the park. Um, and whatever it is... and, you know, be hoping about what we're... we would be talking to the school board about, though.

Ms. Jung (09:37):

Good. Thank you.

Mark Stromdahl (09:40):

Thank you so much.

Ms. Jung (09:46):

All right. And then, these other... uh, CR-60 is the resolution that goes along with CB-25, amendment 14. Um, so next is capital...

Chairwoman Rigby (10:01):

Sorry, I did... I did have a question.

Ms. Jung (10:03):

Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead.

Chairwoman Rigby (10:05):

Sorry, I was just waiting my turn.

Ms. Jung (10:06):

Okay.

Chairwoman Rigby (10:06):

Um, so, my question is about the cost of the fire station, and the cost of delay. Um, so, Mr. Stromdahl, could you talk about what the delays have cost county taxpayers already? And then if this... if this

amendment doesn't cause any additional delay, then that's fine. I just wanna if there is a cost to- to this amendment or not.

Mark Stromdahl ([10:31](#)):

Um, well, I'd have to go back and look at some past budget years to see where we were with this project. But I would say, um, 'cause we've been working on this for a long time. So this is a rough number, I'd have to verify it, but I mean, we could be in the one to two million dollar range of additional costs, say from the time that we, you know, really first began working on this a few years ago.

Mark Stromdahl ([10:55](#)):

Um, going forward, I mean, typically, um, any time you delay a project, it always gets more expensive. Uh, construction costs typically go up, and a lot of times, there's changes in regulations, and, um, and then you have to go back and, um, you know, adjust the site plan or the building plan to comply with new regulations. You know, this is a case with what's going on in the economy now, it's- it's hard to predict. You know, we might catch a break, and things could be less. But, you know, you really can't count on that. So, um, and generally, you know, they- they do cost more, uh, each year that you delay it, so.

Chairwoman Rigby ([11:35](#)):

Well, I think just this year's delay was about \$2.6 million, if I'm looking in the capital budget correctly. Um, so...

Mark Stromdahl ([11:46](#)):

So I wasn't too far off with my guesstimate there, I think. So, yeah.

Chairwoman Rigby ([11:50](#)):

Yeah. Um, so, but would putting it... would taking a portion of the funds and putting it in contingency cause a delay or not cause a delay?

Mark Stromdahl ([12:00](#)):

Um, I'm not sure what the rules are, as far as our ability to spend, if... I mean, if we're able to- to spend them...

Chairwoman Rigby ([12:07](#)):

Okay. I can follow up later on that part. Um, just it was on the agenda, so I wanted to make sure I- I took the time to ask. So thank you.

Ms. Jung ([12:17](#)):

Mr. Yungmann has a question.

Mr. Yungmann ([12:20](#)):

Um, so the project has gone up two and a half million dollars, Mark? In a year?

Mark Stromdahl ([12:29](#)):

Um, I guess... I guess I'm going on Ms. Rigby's word on that, but I- I think it's gone up. I'd have to look back at the older versions of the capital budget.

Mr. Yungmann (12:39):

And is that just the passage of time? Or has the project itself changed? I mean, construction costs are not up that percentage.

Mark Stromdahl (12:50):

Well, we started the project, I forget what the year on it is. Um, we started it, um, a few years ago, and in those intervening years, construction costs in this region have risen, um, for a year or two, well above the typical sort of 3% that we factor in each year.

Mark Stromdahl (13:11):

Um, the project itself, um, it did change... well, and that is a good point, it did change scope, um, I guess the year before last. Um, you know, the fire chief at the time, uh, Chief Butler, had wanted to, um, add some additional space to the station, so that we could have a tow truck there in the future. And so the scope, the size of the building, did increase by, um, it was around 1500 square feet. And since it's not a real big building, I mean, that went from like 12.5 to 14, or 13.5 to 15, something in- in the... in that range, so.

Mr. Yungmann (13:56):

And then you also... is that two and a half, call it, also include this rec and parks piece of replacing these multipurpose fields?

Mark Stromdahl (14:06):

I don't think so. Um, that's, uh, um, that was why we wanted to add an additional \$3 million, um, to the project. Um...

Mr. Yungmann (14:15):

Right.

Mark Stromdahl (14:15):

On top of just building, yeah.

Mr. Yungmann (14:17):

How much is the project now, before the- the turf field addition?

Mark Stromdahl (14:22):

Um, bear with me a second here.

Mr. Yungmann (14:27):

It can be... it can be round numbers, Mark. I- I should know too. Look to the budget.

Mark Stromdahl (14:32):

I think without the turf fields, it's in the 10.5 range, something like that.

Mr. Yungmann ([14:38](#)):

So, just simple math, we're- we're suggesting that delays alone, inflation of construction costs, have added 25% to the cost of the project, except for the... this additional 1500 square feet, which may have contributed to it. And we might assume, you know, construction cost escalations in the next year similar to that?

Mark Stromdahl ([15:08](#)):

Well, I can, you know, um, I would say, though, probably...

Mr. Yungmann ([15:09](#)):

I mean, I know you can't predict the future.

Mark Stromdahl ([15:14](#)):

Yeah, yeah.

Mr. Yungmann ([15:14](#)):

I know you can't predict the future.

Mark Stromdahl ([15:15](#)):

Yeah.

Mr. Yungmann ([15:15](#)):

But let- let me dial that back. So you said that construction costs generally- generally outpace normal cost of living. So let's say CPI's been two, three, four percent.

Mark Stromdahl ([15:24](#)):

Right.

Mr. Yungmann ([15:25](#)):

Maybe construction costs are five or six. So, you know, on a \$10 million project, the cost of this project could go up a half million bucks if we delay it. And that's assuming that- that the slowdown in the economy doesn't flatten construction costs.

Mark Stromdahl ([15:40](#)):

Correct, that's right.

Mr. Yungmann ([15:41](#)):

Okay. I gotcha. I just, that number jumped out at me, and I just wanted to dig a little deeper. Thank you.

Mark Stromdahl ([15:46](#)):

I mean, in very round terms, you know, I mean, um, yes, I wouldn't argue with what we're talking about here.

Ms. Jung ([16:03](#)):

Are there any other questions? No? Okay. Uh, let's see. We are onto CB-25, amendment 12, which is a very lengthy amendment to the capital budget.

Ms. Jung ([16:36](#)):

Oh. Okay.

Sayers, Margery

From: Carol Zika <zikacarol@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:03 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Rigby's amendment to the budget cuts

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I support Christina Rigby's amendment to the budget cuts to restore funding for the East Columbia 50+ Center in the FY21 Capital Budget.

I ask how many members of the Council have visited the current 50+ Center? Mr. Ball stopped by one day when he was scheduled for something in the library, and admitted he'd never been there. It is in a corner of the library building and it is tiny! The staff does a terrific job with programming, given the space available, and I guarantee you, if you build it, they will come. The growing demographic of tax paying 50+ citizens in Columbia will flock to the new facility, and it will be a shining star in the county. The area desperately needs the day center for memory impaired citizens.

I have taught in the 50+ Centers for at least 20 years. Bain has been renovated, upgraded, and received flood remediation several times during my tenure. We're overdue for a comparable and larger facility in E. Columbia.

Please restore funding for the East Columbia 50+ Center.

Carol Zika
2550 Kensington Gardens, Unit 406
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Sayers, Margery

From: Wanda Daye <wrdaye@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:55 PM
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Subject: Funding for East Columbia 50+ Center

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City Council,

Please **restore funding** for the East Columbia 50+ Center. It is much needed and over due.

Thank you,
Wanda Daye
(for Parent Joan Branch)
9895 Palace Hall Dr.
Apt 413
Laurel MD 20723

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Wanda Daye <wrdaye@aol.com>
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Cc: Wanda Daye
Subject: Funding for the East Columbia 50+ Center

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Dear All,

As a senior resident in Howard County, I ask that you restore funding for the East Columbia 50+ Center. I am disappointed with a proposed \$4.5 million cut to the East Columbia 50+ Center funding. East Columbia Seniors deserve better.

Thank you,

Wanda Daye
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Clarksville MD 21029

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From: Janis Wasser <janis.wasser@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: cultural arts

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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.

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).

If the NCC project isn't funded in the FY21 Capital Budget and the \$62 million 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 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 will not be available without the NCC project being funded in the FY21 Capital budget cycle. 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.

We understand that there is no certainty about when and how the country's and our county's economy will rebound from the current economic crisis. There is certainty, however, that low and moderate-income renters will need housing now more than ever. Should the NCC project not advance in FY21, low and moderate wage earners, seniors on fixed incomes, and persons with disabilities with limited or no earning capacity will continue to be denied the opportunity to live in Columbia. 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,

Janis Wasser

Sayers, Margery

From: Howard Lobl <howard.lobl@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts

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Sincerely,

Howard Lobl
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Sayers, Margery

From: Monica Targonski <targonski4@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC- Amendment 13 to CB25

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Dear Howard County Council-

I am writing to express my support and urge you as well to support Amendment 13 to CB25. As a county resident and home owner for 24+ years, I consider it very important for Howard County to continue their support of the arts and affordable housing. I believe this amendment is a fiscally responsible approach for funding the NCC this year.

Sincerely,
Monica Targonski

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Gerald W von Mayer <fvonmaye@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment 13 to CB25.

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Dear Council Members

Last week, Amendment 13 to CB25 New Cultural Center was introduced. This amendment would reduce spending by \$7 million and still allow that project to move forward this year. I believe that this represents the most fiscally responsible approach to funding the New Cultural Center this year.

Please support Amendment 13 to CB25.

Gerald W von Mayer
10384 Barcan Circle
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Allison Korn <allisonkorn@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please support Christiana Rigby's amendment

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Dear Council Members:

I'm writing to urge support of Christiana Rigby's budget amendment to restore funding for the East Columbia 50+ Center project. Seniors in this part of the county have waited long enough and full funding is essential for the project to proceed on schedule.

Allison Korn
6550 Carlinda Avenue
Columbia

Sayers, Margery

From: Amy R Brooks <amyreeneebrooks@gmail.com>
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Subject: affordable housing

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We want affordable housing in Columbia and we NEED it now.

Please VOTE NO to:

Cutting funding to implement Complete Streets programs which includes pedestrian safety projects like installing crosswalks, path improvements and installing ADA compliant ramps
Delaying the long-awaited construction 50+ Senior Center in East Columbia
Jeopardizing affordable housing and the New Cultural Center by forgoing \$61.6M in federal tax credits
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 harming fundamental infrastructure and safety needs, with over \$52 million backlog in road work already
Minimizing efforts of environmental compliance programs and delaying storm water management projects
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

Thank you!!

Amy Brooks

Sayers, Margery

From: Charles Scott <CScott@loyola.edu>
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May 26, 2020

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Columbia, Maryland 21044

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Sincerely,
Charles Scott and Barbara Wright

Sayers, Margery

From: Stephanie Helline <stephanie@strategic.health>
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Subject: support

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Helline
Creative Director + Owner
stephanie@strategic.health
p: 443-315-1282
c: 410-608-3562



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Sayers, Margery

From: Mary Garratt <garrattmaryk@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please restore funding

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Dear Council Members

East Columbia 50+ Center needs the building funds that have been previously allocated. Please don't reverse course and make seniors in our county go to the back of the line again.

Budgets are difficult to balance, I know, but when this current crisis passes, the need for a new center will be even greater. There will always be unforeseen challenges. The needs of older adults should not be brushed aside as not important whenever the budget is limited. Please restore funding.

Sincerely,
Mary Garratt
Howard County resident of 40 years
Garrattmaryk@aol.com
13445 Forsythe Rd, Sykesville, MD
21784

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Carolyn Kelemen <docndancer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: another plea

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Sincerely,

Sayers, Margery

From: Jim Morsberger <jim.morsberger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please support Amendment 13 to CB25...

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

In support of the Columbia New Cultural Center (NCC) and its funding in FY21 please consider supporting Amendment 13 to CB25. It would be most appreciated. Thank you.

James Morsberger
Catonsville, MD 21228

Sayers, Margery

From: Steven Beck <stevenbeck@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:38 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: 2021 Budget regarding Therapeutic Recreation

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To Whom it May Concern,

The disabled are very often at a disadvantage, which we have learned through raising our son. While we all have to deal with COVID-19, the disabled require services and the help of others that many others don't have to think about. While all of us understand the budget difficulties faced by the County due to the epidemic, a reduction in the budget for **these citizens** can negatively affect their limited socialization and community interaction.

I would ask you to please look for other sources for your savings due to the personal issues that would arise out of a negative decision.

I'm sure that most citizens of Howard County (I've lived here for over 42 years) would fully understand if the Budget of Therapeutic Recreation was NOT reduced.

Sincerely,

Steven and Pamela Beck
7326 Bobolink Court
Columbia, MD. 21046

Sayers, Margery

From: Justine Schaeffer <justschaeffer@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:38 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; CouncilMail
Subject: Budget Cuts--FULLY FUND THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

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Dear Ms Walsh and Members of the Howard County Council,

I am emailing you today concerning proposed cuts to Therapeutic Recreation services offered through the Department of Recreation and Parks. PLEASE DO NOT CUT TR.

My daughter with an intellectual disability is a young adult. Her social opportunities are limited to those planned and chaperoned by HCRP Therapeutic Recreation staff. My other children and other young adults can make their own fun, their own plans with friends, their own outings in the community. My disabled daughter cannot. Without HCRP programs and services for individuals with disabilities, she and others in this vulnerable community will not have the opportunities that their peers have to be a vital part of the Howard County community.

The Therapeutic Recreation opportunities from HCRP are an absolute life line for her. There has been much disappointment in the past when the TR outings have filled and she has been wait-listed. This has happened far too many times. We register at 6:00 on the given day, and by 6:01 all the vacancies are filled. We have been put on a wait list, but openings never occur. When I inquire, I learn that the limiting factor is hiring good staff. Please don't make any cuts to TR staff. Incidentally, we pay for the Therapeutic Recreation programs, and they are worth it.

HCRP has built a wonderful Therapeutic Recreation program that does not currently meet the growing needs for socialization and community outings for people with disabilities. This is a growing population in Howard County. Please don't cut these services.

I fully realize the affect of Covid 19 on the County's budget, but cutting Therapeutic Recreation will have a terrible effect on a very vulnerable population.

Thank you,

Justine Schaeffer
4209 Bright Bay Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: William Deming <wdeming21045@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:37 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: "I support Amendment 13"

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"I support Amendment 13 to CB25 which would reduce spending by \$7 million and still allow the New Cultural Center project to move forward this year."

Thank you for considering my input.

Bill Deming

Sayers, Margery

From: TAG Design II <gorettag29@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:32 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
MS. T. Gordon

Sayers, Margery

From: o <srbuswell@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amednment 13 to CB25

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Hello again,

It has been brought to my attention that Amendment 13 has been offered to the New Cultural Center bill. I feel very strongly that Art and especially affordable housing are both very important in Howard County. This amendment allows a reduction in this year's budget, but will permit the construction to begin. Because of the very difficult times, this seems a wise way to save the program and the State and Federal dollars pledged.

Sincerely,

Susan R. Buswell
5400Vantage Point Road #905
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: sonia truesdale <cleo46@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Please support Amendment 13 to CB25.

Thank you,
Sonia Truesdale
Concerned Citizen our Howard county

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Kimberlee Drake <kimdrakeenv@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Ball, Calvin
Subject: Amendment 12 of CB25-2020

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Dear Howard County Council members,

Thank you for all your efforts working on the annual budget and all legislation. I appreciate your dedication and long hours. I realize this is an unprecedented time and the economic outcomes are unimaginable. The county will need to adjust the budget accordingly. However, I do not agree with some of the line items in Amendment 12 that are to be cut.

The state of Maryland has a law with a goal of reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions 40% below 2006 levels by 2030. Howard County has committed to reducing GHG emission 45% below 2010 levels by 2030 and to reach zero emissions by 2050.

The impact of zeroing out FY21 funding for C0329 "Energy Management Improvements" would mean nearly 2600 metric tons of GHG emissions that we could have eliminated will be released into our atmosphere each year until those projects are completed. In addition, while these projects have upfront costs, they will save the county money in the future with an average annual savings of \$550,000. See below for breakdown and details.

Additionally, I do not believe funding should be taken away from Environmental compliance (CO313), Watershed drainage and stormwater management projects D1180 and D1181, funding for complete streets projects like school route sidewalks, and funding to create pedestrian and bicycle plans that will lead to increased active transportation, again, reducing GHG emissions.

Thank you again for your time and service,
Kim Drake,

Climate change specialist in the Climate Change program at the Maryland Department of the Environment
Secretary, Climate Change and Sustainability Advisory Committee
member, Steering committee of the Howard County Climate Collaboration
Secretary, HoCo Sierra Club
member, HoCo Smarter Growth Alliance
District 2

I speak for myself as a resident of Howard County and not on behalf of the State of Maryland or any boards/committees I am on.

Retro commissioning of Grassroots Center, Central Library, Ascend One, George Howard Building

This is tune-up of HVAC and has a very fast payback in energy savings of 1-2 years. County investment is matched with BGE incentives and MEA grant funds.

Average Annual Energy Savings: 2,500,000 kWh
Average Annual Cost Savings: \$242,000
Average Annual CO2e reduction: 1,700 metric tons
Simple Payback: 5 months

Relamp Long Reach Village Center and Other Critical Buildings with Outdated Lighting

This is a key energy saving project for Long Reach Village Center and similar County buildings and also has a rapid payback of 2 years. This will replace outdated interior lighting with LEDs and include motion sensors and lighting controls to maximize energy savings. (Approximately \$70,000 for Long Reach Village Center lighting retrofit and \$60,000 for other critical facilities).

Average Annual Energy Savings: 325,000 kWh
Average Annual Cost Savings: \$65,000
Average Annual CO2e reduction: 230 metric tons
Simple Payback: 2 years

EV Charging Stations and Annual Charger Maintenance

This will provide EV charging stations for fleet vehicles and will allow us to expand the EV fleet – recent grants can not be used to build fleet vehicle charging stations. New Green Fleet policy includes replacing all administrative fleet vehicles with full electric vehicles when they reach end of life. In order to do this, we need to expand our EV charging network. These EV charging stations would also benefit the public.

Average Annual Fuel Consumption Savings: 73,000 gallons
Average Annual Cost Savings: \$470,000 (includes savings on maintenance and gasoline on 300 fleet vehicles replaced with all electric vehicles within 10 years)
Average Annual CO2e reduction: 650 metric tons

Generator conversion in Ascend one, Scaggsville Public Safety Center, Detention Center, & Public Safety Training Center

This upgrades generators to reduce their carbon emissions and allows us to use generators for load shedding on peak demand days, providing large dollar savings the County currently is unable to access because the generators emit too much Greenhouse Gas.

Average Annual Energy Savings: 21,000 kWh
Average Annual Cost Savings: \$15,000 - \$30,000
Average Annual CO2e reduction: 15 metric tons
Simple payback: 3-6 years (depending on number of peak energy demand days)

Sayers, Margery

From: John DiTomasso <john.ditomasso@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Please don't do anything to delay funding for our Cultural Center!

John DiTomasso
9448 Farewell Rd
Columbia, MD. 21045

410 730 3071
Johndit@comcast.net

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Toni Tessler <tonistamps@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:09 PM
To: Toni Stamps; CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

Toni Tessler

Sayers, Margery

From: Kelly Balchunas <kjbalchunas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:07 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 12 to CB25-2020z

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I am writing in support of Amendment 12 to CB 25-2020. I appreciate the leadership of Council members Yungmann, Jung, and Walsh and their willingness to look critically at the county's budget, especially in this challenging time.

At every level of society, down to the individual family unit, we are being faced with difficult decisions. As a county, we are anticipating reduced revenues in the upcoming year, if not longer, and to move forward with a capital project of this magnitude without knowing what the future holds would be irresponsible.

Thank you,
Kelly Balchunas
District 5

Sayers, Margery

From: Kathy Ohalloran <kohall@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:06 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia East 50+ Center

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Dear Council Members- this is a followup to my earlier email requesting that you keep the construction of a new Columbia East 50+ Center in the current budget under discussion.

Furthermore, I encourage you to retain full funding and take necessary steps to expedite the schedule for the Center's completion.

Yes, it's a question of priorities- this is ours - please show us that it yours too!

Thank you.

Kathy O'Halloran

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Françoise Von Mayer <fvonmayer@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia's New Cultural Center

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Tuesday, 25 May, 2020

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Sincerely,

Françoise von Mayer

Sayers, Margery

From: Andrew W. Nussbaum <andrew.w.nussbaum@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:47 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,

Andy and Sharon Nussbaum

Sayers, Margery

From: Margaret Desautelle <Margaret_Desautelle@hcpss.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:44 PM
To: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail; Yungmann, David
Subject: National Family Resiliency Center Funding
Attachments: NFRC -May25-2020.docx

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Dear County Executive Ball, County Councilman Yungmann and all the Howard County Council Members,

Please see the attached letter that concerns the National Family Resiliency Center.

Respectfully,
Margaret May Desautelle

Peggy Desautelle, M.Ed
First Grade Teacher
Waverly Elementary School
410-313-2819

Margaret May Desautelle
11375 Barley Field Way
Marriottsville, MD 21104
(443) 794-4876

May 25, 2020

Dear County Executive Ball, Councilman Yungmann and County Council Members,

I am writing to you on behalf of the National Family Resiliency Center (NFRC) concerning reinstating a grant for the current fiscal year. During this unprecedented time, services of the NFRC are critical for the community of Howard County. I have witnessed first hand as an educator in HCPSS and as a peer counselor the services NFRC provides to the youth and adults of the community and lives they have positively touched and transformed. Howard County benefits from organizations like NFRC that foster cultural diversity, civility and acceptance among its cliental. They provide the much needed counseling and educational programs that help children, parents and families.

Covid19 has dealt our county and our nation a catastrophic blow to each and every individual. Today, more than ever, communities like Howard County are in great need of support from organizations such as NFRC to help people cope and heal with the current situation that is extremely emotional, such as Covid19.

Please reconsider fully funding NFRC. Your support is critical and will pay decades of dividends in the lives of our Howard County residence.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter!

Margaret May Desautelle

Sayers, Margery

From: duchess3802@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:43 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project.

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Sincerely,

Lisa Hopkins

Sayers, Margery

From: Rosemary Fitzgerald <dcrugrad92@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:35 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Rosemary Fitzgerald

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Alycia <alyciahansen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment support

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To Whom it May Concern,

Please support amendment 13 to CB25 and do not risk the \$60 million in federal and state funding for the project included as part of the cultural center. Our local economy deserves to benefit from this funding at this time.

My daughters are college-aged and have been applying to jobs everywhere in the local area with no responses. This project would generate additional jobs for our economy, using non-county funds as a significant source - that we cannot afford to lose!

We cannot afford to let the pandemic derail this project and the funds it has already been awarded.

Sincerely,
Alycia Hansen
[6362 Early Red Court](#)
[Columbia, MD 21045](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: florenzobandl@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:30 PM
To: Regner, Robin; CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David
Subject: Request to Postpone Virtual Hearing re: ZB-1119 HRVC Ltd. Partnership, c/o Kimco Realty Corp.

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Zoning Board:

Please delay virtual zoning hearing (ZB-1119M HRVC) until such time it can be conducted with people actually present. Kimco and the Village Board were allowed days to testify in conditions where all could hear what was going on and the reactions of those present. This request is simply in the same spirit of fairness. The only reason I can see why you would not delay the hearing is that you have already **PREDETERMINED YOUR VOTE** and your vote is **NOT** on the side of the opponents.

I have sat at most of the hearings and it seems as if Kimco has fed the information provided by various Howard County departments to the Board. It appears as if Kimco wants exceptions to everything including easements, the number of parking spaces allowed per square foot, and of course the zoning from single-family to over 230 apartments (which by the way the exact number of 1, 2, and 3 bedroom apartments has never been clarified). Kimco has also misinformed the board that people use Cedar Lane to get to Rts. 29 and 32. Actually, the quickest way to reach these highways is to drive by two schools (Clemens Crossing and the Seventh Day Adventist school) on Quarterstaff Rd. to Martin Rd. If you have ever driven by the schools when they are in session, you would understand residents' concerns about adding an additional 230+ cars to the mix.

Obviously, we want to ensure affordable housing is available in Howard County. However, the pandemic has given me ample time to walk the neighborhoods/areas of Clarys Forest, Columbia Mall, Merriweather Post Pavilion and Wilde Lake. For lease signs are everywhere. Why build more apartments when the ones already here are not at capacity even with projected county growth?

There has been a suggestion submitted to hold the hearings at Merriweather Post Pavilion or another open forum such as a high school stadium that would allow social distancing. I encourage you to consider this suggestion or postpone until such time that all parties can be heard under the same conditions. Also, why would you want the perception that you don't care about your constituents? Has Kimco given you money for your campaign war chest or tickets to events? Honestly, represent the people and let everyone's voices be heard – not in a live stream or where only limited people can hear what is going on. **BE FAIR – POSTPONE THE HEARINGS or PROVIDE** an alternative where all people who are interested can be present.

Sincerely,
Barb Florenzo – 10610 Millet Seed Hill, Columbia Md. 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Sharonlee Vogel <sharonleevogel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Move FORWARD with East Columbia 50+ Center

[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 today to ask you to support FY21 Capital Budget funding for East Columbia 50+ Center as planned. This project is fully vetted and absolutely necessary for this rapidly growing citizen and voter base.

This project has been in development for six years, stemming from the Master Plan for the Aging Population. Major design and development investments have been made on behalf of the densely populated and underserved, East Columbia area.

Such centers play a vital role in the service delivery system for seniors, opportunities for socialization that decrease social isolation, fitness, exercise and wellness programs to decrease chronic disease issues and daily meals to reduce food insecurity of seniors.

The need will only grow with the exponential growth of the County's older adult population. These services provide preventive benefits that reduce longer term costs associated with early transition to vastly more expensive congregate facilities at a time when the County/State Health Departments report daily on the vulnerability of such residents during the current pandemic. It is short-sighted to not move forward with enhancing and increasing space and services for the older adult population.

- Managed wisely and fairly, the senior tax base is a cash cow for the general fund contributing far more in local income and property taxes than it consumes in county services. Seniors are a critical asset to the County tax base; one entitled to claim a reasonable share of services.
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- The County budget last year contained a significant tax increase to the property tax rate affecting the fire and rescue area as well as an increase to trash collection fees. Property tax rates for senior homeowners increased last year by hundreds of dollars. To follow up with a significant reduction in services is a double whammy.
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- **Since seniors, as a whole, under-consume County services they comprise a major financial asset to the County general fund. This is a demographic the County must retain to finance vital services including our schools. We are taxpayers who have every right to expect a reasonable level of services that address our needs even as we expect to support services vital to other County demographic groups.**

Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the East Columbia 50+ Center!

Sincerely,

Sharonlee J. Vogel
8725 Warm Waves Way, Columbia, MD 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: Allison Fedarko <stangfed@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:28 PM
To: Jung, Deb; Williams, China; Gick, Ginnie; Walsh, Elizabeth; Dvorak, Nicole; Jones, Opel; Harris, Michael; Rigby, Christiana; Gelwicks, Colette; Facchine, Felix; Yungmann, David; Knight, Karen; CouncilMail
Cc: fedarwi@gmail.com
Subject: Recreation & 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 and Aides 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.

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.

Families of individuals with disabilities may seek inferior services elsewhere, with little satisfaction as well as potential safety problems. It is sufficient to say that, in sticking with HCRP programs for our family member with a disability, we ensure high quality, professional services in which we have great confidence. Our family member is safely and securely served, with enjoyment and appropriate learning and appreciation of our beautiful county, as well as crucially necessary social engagement with appropriate peers and the safe and unfailingly kind HCRP staff.

For individuals with disabilities in Howard County, the services of the Recreation and Parks Department are not only recreation, they are a vital part of life, and often the only safe means of social interaction. Individuals with disabilities are vulnerable to predators and scammers, but the Recreation and Parks Department staff are impeccably well chosen and well trained. The HCRP staff uniformly take an interest in meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities, and have an intuitive awareness of how to interact with these individuals in supportive and respectful ways.

These interactions with HCRP staff enhance each individual's confidence in himself and actively power the individual's sense of identity as a community citizen. Additionally, a more self-confident individual with a disability has less vulnerability, and is more likely to function at a higher level in future life -- to hold a job, to pay taxes, and to contribute in future years to the community as a productive adult with a disability.

I believe that the basis of HCRP's excellence in designing and implementing programs for all individuals, including those with disabilities, is a highly supportive corporate culture in which every staff member is respected and valued. The HCRP staff all give 120% -- meaning that they already function at high efficiency, making the most of the resources that they have. To diminish the resources of the Recreation and Parks Department would be to diminish the vital services which this essential organization provides.

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

Sincerely,

Allison Fedarko
stangfed@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: Amy Cervelloni <jamycerv@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Fully Fund Howard County Parks and Recreation FY2021

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Dear Councilman,

We adopted a baby boy 27 years ago. At a year of age he was diagnosed with multiple disabilities. We purposely moved to Howard County - as by far they offered the best services for people with disabilities. Howard County Parks and Recreation has offered many wonderful therapeutic programs. Our son is now 27 years old and still enjoys the social programs offered by Howard County Parks and Recreation. However, over the past few years, we have been discouraged as it is now almost impossible to register our son as there are not enough slots. I end up having to try to explain to my son that he is on the waiting list. He does not have any understanding as to what a waiting list is. The last couple years there is a mad dash to register at exactly 6 pm and then keep your fingers crossed you don't end up on the list. "The Out and About" and "Slice of Summer" are awesome social programs and all the parents are thrilled to have their child participate. I am hearing rumor that two more staff people may be cut from therapeutic programs. Quite honestly, you should be adding two or three more staff rather than cutting. I am saddened that my son will have no chance of attending these programs if you cut more staff. He has been on the waiting list for the last two sessions. If you saw how much fun they have in these programs - you would never consider cutting more staff from therapeutic programs. From the bottom of my heart I ask you do not to cut staff from therapeutic programs.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Amy Cervelloni

(Best friend and advocate for many people with disabilities in Howard County - both young and old)

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Wayne Bethards <bwbethards@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:25 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.]

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.

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).

If the NCC project isn't funded in the FY21 Capital Budget and the \$62 million 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 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 will not be available without the NCC project being funded in the FY21 Capital budget cycle. 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.

We understand that there is no certainty about when and how the country's and our county's economy will rebound from the current economic crisis. There is certainty, however, that low and moderate-income renters will need housing now more than ever. Should the NCC project not advance in FY21, low and moderate wage earners, seniors on fixed incomes, and persons with disabilities with limited or no earning capacity will continue to be denied the opportunity to live in Columbia. 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!

This is no time to relax Howard County's commitment to the arts and affordable housing. We consider this project to be very high priority.

Sincerely,

Wayne & Betty Bethards
10521 Morning Wind Lane
Columbia, MD 21044
410-730-2173

Sayers, Margery

From: Silhouette Stages <silhouettestages@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Members of the Howard County Council:

We are Silhouette Stages, Inc., a non-profit performing arts organization in Howard County - we are the premiere community theater in the county and our mission to support the arts and artists in our area. Our organization became very concerned when we heard about the potential removal of funding for the NCC. This is a critically important project for Columbia and for the local arts community.

We are asking for your support for 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.

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Sincerely,
Jeremy Goldman, President
Silhouette Stages, Inc.

Silhouette Stages, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

<http://www.silhouettestages.com>

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Sayers, Margery

From: Robert Gillespie <bobanddiane67@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia New Cultural Center

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

Sincerely,

Diane Gillespie

Sayers, Margery

From: joe_t1@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
J. Travis

Sayers, Margery

From: Robert McLaughlin <bmclaugh@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Toby's

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Columbia has been enriched with the presence of Toby's dinner theater for many years. My wife and I make at least 2 trips a year to this unique cultural establishment. They deserve a new facility in our community. I am very much supportive of a new arts center to house them.

Sayers, Margery

From: Mary Gilmer <megilmer2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:07 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: allisonkorn@comcast.net
Subject: 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. 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 under-served 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.

Mary Gilmer
4520 Doncaster Dr.
Ellicott City, Md. 21043
megilmer2000@yahoo.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Jeff Kaye <j1kaye@rcn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget Funding

Importance: High

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

Sincerely,
Jeff Kaye

Sayers, Margery

From: Jonathan Kipnis <jkipnis@kipnislaw.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:58 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Howard County's FY21 Capital Budget

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

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If the NCC project isn't funded in the FY21 Capital Budget and the \$62 million Federal dollars have been lost, it will be impossible to see Toby's dream of the NCC happen in the future. As a long-time resident of Columbia, I am aware of the positive impact of the work that Toby's has on the community, including its youth.

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Sincerely,

Jonathan I. Kipnis