

C825-2020

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Sayers, Margery

From: Stevie Brouillet <stevie2b@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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

Sincerely,

Stephanie Brouillet

Sayers, Margery

From: Annette Deming <annettevdeming@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment to CB25

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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.

Respectfully,

/s/

Annette V. Deming
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Columbia, MD 21045

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From: Isabel Freedman <latte_lady@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:38 PM
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Yes, I have copied a form letter but my concerns and support are 101% behind this project. I have a daughter who is presently getting her Masters Degree in Shakespeare Performance at GW after several years in NYC. I know she would love to part of this wonderful New Cultural Center in Columbia.

Sincerely,

Isabel Freedman
4308 Sweet Bell Court
Ellicott City, MD. 21042

Sayers, Margery

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

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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

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#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: Becky blackman <Blackman.becky@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,

Becky Blackman

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Becky blackman <Blackman.becky@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:33 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT/ Toby's Dinner Theatre

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From: DAVID GUY <davidcguy@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:32 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Gentlemen: I am NOT a resident of Howard County. I have been a resident of Baltimore County since I moved to MD from NJ 42 years ago. However, I AM a supporter and participant in the performing/cultural arts. I have attended many shows at Toby's Dinner Theater (and actually performed in three) plus many concerts at Merriweather Post Pavilion over these many years. I have also eaten quick meals at the Columbia Mall. I am also a subscriber/supporter of the BSO and Wolf Trap. I attend many community theater productions around the greater Baltimore area (as well as performing in quite a few). I attend concerts at Jiffy lube Live, Capital One Arena, and the Royal Farms Arena.

So I would like to urge you to approve funding in your FY21 Budget for the New Cultural Center and Affordable Housing Project.

Thank you.

Sayers, Margery

From: Etarae <etarae@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Affordable Housing

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Sincerely,

Etarae B. Weinstein
6479 Bright Plume
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Heidi Garman <hcgarman@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Recreation and Parks Support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am emailing you today to ask you to support the FY 2021 Operating Budget to fully fund the Recreation and Parks Department. The proposed cuts to the Recreation and Parks Department will threaten the services and programs for individuals with disabilities.

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

We have been residents of Howard County for over 30 years. Our son, who has disabilities, has been participating in Therapeutic Recreation programs with the Howard County Recreation and Parks Department since he was a toddler. He is now in his late 20's. It is through the Therapeutic Recreation program that he learned to swim and has become an accomplished bowler – one of his favorite activities. He has participated in many social opportunities through the programs offered by the Recreation and Parks Department – dances; attending ball games and the theater at Toby's; arts and crafts and so much more.

The programs offered by the Howard County Recreation and Parks Department allow our children to participate in recreational and social activities, no matter their age, and in some measure allow them to foster independence by participating in activities with other children and adults under the supervision of Recreation and Parks staff.

We have personally watched many of these children, who are now adults, develop important life skills such as taking turns, sharing, and encouraging their teammates through the activities sponsored by the Recreation and Parks Department. These seem like simple skills. But for our children they are often major milestones. We have seen their communication skills blossom as these children and adults interact with their peers and the staff of Recreation and Parks, who are very dedicated to their mission of serving individuals with disabilities.

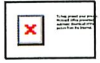
Children and adults with disabilities are often marginalized with limited opportunities to participate in the same or similar activities as their able-bodied peers. The many programs offered by the Recreation and Parks Department for individuals with disabilities is one of the many things that has set Howard County apart from other counties within Maryland, and what encourages those of us with children and adults with disabilities to continue to support the many programs offered to individuals with disabilities by the Department of Recreation and Parks.

These activities have been an integral part of our life.

Please approve the FY 2021 Operating Budget funding for the Recreation and Parks Department.

Sincerely,

Heidi C. Garman
Robert A. Garman
Glenwood, MD



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Sayers, Margery

From: Robert Golibersuch <bobgolib@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Subject: East Columbia 50+ center funding

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Dear executive Ball and council members

Regarding the upcoming vote on capital funding, I wish to join with seniors in East Columbia and throughout Howard County in requesting that you not eliminate any of the currently planned funding for the much needed 50+ center. We have campaigned long and hard to win the support of village boards in Columbia, the Columbia Association, and the county government for the much needed new center. We have attended many meetings and testified at many of them. Our time has come. We are not getting any younger and we need a vibrant new center. The cuts that have been proposed will, despite claims by some, prove detrimental to many of us seniors. Please support us on May 27 by not cutting the currently planned funding.

Sincerely,

Robert (Bob) Golibersuch

Sayers, Margery

From: Vickie Baldwin <vbaldwin1960@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:13 PM
To: CouncilMail

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Sincerely,

Vickie Baldwin-Murphy

Sayers, Margery

From: Larry Corsa <president@heritagegreen.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana; Jones, Opel; Yungmann, David
Cc: Jung, Deb; CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony in Support of CB25-2020 Amendment 14

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

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

Sayers, Margery

From: Doralee Simko <djsimko95@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please vote for the cultural arts center amendment

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I beg you to vote tomorrow in favor of Amendment 13 to CB25.

Doralee Simko
10801 Enfield Dr, Woodstock, MD 21163

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:02 PM
To: michelle_wood@verizon.net
Subject: District 4 - I support your budget amendments

First Name: Michelle

Last Name: Wood

Email: michelle_wood@verizon.net

Street Address: 6263 Golden Hook

City: Columbia

Subject: I support your budget amendments

Message: I know you are getting a lot of pressure regarding your bipartisan spending cuts, but I wanted to let you know I support your plan to pause spending due to the current crisis. Thank you!

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: CB 25 2020 Amendment 9

Deb Jung
Council Chair, District 4
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Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

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

From: grace kubofcik <gracek8@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 8:22 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: james kubofcik <gracek8@verizon.net>
Subject: CB 25 2020 Amendment 9

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Members of the County Council:

The Department of Housing, Housing advocates and County Council members have worked over the years to adopt legislation to enable the use of fee-in lieu funds for creating opportunities for non profits like Bridges for Housing Stability, Hope Works and Making Change to make funds available to those who might become homeless except for these services, to provide safe housing for those in need and to enable many to better learn how to become economically independent.

The track record for these organizations has been exemplary.

In addition, the Department of Housing has shown flexibility in how to utilize these funds, how to place on their web site monthly reports regarding MIHU units, rental and ownership, produced annual reports to the County Council and made certain that funds are being used for those who are qualified to use them. The Department's Board regularly posts its agenda and minutes on the Department's web site.

This Department currently is leading the Housing Master Plan. A plan we hope will be ready by the end of this year.

I can only see negative effects of proposed Amendment 9 and urge you not to vote in support.

Thank you.

Grace Kubofcik
Ellicott City Md 21043

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From: laub4 <laub4@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:55 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please fully fund!!!!

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Sincerely,
Shelley and Jeff Laub

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Sayers, Margery

From: Iris Hirsch <hirschstc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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As a musician, and a resident of Howard County, I am emailing today to ask you to support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project.
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As well as being a musician, I am also a member of the Baltimore Bead Society, which meets once a month, at the Howard County Center for the Arts in Ellicott City . While this is an active arts center, it is very crowded with limited parking. If several events are going on during the same time at the center, parking is impossible to find. Howard County desperately needs a new arts center with more space and parking.

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Iris Hirsch
Musician
Resident of Howard County

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From: Gabrielle Diener <gabdiener@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: SAVE THE NEW CULTURAL CENTER

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

Sincerely,
Gabrielle Diener

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Gabrielle Diener, MEd, LGPC, NCC

Sayers, Margery

From: Bruce Van Aartsen <b_va@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Support the NCC

[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 am asking you to support funding Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing project in the FY21 Budget. I understand that \$62 million in Federal funds will be lost if the NCC isn't approved this year. I greatly favor adding more affordable housing in our community, and I also greatly appreciate what the new Toby's CCTA (Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts) could do for our community. I believe this would be a significant loss to Columbia if we would pass up the opportunity to fund the NCC in the FY21 Budget. PLEASE VOTE TO APPROVE THE NCC!

Thank you,
Bruce Van Aartsen
5662 Waterloo Rd
Columbia, MD 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: Rosemary Browne <rbrowne0909@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: 50+ East Columbia

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

I would like to add my support to the reinstatement of funds to the 50+ center. I have lived, worked And volunteered in Columbia since I moved here the 70's and now that I am "in my 70's" and recently retired, I find the space available for the 50+ activities at the East Columbia Library very poor .

I have attended classes at Glenwood and cannot believe the amenities provided to the seniors in that area .

Please consider us, the seniors in Owen Brown, when approving the new budget.

I have spent most of my adult life living , working and raising 3 children In Columbia (who also live in this town) and I have no intention of moving .

We are the generation who helped build this town into one of the finest places in America to live. Don't let us down now!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely ,
Rosemary Browne
9501 Sylvan Dell
Columbia MD

Rosemarybrowne@comcast.net

Sayers, Margery

From: roberta.greenstein@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC funding

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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!

We were Howard County residents from 1974 until 2012. Toby's is a jewel for not only Howard County, but the entire DC/Baltimore/VA area. Please do not let this institution go away, it is a multi-generational experience, we brought our children and now bring our grandchildren who live in Wisconsin, when they are in town, and we hope that you see fit to continue support.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Roberta Greenstein

Sayers, Margery

From: Edward Van Leer <evanleer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Affordable Housing Support

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Hello,

As the owner of a house in Howard County, adjacent to Columbia, I believe in the ideals of providing a community for all demographics, regardless of race, religion and socio-economic status (to name just a few), to have the opportunity to live together. I also believe, especially in these challenging times, that it is important to provide affordable housing to any person or family in need. For these reasons, and many others, I support Amendment 13 to CB25, which would reduce spending by \$7,000,000 and still allow the New Center to move forward this year. Delaying is not appropriate at this time, especially considering the \$60,000,000 the county could lose.

Please do the right thing for all Columbia and Howard County citizens, not just the loudest and most influential.

Lastly, please let Ms. Jung, the local council member, know that if there is a sign on the door that says, "Do not knock or ring - baby sleeping" that the council member should not knock or ring and, thus, wake the sleeping baby.

Thank you,

Edward Van Leer
6168 Devon Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Ning-Wu Wang <ningwu.wang@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:35 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: estore funding for the 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.]

As a senior citizen of Howard County and a resident in Columbia I'd like to urge you to restore funding for the East 50+ Center this year. Your kind action on this issue is greatly appreciated.

Regards,
Ning-Wu Wang
8863 Warm Granite Dr, Columbia, MD 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: Diana Ulman <dianaulman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Vote FOR New Cultural Center and Affordable Housing

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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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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.

And 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,

Diana Ulman
District 4 Resident

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Sayers, Margery

From: DAVID Zinn <dlzinn@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:19 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the 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 in Howard County. And we and our friends look forward to visiting Columbia's New Cultural Center from Pennsylvania.

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Sincerely,

Dave and Margie Zinn
Hanover Pennsylvania

Be the best you can be and serve others.

Sayers, Margery

From: Vikki <vkrvn@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC&affordable housing

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MESSAGE:

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

Sincerely
Vikki Raven

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Wayne Davis <wayne.davis103@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Stop the Proposed Budget Cuts!

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

I am strongly against the draconian and foolish budget cuts proposed by Council members Liz Walsh, Deb Jung, and David Yungmann. They fail to realize that during a time of crisis, with unemployment so high, this is not the time to pretend to do a planning exercise for the future. The future is NOW and we must maintain our budgets to every extent possible and increase the recordation tax/fees on property sales and loans to high priced real estate.

During a crisis, we must spend on our infrastructure and institutions to continue to help people manage through it. Once the crisis is over the budgets will need to be addressed, but cutting the budgets now is short-sighted and only will hurt the Howard County economy more. We need people working, building, buying supplies, and others paying their fair share of taxes and fees that high priced real estate sales and developers have escaped so far.

I guess the folks in Ellicott City have seen enough support lately that they forget the rest of the County is also in need - especially the economically and socially disadvantaged parts of Howard County. People are hurting and cutting the budgets will create more economic distress, less the safety nets for our citizens, and endanger them by still not provide sidewalks and other mobility needs for our neighborhoods. Society already seems to wish to discard us seniors as a drain on the economy to be sacrificed for the benefit of the economy. Enough is enough and please maintain our budgets to the extent possible including the badly needed renovations at Hammond High School where my grandson will be attending this fall as all of my children attended.

Thank you for considering my views.

Wayne Davis
9731 Early Spring Way
Columbia, MD 21046

Sayers, Margery

From: Margaret Golibersuch <mgolib@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:13 PM
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.]

The present East Columbia 50+ Center is a poor cousin of all the other Senior Centers in Columbia. It is located in an area with an enormous percentage of the country's elderly and is under serving us tremendously. I and many of my colleagues need to travel many miles to other centers which have facilities which meet our needs since this one cannot. Think of how we feel underserved when I walk into ElkrIDGE, Ellicott City or Glenwood and North Laurel. There is certainly a discrimination toward Columbia residents If the board decides to delay an improved center. It seems unfair to decide to deprive those of us who have been long term taxpayers, while those in newly populated areas enjoy the facilities not provided for the long term tax payers.

Margaret Golibersuch

Sayers, Margery

From: tinyteacherj@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:04 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center NCC

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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,

Judy and Steve Gottsagen

Sayers, Margery

From: Karen Pell <klp851@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Request for Funding for New Cultural Center

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

Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am emailing today as many may be doing as well. With time on our hands, there is more time to process the community's needs and to appreciate the diversity of experiences that Howard County offers.

I am asking you to support the FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project. A delay in county funding threatens the already secured \$62 million in Federal funding for affordable housing, dollars that must be used or be lost forever. That would be such a loss for the County and its residents.

As you know, 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 and work toward the goal of 900 affordable units the County committed to develop in the 2016 Downtown Redevelopment Plan.

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For all these important reasons, please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project!

Sincerely,

Karen L. Pell
Columbia, Fourth District Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Marian Vessels <marian.vessels@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:00 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Parks and Recreation Budget Concerns

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

As a person with a mobility disability who uses a power wheelchair, I am emailing you today to ask you to support the FY2021 Operating Budget to fully fund the Recreation & Parks Department. The purposed cuts to the Recreation and Parks Department will threaten the services and programs for individuals with disabilities.

We understand that there is no specific timeline for when and how the country's and our county's economy will rebound from the current crisis. But we do know that without programs and services for individuals with disabilities, this demographic will not have the opportunities that their peers have to be a vital part of the Howard County community. This traditionally underrepresented 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.

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

Sincerely,

Marian

Marian S Vessels

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Sayers, Margery

From: Jeff Gold <jeffgold427@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:00 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: Toby's NCC project funding

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

Sincerely,

Jeff Gold
Columbia Resident since 1998

On Tue, May 26, 2020 at 2:56 PM R Gold <n8tvnyr122@yahoo.com> wrote:

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

Sincerely,

Robyn Gold
Columbia Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: David Glaser <David@vogelglaser.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:57 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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

Sincerely,

David Glaser
Longfellow



Sayers, Margery

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Sincerely,

Robyn Gold
Columbia Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Valerie Axel <vaxel54@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:56 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: vaxel54@gmail.com
Subject: NCC Request

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Sincerely,

Valerie Axel

Sayers, Margery

From: Miriam Kook <mdkook@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center (NCC) Support

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Sincerely,

Miriam and Doug Kook
10805 Vista Rd.
Columbia, Md 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Terri Lopatka <tlopatka3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:47 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center

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From: Eric Katkow <erickatkow@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCCSupport

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From: Hattie Katkow <heak@comcast.net>
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Toby has been an important part of Columbia since the beginning and not funding this would be so sad for our community and future residents.

Sincerely,
Hattie Katkow

Sayers, Margery

From: Jodi Satin <jodisatin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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My best,
Jodi Satin

Sayers, Margery

From: Pat Sylvester <psylvester@ats2.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:23 PM
To: Jung, Deb; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Yungmann, David; CouncilMail
Cc: 'Bruce Rothschild'; 'Chris Fritz'; 'Jeryl Baker'; Deik, Tracy; 'John DeZinno'; 'Jolly Burks'; 'Mary Ka Kanahan'; 'Peter Morgan'; 'Rev Turner'; 'Rev. Turner'; 'Russ Snyder'; 'Peter Engel'; Delorenzo, Carl; 'Bethany Hooper'; Dvorak, Nicole; Harris, Michael; Gelwicks, Colette; Williams, China; Gick, Ginnie; Knight, Karen
Subject: RE: New Cultural Center- Funding in FY 2021 Capital Budget -- Baltimore Sun opinion post

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Council Members:

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/opinion/op-ed/bs-ed-op-0527-columbia-cultural-center-20200526-2e5ckdwcrzd4bgl2kqoxfkr5ki-story.html>

The attached link provides access to an opinion in the Baltimore Sun submitted by me, President of CDHC. It follows up on the letter CDHC sent to you on May 11 and reflects your proposed cuts as outlined in Amendment #12. Again we request that the Council approve funding for the NCC in the FY 2021 capital budget so that the project can remain on schedule.

Thank you
Patricia Rynn Sylvester
President, CDHC

From: Deik, Tracy <tdeik@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:38 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Bruce Rothschild <Brucei4070@gmail.com>; Chris Fritz <christopherjfritz100@gmail.com>; Jeryl Baker <VillageManager@ColumbiaTownCenter.org>; John DeZinno <jdezinno@howardbank.com>; Jolly Burks <jolly.burks@verizon.net>; Mary Ka Kanahan <pastorkanahansju@gmail.com>; Pat Sylvester <psylvester@ats2.org>; Peter Morgan <pdm53@verizon.net>; Rev Turner <runrev31@gmail.com>; Rev. Turner <roturner@stjohnbaptistchurch.org>; Russ Snyder <rsnyder@voaches.org>; Peter Engel <pengel@househoward.org>; Delorenzo, Carl <cdelorenzo@howardcountymd.gov>; Bethany Hooper <bhooper@hrehllc.com>; Dvorak, Nicole <ndvorak@howardcountymd.gov>; Harris, Michael <mrharris@howardcountymd.gov>; Gelwicks, Colette <cgelwicks@howardcountymd.gov>; Williams, China <ccwilliams@howardcountymd.gov>; Gick, Ginnie <ggick@howardcountymd.gov>; Knight, Karen <kknight@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: New Cultural Center- Funding in FY 2021 Capital Budget

Dear Chairman Jung and Members of the Howard County Council:

The attached letter has been sent on behalf of the Columbia Downtown Housing Corporation.

Best,

Tracy Deik
Department of Housing & Community Development
Howard County Government
410-313-6316

Sayers, Margery

From: Mark Minnick <ap@tobysdinnertheatre.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: from MARK MINNICK, Toby's, CCTA - URGENT
Attachments: HCC NCC LETTER.pdf

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Please see the attached letter and I THANK YOU for reading,

With great respect and appreciation,
Mark Minnick

Mark Minnick
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Associate Producer
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May 26, 2020

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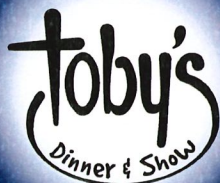
Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

My name is Mark Minnick and I work side by side with Toby Orenstein at Toby's Dinner Theatre and CCTA. I could not let this approaching deadline pass without taking a minute to comment on a few points I have heard may be of concern or that I am not sure you are aware of.

The New Cultural Center will be anchored by Toby's Dinner Theatre and CCTA. You have seen documentation on the history of both entities. You can see the interest/need for high quality arts entertainment as Toby's has been operating at 90 – 100% capacity consistently for the past few years. We have sold between 7000 – 8000 subscription booklets each season guaranteeing almost 40,000 seats filled before sales are opened to the public. 52 weeks a year, Toby's Dinner Theatre is thriving artistically and financially.

CCTA has no home, no sign. People are not as aware of what CCTA is, and what CCTA does for young artists, the community and surrounding communities. Through arts education, passion and commitment the CCTA staff continues to work with students from all backgrounds, needs and economic/social status. CCTA has achieved incredible success from many students appearing on Broadway and Television to students with special needs speaking their first words through acceptance, patience, passion and commitment to bringing out the best in students. With CCTA having a home base, classes can triple, more needs can be met and people will learn/be reminded of what this organization does for children's lives.

As Toby's successor, I guarantee that I will continue bringing the same artistic integrity people have to come to expect and will keep moving this business forward, building on the Orenstein's vision/foundation with passion and respect.



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As you know the original vision was to join with The Howard County Arts Council. Now we are partnering with Recreation and Parks. I feel this merger is going to enhance this project in many positive ways. Our initial working relationship has been incredibly successful, very collaborative and we are excited at the opportunity we have to create a unique and special presence in Downtown Columbia.

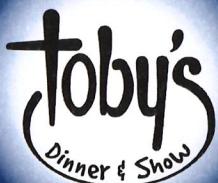
Recreation and Parks joining the New Cultural Center does not change the aesthetic of the facility. The design is basically the same. A new Toby's theatre, a beautiful lobby, two black box theatres, an art gallery (in partnership with HCAC), sensory rooms for children and numerous classrooms still dedicated to "the arts."

One hears "Recreation and Parks" and may think a swimming pool and basketball courts. That is not the case at all. Toby's/CCTA focuses on the performing arts and performing arts education, Recreation and Parks will supplement "the arts" that Toby's/CCTA does not fulfill. On the first floor of the New Cultural Center, Recreation and Parks will have classrooms dedicated to Culinary Arts, Pottery and Ceramics and Visual Arts. We cannot lose sight that this is and will remain about "the arts." Naming of the building, correct discussion and press, education and branding will be key in making this clear and to dispel inaccurate perception.

The realization of this new facility will generate a multitude of employment opportunities and the foot traffic in and out of the facility will more than triple with Recreation and Parks involvement. Parents will drop students off for a CCTA drama workshop and walk across the street to have a drink or coffee at one of the many new businesses in the Downtown Columbia area. Friends will take a class in Recreation and Parks Culinary classroom and then go to dinner at a new restaurant downtown. This beautiful facility will enrich, entertain, educate and help support all of Downtown Columbia as it continues to grow.

The need is vital. Our current climate will change. History has shown that after situations such as our current one, people turn to the arts to lift their spirits and enrich their lives. This is a special and much needed opportunity for the county in many, many ways. The New Cultural Center will thrive and be the much-needed gem that Columbia deserves.

With great respect,
Mark Minnick



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Sayers, Margery

From: Alison Hickman <alisonhickman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:19 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Ball, Calvin
Subject: Support Amendment 13 to CB25.

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Dear County Council,

I am writing to you again to request that you please support amendment 13 to CB25 and do not jeopardize the planned LIHTC development which utilizes substantial state and federal funds that our local economy would benefit from. While I believe affordable housing is the right thing to do, there is also a primary economic argument that can be made for keeping this project on pace - our local economy cannot possibly justify turning down these leveraged funds from state and federal sources - especially at this time. Our county cannot afford to jeopardize more than \$60 million in federal and state funding for the LIHTC project included as part of the cultural center - \$60 million that would be reinvested in our local economy and community in a myriad of ways - workers that would eat lunch at our local restaurants, construction jobs and contracts that would benefit the county and region at large.

The writer of this op-ed is the former Director of Multifamily Housing for the state of Maryland. The same department that handles LIHTC. When she writes the below italicized quote - believe her! Projects are scored with a narrow margin for these 9% rounds - our county should not do anything to put future LIHTC allocations at risk of behalf of the residents and taxpayers of this county.

*"Not only does a delay for the New Cultural Center put **current tax credits at risk**, it delays affordable housing projects down the line, and puts those projects in jeopardy as we seek funding through the state and federal governments."*

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/opinion/op-ed/bs-ed-op-0527-columbia-cultural-center-20200526-2e5ckdwcrzd4bgl2kqoxfkr5ki-story.html>

Sincerely,
Alison Hickman
6454 Red Keel
Columbia, MD 21044
301-580-5442

Sayers, Margery

From: Judy Carton <joodyc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Toby's Dinner Theatre funding

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Sincerely
Judy Carton
Clarksville MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Samantha Sivertson <samsivertson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:17 PM
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Samantha Sivertson

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Sayers, Margery

From: David Marker <dmmarker@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
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Sincerely,
David and Mary Marker
7131 Willow Brook Way
Columbia, MD 21046

Sayers, Margery

From: SBJ Smith <thesmiths443@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:15 PM
To: CouncilMail
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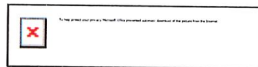
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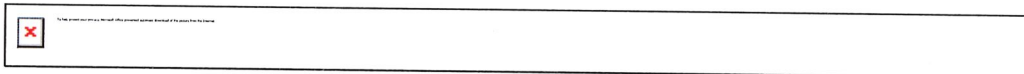
Sayers, Margery

From: Bonnie M <bonnieomartin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Hello Friends and Family of Toby's,



SAMPLE MESSAGE:

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Sincerely,

Bonnie Orr Martin
443-745-7873
9330 Ourtime Lane
Columbia, Maryland 21045

I further add this personal note to this message. I moved to Columbia in 1995, specifically for the arts, recreation, ambiance and beauty of this area. A member of my musical group from the Maryland Renaissance Festival lived here and I wanted to live here too. I am a performing artist, and though I am no longer able to perform, I thoroughly enjoy the art of others. I attend their concerts, buy their CDs, and yes I think Toby's is an integral part of my community. Their actors and musicians are top notch. Their support staff are professional.

I am disabled now, which furthers my interest in this project. My husband is able to transport us now, but in the future who knows what I'll need. We live in a single-family home now, but in the future who knows what our needs will be.

Please give FY21 Capital Budget for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) the attention it deserves.

Respectfully,
Bonnie O. Martin

Sayers, Margery

From: Barnett, James M <James_Barnett@mcpsmd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:10 PM
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,

Jim Barnett

Sayers, Margery

From: gailpauldz@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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

Sincerely,
Gail and Paul Dziorny

Sayers, Margery

From: Gary Carter <gary@adaptiveliving.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 13 to CB25

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Dear Howard Council members I support Amendment 13 to CB25 for this upcoming fiscal year budget.
Thank you for all of your hard work during these difficult times.
Sincerely,

Gary Carter
President, Board of Directors, Adaptive Living Incorporated
gary@adaptiveliving.net
cell: 443-812-5318

web: <https://adaptiveliving.net/>
facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/alicolumbiamd>

Sayers, Margery

From: jbarn0979@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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

Sincerely,

James M. Barnett

Sayers, Margery

From: jacargeg@juno.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:02 PM
To: CouncilMail

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am emailing you to ask that you support the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Capital Budget Funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project (AHP).

Delaying the project would threaten the already secured \$62 million in Federal funding for affordable housing, money that must be used or lost forever. We therefore ask you to include funding for the NCC and AHP in the FY 2021 Capital Budget.

Sincerely yours,

//S//

Carol A. Hayes-Gegner and John G. Gegner
6482 Summer Cloud Way
Columbia, Md. 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: SuzanneMulloy <suzannemulloy@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's NCC and Affordable Housing Project

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

Sincerely,

Suzanne Mulloy

Sayers, Margery

From: merle ross <merleross@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia cultural center

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

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

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) before we lose this Federal funding forever.

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Sincerely,

Merle Ross

Columbia tax payer since 1971.

Sayers, Margery

From: Wendy <wendy.g.abraham@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC budget

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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).

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

Sincerely,
Wendy & Richard Abraham
Columbia, MD
Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Mindy Sperling <mindytsperling1221@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

This email today strongly recommends and will ask you to please kindly 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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Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project! Please help secure the Fed funds already approved for this NCC project and its affordable housing component that will help provide pedestrian and local transportation access to the NCC.

We await your reply. Thank you.

Sincerely,

M. T. Sperling Ph.D.
30 year resident of Columbia and Howard County

MTS
Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Gail Leithauser <gleithauser@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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

I am writing to request your support for the FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center and Affordable Housing Project. A delay will threaten the already secured \$62 million Federal dollars for affordable housing, and lose the money forever.
PLEASE include funding in the FY21 budget for Columbia's New Cultural Center. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Gail Leithauser
10606 Millet Seed Hill
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Lori Skillman <sunlori2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:49 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,
My email today is asking you to **support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project**. Delaying this amazing project would threaten the already secured \$62 million in Federal funding for affordable housing, dollars that must be used or be lost forever. I am 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, the NCC will more than likely never become a reality for Toby's Theatre and the people of Columbia who need it most. This project will bring together affordable and accessible arts experiences for residents of all ages right here in our wonderful Howard County!

I understand that this multi-purpose facility will also add 87 residential units that will assist the County in closing its affordable housing gap. The Federal dollars will not be available without the NCC project being funded in the FY21 Capital budget cycle and how awful would that be!! If this project is not approved now, I understand that it 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.

I understand that we have no idea what the future holds with COVID-19 among us and the current economic crisis, but one thing is certain- 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 the wonderful community of Columbia.

Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project! You won't regret it!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lori Hardin Skillman
Elkridge, MD
Howard County resident since 1983

Sayers, Margery

From: Rhonda Post <rhonda.post@ymail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Keep Toby's dream alive!

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Sincerely,

Rhonda Post

Sayers, Margery

From: Ellen Sosinski <ellensosinski@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:47 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC

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

Sincerely,
Ellen Sosinski

Sayers, Margery

From: Rosemary Wong <rs Wong67@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

Rosemary Wong

Sayers, Margery

From: Debbie Hart <hartatk@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

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Warmly,

Debbie Hart
Hart Design & Lettering
Cell: (304)216.1980
Email: Hartatk@gmail.com
Hartdesignandlettering.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Sheryl Amster <samster60@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:41 PM
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,

Sheryl Amster, Howard County resident for 50 years

Sayers, Margery

From: Angela Klugh <angelajklugh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:38 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,
I am emailing today to ask you to support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project.
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Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project!

Sincerely,
Angela Klugh

--
Angie

"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sayers, Margery

From: t <padraickennedy@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Cultural Arts Center and low income housing

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Please, Please do not remove either the Cultural Arts Center or low income housing from the budget. I would, however, support Council Member Rigby's amendment to reduce the Cultural Arts Center's budget by \$7 million. But, please do not remove these important projects from the budget.

Padraic Kennedy
10446 Waterfowl Terrace
Columbia, Maryland
21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Deb Rubin <debbiejrubin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC and the Affordable Housing Project.

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Sincerely,

Deborah Rubin
10627 Millet Seed Hill
Columbia, MD 21044
Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Jane Zweig <jane.zweig2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:33 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Tobys

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Sincerely,

Jane Zweig

Sayers, Margery

From: Ruth Auerbach <rauerb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:32 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment 12 to the budget

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Dear Council Members,

Please oppose Amendment 12 to the budget. Specifically, zeroing out FY21 funding for C0329 "Energy Management Improvements" is bad for the environment and bad financially.

The cut of the Retro commissioning of Grassrots Center, Central Library, Ascend One, and the George Howard building is a bad one. This is an HVAC tune-up that provides energy savings, and is matched by BGE incentives and MEA grant funds. I am told that it would provide substantial energy savings and CO2 emissions reductions annually, it will save \$242,000 per year, and will recoup its costs in 5 months. So this cut doesn't even help the budget in FY21.

The Relamp of Long Reach Village Center and Other Critical buildings is another energy saving project cut by Amedment 12. It would install LED lighting and motion sensors. It is expected to save \$65,000 annually and recoup its cost within two years.

Amendment 12 also cuts the EV Charging Stations and Annual Charger Maintenance. It's a bad idea to skip maintenance. This also will allow the county to expand it EV fleet leading to reduction in fuel consumption and a reduction in CO2 emissions. It is expected to save \$470,000 annually.

Amendment 12 also cuts the Generation Conversions at Ascend One, Scaggsivile Public Safety Center, Detention Center and Public Safety Training Center. These upgrades will reduce the carbon emissions, save \$15,00 to \$30,000 annually, produce energy savings, and be cost neutral within 3 to 6 years.

I understand the budget is strained due to the pandemic, but a lesson we should take from this crisis is that wishful thinking is not the right response to an impending crisis. We know the climate change crisis is looming, and now is the time we must act. We should at minimum be taking steps for emissions cuts in FY21 that will save money in the short to medium term and allow us to take more emissions saving steps in subsequent years.

Sincerely,

Ruth Auerbach
9455 Clocktower Lane
Columbia, MD 21046

Sayers, Margery

From: William Knox <will352406@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Tobys Dinner Theatre

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Sincerely,

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Will Knox

Knox Sports

Cell: 410-733-4207

Sayers, Margery

From: cfreeman1373@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:19 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Arts Funding

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Sincerely,

Crystal Freeman
443-254-4641

Sayers, Margery

From: Basu, Mitra
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment 13

This is to support amendment 13 to CB25

Mitra Basu

Workforce Consultant Rapid Response Coordinator Member, Rapid Response Task Force

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Sayers, Margery

From: Barbara Kellner <bkellner45@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: In support of Amendment to funding of Cultural Center

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I do not envy you for having to struggle with the decisions on the Fy21 Capital budget. Balancing needs with budget Constraint is hard at any time but particularly now. Compromise is key.

That is why I am writing to urge support for Christina Rigby's amendment to the Cultural center project. This reduction in spending still allows the project to go ahead; allow the state and federal funding to be realized, avoid potential increases in costs and keep the vital development of downtown Columbia moving forward.

In these times we can not afford to lose sight of the ultimate goal to keep Columbia viable. As the economic and cultural driver of Howard County we can't allow the present to deny our future. In years to come the advances to downtown will mean great increases in county revenue.

"Without vision there is no power". I learned this from one of My heroes — Jim Rouse. Think what Howard County would be without the vision of Jim Rouse more than 50 years ago — and without the courage of the Howard County Commissioners to believe in the potential.

Please work together to ensure funding for the Cultural Center.

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: B Dash <bgdash@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support NCC

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

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In addition, the multi-purpose facility will add 87 residential units that will assist the County in closing its affordable housing gap - which will only increase in the coming months and years due to the impact of COVID-19. It's a responsibility to ensure low and moderate wage earners, seniors on fixed incomes, and persons with limited earnings due to disabilities can live and thrive in Columbia.

**Sincerely,
Bryna Dash
12367 Pleasant View Drive
Fulton, MD 20759**

Sayers, Margery

From: Margaret Dowell <margie4158@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Funding

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Sincerely,
Margaret Dowell

Sayers, Margery

From: Kathy White <marylndkat@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,
Kathleen White

Sayers, Margery

From: Robin Williams <rswilliams7158@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Toby's

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Sincerely,

Robin Williams
Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Louise McLaughlin <lmclaugh@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:32 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.

Columbia needs viable cultural arts as well as affordable housing.

Louise McLaughlin
Hickory Crest Lane

Sayers, Margery

From: Shelly Gross <sdgross82@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please VOTE YES for the FY21

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

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Shelly G

Colombian Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Marcene Trump <marcenetrump@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia's New Cultural Center

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Sincerely,

Marcene Trump

Sayers, Margery

From: Connor Rattey <ratteyc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Connor Rattey and Elinora Leonard

Sayers, Margery

From: Dawn Popp <dpmom23@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:10 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: VOTE NO on Cuts to FY21 Budget - and YES on Restructuring Recordation Tax!

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Dear Council Members,

Like many of your constituents, I was dismayed to learn of the proposed cuts to the FY21 Capital and Operating Budgets. I am particularly concerned about the proposal to “delay” the New Cultural Center project, which could jeopardize our ability to receive state and federal tax credits and could very likely kill this vital project altogether. (Contrary to the social media narrative, this is not just a fancy “dinner theater,” but a much needed source of affordable housing.) I am also gravely concerned about the proposed cuts to projects to improve bike and pedestrian infrastructure; cuts which would disproportionately harm low-income populations, people of color, seniors, and those with disabilities. The fact that you would consider such draconian measures rather than enacting a *long-overdue* restructuring of the recordation tax (which would make it a more progressive and fair tax) is simply incomprehensible to me.

These are challenging times, but our county government can (and should) be a catalyst for reviving our community and long-term economic recovery by continuing to invest in our community, seniors, education and infrastructure and renewing our commitment to public safety, affordable housing and job creation. Short-term savings such as those proposed will not create long-term solutions and will deny our community the resources and projects we depend on.

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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.

And please vote YES on the restructuring of the Recordation Tax in CR85-2020.

Sincerely,
Dawn Popp
6036 Toomey Lane
Elkridge, MD 21075

Sayers, Margery

From: Sue Everitt <gleemania.sue@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:06 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

Susan Everitt

Sayers, Margery

From: Mira Cohen <mgcohen04@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:06 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for the NCC in Howard County's FY21 Capital Budget

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

Sincerely,

Mira Cohen

Sayers, Margery

From: Don Kemp <dekemp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:06 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Recreation and Parks support

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

Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am emailing you today to ask you to support the FY2021 Operating Budget to fully fund the Recreation & Parks Department. The proposed cuts to the Recreation and Parks Department seem to unfairly 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 have fewer opportunities that their peers have to be a vital part of the Howard County community. A more balanced approach to this budget crisis should be considered.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Don Kemp

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Anna Nissen <abnissen@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:06 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC support

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You must go forward with the funding of this project. It has two urgent components, affordable housing (with support from the feds), and support for Toby's and other cultural events. You will be betraying the goals of Columbia if you do not include this project in the final budget.

Thank you.

Anne Nissen

Sayers, Margery

From: Rich Madzel <rmadzel@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:57 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Rich Madzel
Subject: Downtown Growth

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As you vote tomorrow, please think about how can we afford to support the funding for Ellicott City but not Downtown?

The former is a wild guess at fighting Mother Nature (she always wins) vs investing in our present and future. I ask that you support the Downtown program.

Rich Madzel

Try It Out Comedy: The laughs start here!

rmadzel@hotmail.com

443-745-0332

Sayers, Margery

From: R M <emailfortestimony@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:54 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Budget FY21 and Council Bills

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After watching the budget work sessions my biggest feeling is astonishment at the embodiment of the adage 'pennywise and pound foolish'. The experienced county employees whose job it is to make the plans you request went above and beyond trying to make sure you had the information you needed to make decisions -even creating extra plans to choose from and explanatory documents to help you make this decision. We live in the world that is, not the world we wish. Those experienced employees were very clear that to delay would mean lost state/federal funding and lost *future* state/federal funding. In this new era when we will need even more low and middle income housing, you have chosen to imperil all plans and a great deal of funding for it. It is fiscally irresponsible both short and long term.

Deferred maintenance and delaying desperately needed storm water management projects is another example of your choice to be pennywise and pound foolish -all it does is kick the can down the road to the next Council, only with a bigger bill, and leaves our children in crumbling facilities and homes at risk of flood - most of them in one district.

Additionally, regarding the latent print examiner, I was speaking to a PG county officer (they eliminated theirs due to budget) and they've had issues with delays in investigations due to having to send the work to other counties and then wait to get it back. Then when they wanted to rehire they ran into a long and costly recertification process and high demand that left them at a disadvantage in salary negotiations. Perhaps you should ask people familiar with the costs of not having one before you make a decision on this.

How to pay for this brings me to my next point: changing the Recordation Tax for the first time in decades.

I was born and grew up in Columbia in the age of Rouse, and despite his ethos, when we wanted to buy a house not only Columbia, but all of Howard County that was near enough to our workplaces was out of our price range as an EMT and a Crisis Counselor couple. We rented part of a friend's house until an affordable apartment was available. When the market crashed, we could finally afford to buy. It should not take a financial crash to find a home in the place you grew up in. Yet due to the same combination of NIMBYism and McMansion-only development, we are headed to the same state as Palo Alto and the many other Californian cities where a \$100,000 income gets you a spot in a parking lot. As a lifelong Howard County resident who was born here and gave birth to my own children here, I beg you to reconsider. Howard county got on the map as a great place to live because it *wasn't* the east coast Palo Alto. Please don't turn it into that.

A progressive tax that makes less expensive homes less taxed than now and McMansions more taxed does many positive things (beyond funding the above). I saw on Facebook that some of you have expressed concern for those who have lost jobs or hours and thus income, yet when the chance comes to make some difference in some of their lives, passing a change to the recordation tax that will lower the costs for many homeowners to sell their homes, or to refinance, or to take equity out to cover high interest debt that can occur when one runs into desperately needed repairs or medical costs during a pandemic, you balk? Furthermore, the restructured recordation tax would require greater developer investment in our communities while incentivizing them to build fewer McMansions and more homes in the range that Howard County's citizens will be in need of during this likely slow recovery - especially considering that more people are taking in family and friends and apartments don't really let you do that. Even as someone who will probably be paying more with this tax for a house when we eventually up size, as a family that is still employed (if paying for an extra kid in daycare till school starts again), I find myself in favor of greater personal investment in my community beyond short term donations- and unless our home's price goes up radically it's eventual buyer will get not only the amazingly waterproof bathroom I built for kids to splash in, but lower taxes to

have a home of their own. Rejecting the restructuring of the recordation tax would be unacceptably short sighted. As policy makers, it is your job in times of crisis to help the community, especially its more vulnerable members. So many people are doing so much to help their community and neighbors. Restructuring the recordation tax and moving forward with the New Cultural Center are your opportunity to do so.

Sincerely,
Regan Mercer

Sayers, Margery

From: Karen Sheppard <ksheppard9@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:54 AM
To: CouncilMail
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Sincerely, Karen, Robert, and Nicole Sheppard

Sayers, Margery

From: MaryKate Brouillet <marykbrouillet@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:53 AM
To: CouncilMail
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Sincerely,
MaryKate Brouillet

Sayers, Margery

From: MD <ross271@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:48 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: DO NOT CUT FUNDING.....PLEASE!!!!

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Sincerely,
Ross Scott Rawlings

Sayers, Margery

From: Lauren Grote <lgrote@rillsbuservice.com>
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Lauren H. Grote, CTIS
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Sayers, Margery

From: Monique Midgette <moniquemidgette@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:39 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Monique Midgette

Sayers, Margery

From: Dan Trump <dantrump31@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:39 AM
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**Sincerely,
Dan Trump**

Sayers, Margery

From: Pamela Keller <pamikeller@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:39 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget Funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center and Affordable Housing

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Sincerely, Pam Keller

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Pamela D. Keller

Life should not be measured by the number of breaths you take, but by the moments that take your breath away.

Sayers, Margery

From: Tina DeSimone <tinad@WorldStrides.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:37 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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**Sincerely,
Tina Marie DeSimone**

Sayers, Margery

From: Theresa Gale <tgale@transforminc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:29 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NEW CULTURAL CENTER

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am emailing today to ask you to support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project. **It would be a tragedy** if the Council decided to delay the project as it would threaten the already secured \$62 million in Federal funding for affordable housing, dollars that must be used or be lost forever. I am therefore asking you to include funding in the FY21 Capital Budget for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC).

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Sincerely,

Theresa Gale
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Principal

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Sayers, Margery

From: Sarah Otchet <sarah@otchet.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:24 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FUND the New Cultural Center in the FY21 Budget!!

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I beg you to please not un-do all the hard work so many competent, capable, caring people thus far to provide this unique, people focused offering to the heart of Howard County! Please take the time to understand the necessity and benefit of a facility like Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC). 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.

You are teetering on downtown Columbia turning into a bunch of high-rise buildings driven by Corporate profits – one size fits all. That is NOT what Howard County prides itself on. We are diverse, inclusive, with broad areas of interest, worldly tastes and a desire to serve all of our residents. We also want to be that community that ATTRACTS the best and brightest, with open minds and hearts. I am appalled to know how the county spent of tax payer dollars on high-end facilities like Troy Hill and Blandair Park athletic fields, yet providing a facility where there will be affordable housing, retail space, coupled with instrumental music, dancing, singing, yoga, community theatre and TEACHING to residents of all ages is now subject to being eliminated. How does that make sense?

This is an opportunity for Howard County to again LEAD THE WAY to build a strong community, just as Jim Rouse did decades ago. Obviously, that was an enormous success and way ahead of its time. A true COMMUNITY addresses ALL the needs of society, which includes the arts, regardless of socio-economic status.

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. You cannot underestimate the power of the arts in this community. It stirs emotions, delivers powerful messaging, builds individual self-worth, establishes community connectivity, ensures inclusiveness, and provides services for EVERYONE! 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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Thank you,

Sarah Otchet
8308 Whitebark Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043
Mobile: 4109-925-9961

Sayers, Margery

From: CHERYL KEMP <clkemp77@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:22 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Parks and Recreation Support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am emailing you today to ask you to support the FY2021 Operating Budget to fully fund the Recreation & Parks Department. I am extremely concerned about the impact these cuts will have on the Therapeutic Recreation programs that so many of the Howard County community members who have disabilities depend on for physical fitness and social interaction. The ^{purposed} cuts to the Recreation and Parks Department will threaten these services and programs for individuals with disabilities.

My daughter Megan is 32 years old and has Down Syndrome. She has lived and thrived in Howard County for 25 years and has been actively involved in the programs offered by the Therapeutic Recreation department led by Susan Potts and her team. Megan doesn't have much to look forward to from week to week outside of her daily routine except for her P&R activities. She has not been able to maintain gainful employment, she does not drive nor can she navigate public transportation independently. Therefore she depends on programs such as these for intellectual and physical stimulation that helps her to thrive.

Do you have any idea how many individuals in Howard County have the same or similar stories? I don't know the exact number, but I guarantee **you** that several hundred families could tell the same story about their loved one.

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

Sincerely,
Cheryl Kemp
Columbia, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Rebecca Brennan <beccab0603@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:23 AM
To: CouncilMail

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Sincerely,
Rebecca Brennan

Sayers, Margery

From: Robyn Yakaitis <robyn1313@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Robyn Yakaitis

Sayers, Margery

From: Julia McCready <divajackson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:16 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for NCC

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To the members of the County Council,

Thank you for your hard work in considering this year's Howard County budget. I am sure you are focused on making the best choices in the face of a changing economic outlook.

Please do not remove funding for the New Cultural Center, which will provide over eighty units of affordable housing. The economically vulnerable were already struggling before the pandemic hit. High housing costs are a big part of that. Please don't sacrifice their very real needs in the name of being more fiscally responsible.

We can't keep paying lip service to the concept of affordable housing while using any available excuse to prevent bringing it to fruition.

I know these choices are hard. Please make them with our most vulnerable citizens in mind.

Sincerely,

Julia A. McCready
5745 Thunder Hill Road
Columbia, MD 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: coppertopmop42 <coppertopmop42@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:16 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for the Arts Center

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Sincerely,

David Hopkins

Sayers, Margery

From: Jennifer Hopkins <piccolag8r@hotmail.com>
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Jennifer Hopkins

Sayers, Margery

From: Ashley Vaughan <acvaughan12@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:11 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: ACTION ALERT: JUST SAY NO to FY21 Budget Cuts

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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.

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Thank you,

Ashley Vaughan

Sayers, Margery

From: Pam Stevens <pamelacstevens@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,

Pam Stevens, GRI, CRB ePRO
Associate Broker
RE/MAX Advantage Realty

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Amendment 9 Concerns

From: Caroline Harper <rhose22@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:18 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Amendment 9 Concerns

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May 25, 2020

Good Evening,

I was an attendee at the virtual County Council Budget Amendment Session on Friday, May 22nd. Although the meeting was accessible to the public, I did not have the opportunity to respond when the floor was open for comments as non-Council members were on mute. By the time I received a response to my unmute request, the agenda was well beyond Amendment 9.

I am asking that you vote against Amendment 9 as it creates an unnecessary delay that ultimately impacts the residents that our County and housing advocates have diligently worked to help. There are several parameters that already provide oversight of the Moderate Income Housing Unit (MIHU) Program revenue including well-qualified professional staff within the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Housing Board that provides additional oversight. Amendment 9 does not improve operational procedures or increase effectiveness in achieving program outcomes. As such, I encourage you to vote against Amendment 9.

Sincerely,

Caroline Harper, Ph.D.

Howard County Board of Housing & Community Development

Sayers, Margery

From: Katie Collins-Ihrke <kihrke@arinow.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:47 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Jones, Diane; Ball, Calvin
Subject: FY21 Capital and Operating Budget
Attachments: Howard County Council Budget 2021.pdf

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Good morning,
Please see attached.
Thank you,
Katie

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May 26, 2020

Howard County Council Chair Jung and Council Members
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Re: FY 21 Capital and Operating Budget

Dear Council Members,

Accessible Resource for Independence (ARI) is the federally designated Center for Independent Living (CIL) serving Howard County. We are a disability resource and advocacy organization representing the over 28,000 people with disabilities in the County. While we understand the difficult financial situation that Howard County is facing and understand your Herculean efforts to "make the math work." However, we want to write you to implore you to reconsider cuts to the proposed budget that will have a disparate impact on the disability community.

Funding for the New Cultural Center: Our organization fields hundreds of calls a year from those with disabilities in Howard County seeking accessible, affordable housing. The lack of adequate housing stock that meets these requirements ensures that many people with disabilities end up living on the street, "couch surfing", and often times institutionalized in places like nursing facilities. One of the many ways we hope to combat this issue is to continue to develop housing projects that provide affordable housing. Therefore, we ask for inclusion of funding for the New Cultural Center (NCC) in the FY 2021 Capital Budget. As you are aware, the associated mixed income housing project has been an element of the NCC project since inception of the Downtown Columbia Development Plan. And as you heard during your previous budget work session on this project, the Howard County Housing Commission has secured commitments for \$65 million that will fully finance development of the 174 unit (87 affordable) housing element of the project; that the public/private financing commitment would require no County financial contribution; and that the Housing Commission will be fully responsible for the ongoing operational sustainability of the housing units.

Funding for the Department of Community Resources and Services: The Department of Community Resources has been a reliable partner of ARI's for many years. For example, through the Maryland Access Point (MAP), those who are aging and/or have disabilities are able to reach staff with expertise on aging and disabilities. This service enhances the independence of those in our community who are often disenfranchised and in need of resources and tools to be full contributing members of society. Cuts to this Department could negatively impact services like the MAP and during the recovery from this pandemic, this Department will need adequate staffing and funding to ensure no one gets left behind.

Funding for ADA Ramps Upgrade Program (K5068): It is a tragedy to so many in the disability community that Howard County is considering cutting funds to ensure civil rights for all to use their community effectively.

Ramps allow for those who use mobility devices or even those new parents with strollers to navigate their neighborhood safely. This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the ADA and it is unacceptable this program not be fully funded.

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you the potential impact of these very difficult decisions. Should I be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Regards,



Katie Collins-Ihrke, MBA, MS
Executive Director
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Cc: Dr. Calvin Ball, County Executive
Diane Schwartz-Jones, Council Administrator

Sayers, Margery

From: Jean Whitaker <jwhita1224@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:43 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

A. Jean Whitaker
MD Resident and Theatrical Arts Supporter

Sayers, Margery

From: Steven Porter <stevenporter@ohanahc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:38 AM
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Sincerely,

Steven

Steven Porter
Co-Founder
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Sayers, Margery

From: o <srbuswell@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:37 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Cultural Center

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Hi all,

Sorry for the informality during these unusual times, but it is very important to me to let you know that I strongly support including funding for the New Cultural Center in the budget. The Center supports two areas that are of deep concern and have my support, the ARTS and affordable housing. Howard County is in need of continued support for both issues. The fact the we would lose \$62 million of Federal support would seem to me to make deleting the project completely stupid.

Please support the planned funding for the New Cultural Center.

Sincerely,

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

Sayers, Margery

From: warralc1 <warralc1@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:34 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget Funding

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Please support this bill. Columbia is a drawing card for the state and far beyond
The Theatrical Center as proposed will be an entity of vast support for generations to come in our new way of
BEING.
Please vote to retain the plans for the development. Your vote can help us to save ourselves.

In peace,
Alicia M. Warren

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Sayers, Margery

From: Jones, Diane
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:29 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FW: Cultural Arts Center - May 27, 2020

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

From: CLAIRE LEA <clairelea@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:16 AM
To: Jones, Diane <dijones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Cultural Arts Center - May 27, 2020

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Please express my opinion to the council that the long awaited cultural arts center and mixed income housing project for Downtown Columbia should not be delayed. It is a critical part of our community.

Thank you.

Claire C. Lea
5400 Vantage Point Rd. Apt 405
Columbia, MD 21044

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

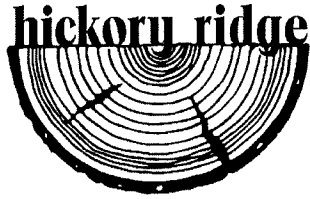
From: manager@hickoryridgevillage.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:26 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony about Proposed Budget Amendments from Hickory Ridge Village Board
Attachments: HRVB Ltr County Budget TestimonyFY21 updated May 2020.docx

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Hello, Council Members,
Attached please find a letter from the Hickory Ridge Village Board outlining their opposition to the proposed budget amendments.
Best regards,

Kristina Strakna
Village Manager
Hickory Ridge Community Association
6175 Sunny Spring Columbia , MD 21044

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May 26, 2020

Deb Jung, Chair
Howard County Council
George Howard Building
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

RE: FY2021 Budget Amendment Testimony

Dear Ms. Jung,

The Hickory Ridge Village Board is disappointed in the proposed amendments that would cut nearly \$4.5 million in funding for key bike and pedestrian projects out of the proposed FY 2021 capital budget. This represents more than half of the funding for active transportation projects - including sidewalks, bus stops, crosswalks, paths and more - originally designated for the coming year. In addition, proposed cuts to road resurfacing projects that are critical for bike improvements brings the total number of cuts to our infrastructure to \$9 million. The Hickory Ridge Bike Corridor project is being threatened by these cuts. This project would develop a route for continuous bike lanes and multi-use paths through the village of Hickory Ridge, allowing residents of our village and neighboring areas an easy and safe connection to Downtown Columbia.

The need for improved transportation infrastructure has become even more apparent during the COVID-19 crisis. In the era of physical distancing, many of us are relying on sidewalks, paths and bike lanes for both physical activity and a mental reprieve from isolation. And while some of us have the ability to work from home, many members of our community work at essential businesses and still need to get around as they work to keep our community running as much as possible. These cuts will significantly reduce the quality of life for residents in Hickory Ridge and elsewhere in our county, both throughout the duration of the coronavirus crisis and well into the future. As a village and a county, many steps have been taken to improve the health of our community through initiatives and partnerships that will help everyone in the county live a longer and healthier life. The bikeability and cultural amenities of Howard County will help to attract new residents to our county and grow our tax base, particularly in a post-Covid landscape, where preferences in where (and how) people live evolve.

Without this funding, Howard County will not be able to fix our unsafe/deadly intersections, help our kids walk safely to/from school, make it possible for those in wheelchairs to safely get around and create safe bike paths and sidewalks that connect us as a community. For individuals and families in Hickory Ridge these cuts will make it harder and less safe for people to get around on foot, on a bike, in a wheelchair and in a car. We know that these are challenging, unprecedented times, but we should not be cutting the capital budget as a result of this crisis. Instead, we should be investing in small businesses, creating infrastructure jobs, and revitalizing our neighborhoods as part of a strategic effort to avoid and shorten the length of an economic downturn.

These cuts are short-sighted and illogical. We urge the council to reject the proposed amendments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Fred Johnston
Board Chair

Sayers, Margery

From: nancy striler <windharp63@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:25 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: TOBY DINNER THEATRE

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I AM an 85 yo senior in Columbia and have many friends with low income and our only entertainment is at the wonderful theatre of Tobys and the Senior center. Hoping they are important enough to the council members as to us. PLEASE keep this in mind. Sincerely Nancy Striler

Sayers, Margery

From: Paul Jester <pjester89@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:21 AM
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Respectfully,

--
Paul Jester, PLA, ASLA
Landscape Architect
[p] 443.540.8585

Sayers, Margery

From: Tanya RODICH <tanya.rodich@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:20 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: About funding for the Arts and Affordable Housing in Columbia

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Good morning fellow Marylanders.

While I live in Baltimore County, I feel it is important for our State to have adequate funding for the arts and new homes in Columbia.

Thank you so very much.

Tanya B Rodich
3615 Durley Lane
Gwynn Oak MD 21207

Sayers, Margery

From: Lisala <lisalafromboise16@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:19 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Lisa LaFromboise

PS. I have been coming to this theater in Columbia since it was first built and I just can't imagine a Columbia without it. Please do what you can to insure that it will remain with us for generations to come.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Sayers, Margery

From: William Davis <wdavis@fandf-law.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:16 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia New Cultural Center and Affordable Housing Project

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Please support the FY 21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center and Affordable Housing Project. Thank you.

William S. Davis, Jr.,
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Ellicott City, MD 21042
Phone 443-864-1457
e-mail: mndrulz!@aol.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan S. Porter <susansporter@ohanahc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:11 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I hope you and your families are doing well during this incredibly difficult time in our lives.

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. **The arts provide jobs and will help our community heal economically and emotionally from the ravages of Covid 19!**

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

Stay well-

Susan S Porter

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Susan S. Porter

Co-Founder

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Sayers, Margery

From: Patricia LoPiano <patlopiano@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:56 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. Both projects embody Columbia's vision. Losing this vision would be costly.

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

Pat LoPiano
Wilde Lake resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Ann McHale <amchale12@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:55 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia Cultural Center and Affordable Housing

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

Sincerely,

Ann E. McHale

11233B Snowflake Court

Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Shelley Potler <shelley.potler@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:37 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 capital budget

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

Sincerely

Shelley Potler
Shelley.potler@yahoo.com

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: Joshua Dee <jwdannapolis@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:33 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: COLUMBIA NEW CULTURAL CENTER & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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Sincerely,

Joshua & Josephine Dee

Sayers, Margery

From: Joan Lipshultz <joanlipshultz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:19 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Funding

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

Sincerely,
Joan and Gary Lipshultz
10636 Hickory Crest Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: ann wood <anwood08@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:12 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am writing to ask that you approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project!

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These budget items support two of the issues that make Howard County such a great place to live.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ann Wood
Harper's Choice

Sayers, Margery

From: david wood <dwood12006@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for the New Cultural Center

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

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

These budget items support two of the issues that keep Howard County at the top of all the "Best Places to Live" lists that we all tout so much.

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Sincerely,

David Wood
Harper's Choice Village

Sayers, Margery

From: Pat Latteri <pat.latteri@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:59 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: In support of FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center and Affordable Housing Project

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Sincerely,
Pat Latteri
Columbia Resident since 1969

Sayers, Margery

From: dhermancpa@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:56 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for New Cultural Center

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Sincerely,

Gilbert & Deborah Herman

Sayers, Margery

From: Heather M. Lewis <hmglewis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:51 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: support FY21 Capital Budget funding

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Sincerely,

Heather

Sayers, Margery

From: Scott Mezistrano <scottmez@rcn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:47 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support Columbia's 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,
Scott Mezistrano

Sayers, Margery

From: John Bertulis <jmpbertulis@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:31 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY 2021 Capital Budget

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Happy Tuesday...As a long time Howard County resident I want to thank all of you for your service.

I understand that there is debate about the FY 2021 funding for the NCC Project in Columbia. Certainly the pandemic has thrown everything into a tail spin, including budgets. However, we still need to keep our vision for the future of our great County.

Not funding this project will lose over 60 million dollars in federal funds. This project will guarantee additionally needed affordable housing in Columbia. Also, there are the cultural advantages of having the Center which will continue to make Howard County the premier jurisdiction in Maryland that we are.

In realizing that the Council has to make difficult decisions, I ask that you give the funding decision for the NCC Project due consideration. This is the first time I have ever written to the Council which speaks to my thoughts on the importance of this Project. Thanks for your kindness. May you and your families stay safe.

Sincerely,
John Bertulis
Elkridge, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Julie Charping <klander1@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:15 AM
To: CouncilMail

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

Sincerely,

Julie Charping
5060 Southern Star Terrace
Columbia, MD 21044
410-740-5090

Sayers, Margery

From: Whitney Simmons <dcperl@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:14 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am a resident of Howard county and I would like to voice my opinion on the New Cultural center. Due to the current economic situation, I would like to postpone or even cancel this project for now. It doesn't seem wise to use our funds and support on entertainment at the time.

Thanks,
Whitney Simmons
2647 Melba Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Marjorie Valin <mvalin@frankbiz.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:11 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Dear members of the Howard County Council:

I read about the effort to cut funding for Columbia's new Cultural Center and affordable housing, and frankly, I'm taken back by this shortsighted proposal. Have you been to Toby's? People come from other states just to see the Broadway-caliber performances in this cramped, out of date facility. It is the ONLY venue like it in the region, and we should be doing everything in our power to showcase it and support the arts that bring thousands of people (and their spending power) to Howard County.

Even more surprising is the move to cut affordable housing. It's really tough to wrap my head around. Cutting the budget for affordable housing means that people who work here will continue to be unable to live here, and that people living in substandard housing here will be denied again a chance to better their quality of life.

Cutting funding for affordable housing speaks loudly about your apathy toward the inequities between the haves and the have nots - the same socioeconomic issues that created a furor over school redistricting and made national headlines - and not good ones.

I realize the budget has taken a beating, but cutting funds for the cultural center and affordable housing also threatens the already secured \$62 million in federal funding. That's like winning the Powerball and not cashing in your ticket.

I ask that you reconsider this budget cut. The long-term impact far outweighs the short-term benefit.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Valin
Columbia

Sayers, Margery

From: Penenburgh, Abby (US - Maryland) <Abby.Penenburgh@Fiserv.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:06 AM
To: CouncilMail; Rigby, Christiana; Gelwicks, Colette; Facchine, Felix; Yungmann, David; Knight, Karen; Jung, Deb; Williams, China; Gick, Ginnie; Jones, Opel; Harris, Michael; Walsh, Elizabeth; Dvorak, Nicole
Subject: Recreation and Parks (Therapeutic Rec Programs) Support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

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

I 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 I do know that without programs and services for individuals with disabilities, this population will not have the opportunities that their peers have to be a vital part of the Howard County community. Currently this is a very strong program that provides a multitude of opportunities for this population to participate in activities that are otherwise not available to them. For example: Bowling, Drama, Art, Dances and other Social Programs. 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.

My daughter and her roommate enroll and participate in at least 6+ activities each session. These activities are the highlight of their week. During this time, when all activities have been cancelled, both continue to ask when they will be able to participate in the activities they have signed up for.

The programs offered by the Recreation and Parks Department, Therapeutic Recreation program are the some of the very few activities individuals with disabilities can participate in. Traditionally this is a very underserved population and participation in these programs are in such demand that if I do not get registration completed as soon as it opens, for each session, the girls end up on a wait list.

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

Sincerely,

Abby Penenburgh, parent

Sayers, Margery

From: Carla Spence <carla.speaklife@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:32 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Carla Spence

Sayers, Margery

From: K T <pmt0868@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:51 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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

Sincerely,

Sayers, Margery

From: Stephanie Hall <rollsroyce64@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:31 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Hall

Sayers, Margery

From: Shirley Cleveland <shirl.cleveland@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

Shirley A. Cleveland

Sayers, Margery

From: Lori Crossland <hrhlori75@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:56 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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I love raising my family in Howard County, more specifically in Columbia. And two of the many aspects that make our community so great are the emphasis we place on supporting individual members of our community and the passion with which we support arts programs in our community. Approving this funding would be a way to meet both of these ideals, protect our communal standard of living, and show consistency in leadership. Thank you for your time.

**Sincerely,
Lori Crossland**

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: mmillerod@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:56 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia's New Cultural Center

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

Sincerely,

Margaret

Margaret Miller, MSOD
From complexity to simplicity!

Sayers, Margery

From: Mendy Hunter <mendyhunter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC

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

Sincerely,
Mendy Hunter

Lover and Patron of the Arts and proud Howard County Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: LyNne Sigler <lrsgler12@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FV21 Capital Budget Funding Columbia New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project

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Please vote for approval of FV21Capital Budget Funding for the NCC and the Affordable Housing Project. The NCC will become an important asset for not just the city of Columbia but Howard County as well because it combines existing cultural and educational venues in the area into a powerful union that can enhance and improve opportunities for all members of the community. The addition of affordable housing will be a valuable asset introducing individuals that can bring fresh ideas in the culture arts and education from other communities. Having been involved in Columbia's cultural and education activities for many years, I am very excited to see this project finally come together. I urge you to vote for passage of FV21 Capital Budget Funding for the Columbia New Cultural Center and Affordable Housing Project. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Lynne Sigler

Sayers, Margery

From: Jeanean Willis Marsh <jeaneanwillis@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:35 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Budget for Recreation and Parks

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

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

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

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

*Sincerely,
Jeanean Willis Marsh*

All typos are the fault of my iphone 🙄

Sayers, Margery

From: Ann Wing <annwings1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:15 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: East Columbia 50+ Center

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Dear Council Members

This is in support of the funding of the new East Columbia 50+ Center.

The neighborhoods using this center have been patiently waiting for its construction...for 8 years. Last year, the Bain Center got a renovation. Meanwhile, even though we had an approved design, we were told to wait one more year. Now it has been decided that the construction must be postponed yet again because it is deemed not a necessary expense. It is necessary. Six other centers exist in other parts of the county, some not as populous as Owen Brown/Oakland Mills. They were considered necessary, The East Columbia center has only 3 rooms within the East Columbia Library for its activities.

Putting this off another year will only raise the cost of construction. We need the Center here in this neighborhood. Please help.

Sincerely,
Ann Wing
7457 Swan Point Way

Sayers, Margery

From: Tarek Mansour <tfmansour@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC and Affordable Housing Project

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Sincerely,
Tarek Mansour

Sayers, Margery

From: J FIELDS <jofi38@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Capital Budget

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Sincerely,

Jordan Fields

Sayers, Margery

From: Cindy <luluclw@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:47 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Sincerely,

Lucinda (Cindy) Williams

Sayers, Margery

From: Ellen and Hal Bryson <ehbryson@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:33 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

We are long-time residents of Columbia, and have for many years enjoyed taking our children and grandchildren to Toby's Dinner Theatre. It is truly a gem!

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Sincerely,
Hal and Ellen Bryson
11613 Dark Fire Way
Columbia MD 21044
Tel 410-992-9676

Sayers, Margery

From: Michelle <michelle.eisenb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:33 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project

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Sincerely,

Michelle

Sayers, Margery

From: Grace A-L <gathanaslinden@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Sincerely,
Grace Athanas-Linden

Sayers, Margery

From: Ainy Haider-Shah <ainyhaider@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:57 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: VOTE NO to the cuts in the FY21 budget

[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,

[TL;DR: These budget cuts are penny wise and pound foolish. Do better.]

I am extremely concerned with your amendments and proposed cuts to the FY21 Capital and Operating Budgets.

Investing in our community, helping our seniors, prioritizing education and infrastructure, and committing to public safety, affordable housing and job creation is why I encouraged people to vote for you.

As I've been saying on social media to friends and neighbors, our county must think about our long-term economic recovery. These proposed budget cuts kneecap that long-term recovery, as every reputable economist will tell you.

There are two main points that I want to stress:

1. The recordation tax is a restructuring that makes the existing tax *progressive*. It's a tax cut for community members with lower incomes and most of the burden is on homes AND DEVELOPMENTS OVER \$1 million.
2. Most of the cuts made - especially to the capital budget - will simply exacerbate problems and make them all more expensive in a very short time. These cuts aren't fiscally responsible - they are penny wise and pound foolish. They could put us at risk for major road and bridge failures. We will be falling woefully behind in infrastructure improvements and we may never catch back up because of the expected cost projections.

You must have seen the horrifying pictures of the dam failure in Michigan. Let's not be the community that uses budget cuts to screw over the community.

These short-sighted short-term savings do not create long-term solutions and deny our community the resources and projects we depend on. THIS is the time that government needs to step up and take care of its citizens. THIS is the social contract.

Here's the list in case you want to review it again:

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

I trust you will realize the mistake that this is.

Regards,
Ainy Haider-Shah

Sayers, Margery

From: breon <breons@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Hi

I understand the council is voting this week on funding for the new cultural center. I would like to urge you to vote in favor of it. I know I'm supposed to say it's because of the arts and affordable housing and all the other good things. But in reality I really want to see Toby's expand and renew. I've been going to Toby's Dinner Theater for several decades. They put on professional, entertaining shows at reasonable prices that don't make me go into the city. This is great. What's not so great is the building is getting old. So am I, and anything that would help me get home sooner after a show would be beneficial. This building has too few restrooms, so intermissions take a very long time, and retrofitting just doesn't seem possible, or at least not reasonable. Since it sounds like federal funding could be lost, the time to do this is now. Please vote in favor of progressing with this new center as soon as possible. And all the other goodies that come along with it.

Thank you.

allen breon, Clarksville

Sayers, Margery

From: John McGing <john@mcging.org>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Recreation and Parks Support

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

Dear Councilpersons,

I'll be brief. I am told that there is a vote coming up that will eliminate positions in the Recreation and Parks staff that are earmarked for Therapeutic Recreation. If you don't already know, Howard County's Therapeutic Recreation program is virtually unique in the country, and certainly in the state. It provides many recreational opportunities for individuals with special needs - and it is almost always finding it's offerings full and over-subscribed. Yes, my son is an enthusiastic participant in these programs, and has been for over 15 years.

This pandemic messed us all up. It's impacts will likely be felt well into next year, and beyond. And yes, it may indeed mean that Recreation and Parks Therapeutic Recreation offerings, being social in nature, may be off the table until we can resume close quarter activities. So saving some money now by eliminating positions - seems like it hurts no one. But I believe it does. First, because these programs are indeed oversubscribed, demand far exceeds supply and supply requires vetted and trained staff. These do not grow on trees and in an ideal world, I'd be advocating for more staffing so that the supply can meet demand. But in this pandemic world, that isn't going to happen. But cuts mean that when things resume, staff will be smaller than it would have been which simply translates into fewer programs and/or participants. The current problem of the programs being too popular will just get worse, because these vacancies won't have been filled. And likely getting them back once taken off the books is likely iffy as well.

So my request to you is simple. Leave the Therapeutic Recreation budget and staff alone. Why we cannot raise the recordation tax remains a mystery, but in proposing budget cuts, I ask you leave these alone.

Thank you
John, Marie and Sean McGing
5121 Rondel Pl
Columbia MD 21044

410-730-0509

Retired!

Sayers, Margery

From: J McGinnis <swansonmcginnis@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please maintain full funding for Therapeutic Recreation in Howard County

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Greta Swanson

(mother of young adult daughter with Down syndrome who relies on these programs for social engagement)

Sayers, Margery

From: Malka G <malkagoldberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget for Columbia's 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,

Malka Goldberg

Sayers, Margery

From: sjdaniello@verizon.net
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:37 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pre-filled Amendment

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I am a parent of two adults with intellectual developmental disability. As widow and now single parent I rely greatly on these programs for my daughters social needs and for respite and for my mental health. We live Wilde Lake. We are an integral member of the community, these programs are costly and we pay for them so they can form friendships, dance, swim and go out and about. Parks & Rec take participants to activities such as going to restaurants, bowling alley's, golf, movies, Toby's and many other great places in Howard County. The program fees cover much of it but we also contribute to their spending. The great programming of Parks & Recreation help the economy and provide opportunities that are not available anywhere else. They are not reproducible. This is a vulnerable population that should not carry the burden of budget cuts so heavily.

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

Sincerely,

Jean Daniello, Edith Daniello, Rose Daniello

*5018 West Running Brook Road
Columbia, MD 21044*

Sayers, Margery

From: Judy Rothstein <judyrothstein@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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As a 43 year resident of Columbia, I cannot more strongly endorse the passage FY21 proposal . It represents some of the best that Columbia has to offer, a deeply rooted dedication to the arts and the spirit of inclusion and charity that has been the bedrock of our community from its inception. All of our children and now our grandchildren have benefitted from Toby's work.

To forfeit \$62 million would be a short sighted decision. Please find a way and support the NCC package. It is a pivotal point with ramifications that may only reveal themselves in regrettable hindsight.

Sincerely,
Judy and Fred Rothstein
Tailcoat Way, Columbia, Md. 21044

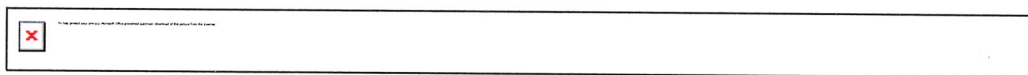
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Begin forwarded message:

On Sunday, May 24, 2020, 3:08 PM, Toby Orenstein- Toby's Dinner Theatre
<ap@tobysdinnertheatre.com> wrote:



Hello Friends and Family of Toby's,



After 10+ years, Toby's CCTA (Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts) and Toby's Dinner Theatre are knocking on the door of a new home as part of the New Cultural Center (NCC) in Columbia. The multi-purpose facility, NCC project, would include a new Toby's Dinner Theatre, 2 dance studios, a children's theatre, classrooms, performing and visual art facilities, a parking

garage and approximately 176 housing units (50% of which would be affordable). However, we've hit a snag and need your help!

Funding for this New Cultural Center in Howard County's FY21 Capital Budget is in jeopardy. A couple Council Members have **proposed ELIMINATING** FY21 funding for the New Cultural Center project which thereby denies affordable housing that would be part of the New Cultural Center promised for Columbia. We must ensure that there are sufficient votes from members of the Howard County Council to guarantee that the project which includes \$62 million in secured Federal dollars for its affordable housing component, moves forward. If the NCC project isn't funded in the FY21 Capital Budget the \$62 million Federal dollars will be lost to us forever Without these dollars it will be impossible to see Toby's dream of the NCC happen in the future.

Here's what we are asking you to do:

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

SAMPLE MESSAGE:

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Sincerely,

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

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

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

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



Toby's Dinner Theatre | 5900 Symphony Woods Rd, Columbia, MD 21044

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Sayers, Margery

From: RJ Bieds <cmdtrgd@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:23 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: My Life Has Bern Lived On A Stage

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

My name is Robert Biedermann and I have been an actor for 41 years so I know what the reason is to support the arts. It is more than entertainment, more than escaping one's troubles, though in today's world that too is needed. But for me it has always been for the children. To awaken their creative potential, to make them smile and even laugh. I have seen hundreds of children who are troubled by either a physical challenge or emotional challenge come to life right in their seat or in their device that brought them there. So, so many times I have greeted them as they leave and the magic is in their eyes. It is so much more than the arts.

There are those who are aged and they too light up as the art is performed. It is more than just a show, it is truly a touching of the spirit!

The arts are enjoyed by many people in as many different ways but it is always becomes part of their memory, their joy of life, a laughter that resonates loudly.

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I have worked at Toby's Dinner Theatre for 31 years having performed in close to 50 productions. Each one touches a person in a new way that is felt deeply. You must support this funding. I would use the word "request" but it is getting too close for a request. It is action towards the goal of keeping the arts available in Columbia Maryland that is needed now. If nothing has been learned from this Pandemic as to how humanity is less without the expression of the heart, the touch of caring, and the closeness of love we will have gone through this for no reason. Heart, touching, caring and closeness of love are the ingredients for creating Art. Please keep it going in Columbia.

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Man Plans, God Laughs...but God never laughs if the plan is for the good of His Child. And this is such a plan.

Sincerely,

Robert Biedermann

Sayers, Margery

From: Madeline Redding <mredding@terpmail.umd.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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

Sincerely,
Madeline Redding

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Madeline Redding
Sophomore Theatre Major
University of Maryland
410-491-0579

Sayers, Margery

From: Vanessa Vincent <vanessavincent1188@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:15 PM
To: CouncilMail

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Sincerely,

Vanessa Vincent
~keep the arts alive

Sayers, Margery

From: Judy Young <jyoung11650@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:07 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Columbia's New Cultural Center and Affordable Housing Project

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Sincerely,

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Judy Young

"Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement.get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed." -- Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

Sayers, Margery

From: Barbara Knauf <baknauf@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC support

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Sincerely,

Barbara Knauf

Sayers, Margery

From: Adam Goldstein <agoldstein03@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:56 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support Columbia's NCC and Affordable Housing Project

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

I hope as you remain safe inside your own homes during this pandemic that you remember that not everyone can. It is more important than ever to secure affordable housing for all.

Sincerely,
Adam Goldstein
Rising Senior at Centennial High School

Sayers, Margery

From: Alexandra Franco <alex_b_franco@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:47 PM
To: CouncilMail; Alexandra Franco
Subject: SUPPORT FY 21 Capital Budget Funding for Columbians NCC and Affordable Housing Project

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45 years ago, Toby Orenstein under the direction of James Rouse, opened the Columbia School for Theatrical Arts in the then 5-year-old city of Columbia, MD. What started in a small Oakland mills community center with less than ten employees has grown into an ever-expanding theatre school serving over 37,000 Maryland residents each year and employing over 70 theatrical professionals each year! Since 1972, CCTA has given confidence to, given a voice to and provided support to tens of thousands of students throughout Howard and surrounding counties. Whether through after school programs, summer arts camps, ensembles or performances, CCTA has inspired nearly four generations of students with arts experiences that foster thought, action, creativity and change. CCTA utilizes the medium of theatrical arts to teach the WHOLE child. At every level students participate in exercises and workshops designed to teach not only theatre, but also life skills such as teamwork, creativity, public-speaking, and perseverance, building each child's self-esteem and character, and allowing them to realize their unlimited potential.

Throughout its existence, CCTA has dedicated itself to making quality arts experiences available and accessible to children from all walks of life, regardless of gender, race, religion, ability or socioeconomic status. Its outreach efforts to low income and special needs youth in the county ensure that children from all sectors of the community benefit. CCTA provides Scholarships and tuition-assistance valued at over \$35,000 annually making opportunities available to low income students. Need-based scholarships are available for every program CCTA offers assuring that all students have access to a theatre arts education. These scholarships have provided passionate and talented actors with the training and preparation needed to earn full scholarships in theatre and music to colleges like Yale University, Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, University of Michigan and the list goes on. CCTA has funded the arts education of many young people who are now on Broadway!

CCTA's unique Expanding Horizons classes for students with disabilities offer social interaction galor and provides "actors" with vital life skills that aid them in other activities and social interactions. These students perform alongside typical peers as instructors incorporate speech-language therapies developed in partnership with Loyola University Clinical Centers into their teaching. This FREE program removes the barrier to participation for families who face enormous expenses for medial treatment and therapies together with the high demand for services for youth Now with special needs. That moment when these young actors take the stage at the culminating performance is a special moment for students as well as their fellow students, instructors and families.

Finally, CCTA's Theatrical Arts Productions (TAP) introduce young students to the beauty and inspiration of live, professional theatre. Schools are invited throughout the year to take field trips to Toby's Dinner Theatre of Columbia to see curriculum based-shows as "Holes," "Charlotte's Web" and "The Diary of Anne Frank," which reinforce in the theater what is taught in the classroom. Long before it was fashionable, CCTA's "Fledgely" series traveled throughout the school system in the early 1990's with its anti-bullying message for elementary-aged students.

Over the many years, CCTA and Toby Orenstein have received too many rewards to list here for their contributions to the arts, the community and our young people, especially those most vulnerable or forgotten. Most recent awards include:

2016, 2017 and 2018 Honorable Mention TONY AWARDS for Excellence in Theatre Education awarded by the TONY Awards and Carnegie Mellon University published on the Tony Awards website and

FRIENDS OF EDUCATION AWARD Howard County Public Schools, 2016

CHERRY ADLER AWARD for excellence in children's theatre, Maryland State Arts Council, 2015

2015 Family Friendly Business Award Howard County Department of Citizen's Services

2014 Accessibility Leadership Award Howard County Commission on Disability Issues

Audrey Robbins Humanitarian Employee of the Year Association of Community Services of HoCo, 2015 (video at <https://youtu.be/dKV2pueva28>)

Sonya Award The Carson Scholarship Fund, past winners included Brooks Robinson, Colin Powell, Barbara Bush.

Students come to Columbia from Prince Georges, Montgomery, Carroll, Talbot, Anne Arundel, Howard, and Baltimore Counties to participate in fun, inspiring and challenging arts programming at CCTA. Over the past 45 years, our Young Columbians performance troupe has performed at exciting venues such as White House, Williamsburg and Disneyworld with their "History of America" show, a revolutionary production which teaches American history through song, dance and monologue. From Baltimore City to Washington DC to Annapolis over 11,000 audience members are treated to free quality CCTA performances each year. Toby's Dinner Theatre has entertained millions of audience members from across the nation. On a given night, there can be students and teachers from schools in Salt Lake City and New York City, all enjoying the professionalism and artistic ingenuity which has earned the theatre many Helen Hayes awards. During the day, hundreds of students from all over the state attend Maryland curriculum-based plays designed to teach values. Shows such as, "Jackie Robinson: MVP", and "The Diary of Anne Frank" reinforce the importance of civility, perseverance and respect.

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 and allow even more residents to experience what a CCTA parent, supporter and Howard County resident expressed in this way:

"I can't go to bed because of all the wonderful energy that was infused in my body. I can't sing, can sorta dance, but if given the invitation to join the exuberance of the Young Columbians I would have been there in a second just for the sheer joy of it all! It was an amazing evening for so many reasons, especially your investment in those who want to dance, to sing and are financially or physically able/unable to do so. What an amazing gift a scholarship would be to that child. Like letting a singing bird escape from its cage... I want to help another bird to go free. I am sure that Jim Rouse keeps patting himself on the back in believing in your dreams!

---Ann Barker

If you still question the value of CCTA and the arts in our lives, please read this quote from my son now in college:

"While I was in high school, I began performing with CCTA founded by Toby Orenstein, a three-time Tony Award Honorable Mention for Excellence in Theatre Education. CCTA does a lot of outreach programming for special needs and at-risk youth in Baltimore. Toby offered me a job teaching special needs students vital life skills using musical theatre. I accepted, seeing it as a way to help those with similar anxiety issues to my own.

My anxiety compared to these kids was like an ant hill sitting at the base of Mt. Everest. Many of the children with whom I worked were diagnosed with selective mutism and could not even say, "hello" to a peer. Some had other forms of mental illness, autism or down syndrome. They had beautiful personalities with diverse challenges and skill sets.

I will always remember their performances and the joy felt by all. I will never forget working with one girl who did not speak. We took small steps. I challenged her to whistle, then hum and eventually, she sang a solo in front of an audience! Emotions were so near the surface at these times, and I am so grateful I was able to help her reach new heights. Such memories have fueled my drive to study neuroscience, in an effort to help more kids like her reach their full potential."

Finally, CCTA has provided scholarships for all of our camps and classes to deserving young people. Through partnerships with organizations like Hearts and Homes for Youth and the Multiservice Center of Howard County, CCTA is able to identify and reach out to youth and families often lost and forgotten by society. We have heard over and over again from these organizations, that their youth need more than just the ability to live, they need a reason to live. Many of these youth have experienced too much heartache, pain, and despair in their short lives. They need the joy, inspiration and confidence that the arts provide to give them a reason to get up each morning and the strength to move forward towards a brighter future. We have observed this firsthand as one principal expressed with tears of gratitude in her eyes that our theatre program was the only reason one of her students came to school. **At CCTA, we believe in the old "an ounce of prevention" adage; and we believe that Maryland's funds would not be needed for building more prisons, if it were spent building more arts experiences into the lives of Maryland's children.**

In addition to CCTA, Parks and Recreation and Toby's Dinner Theatre, 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.

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. And 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,
Alexandra Franco Tuten

Sayers, Margery

From: sher1248@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:47 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project.

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

Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I have been a subscriber to Tobys Dinner Theater for more than 10 years and have never had a bad experience. I was excited to hear of their plans to expand and start an educational program. I have been there when student bus trips were present, sometimes from as far as California and New York. It has always been a delightful place to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. It is a prime location for people from Baltimore City and County as well as other counties. We have met some very interesting people while sharing a table.

The affordable housing component of the project is especially needed and should be taken into consideration when deciding to release the funding so the federal funding is not lost. They worked very hard to plan this project and get federal dollars. It would be a tragedy if this was lost. At a time when our schools in Maryland are cutting back on arts education, it is important to have an alternative. Toby's would be an amazing addition for many young people. I know that the economy is in turmoil at this time, but a Cultural Center like this would definitely help the economy in many ways.

I am including the following information for your consideration. Please fund this project for the good of Howard County residents as well as so many other people. It would be a shame to let this wonderful opportunity get away.

Please 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.

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

Sincerely,
Sherrilynn Wilmer
3815 Chesley Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21206

[Faint, illegible handwritten signatures and text]

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:43 PM
To: Sgurwitz1@verizon.net
Subject: Council - NCC

First Name: Stephanie
Last Name: Gurwitz
Email: Sgurwitz1@verizon.net
Street Address: 6246 deep river canyon
City: Columbia
Subject: NCC
Message: Support the New Culturak Center and affordable housing

Sayers, Margery

From: Quentin Wilson <Qwilson11@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:35 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,

Quentin Wilson, a concerned citizen

Sayers, Margery

From: MARK BOLLARD <termark@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Cancel Funding

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Funding for the cultural center needs to be cancelled or at least postponed..
this cannot be Howard county's priority right now.
Think: when people are unemployed, you really want to fund pet projects Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Robert Lagas <rjlagas@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:31 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 the Affordable Housing Project and Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC).

The NC 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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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 plans to use the NCC for its average of 7 shows a week happen in the future. These shows attract many people from Montgomery County and other parts of Maryland. Busloads of students and other groups attend from the surrounding area, and they often eat and drink at businesses in the city and county and some stay overnight at local hotels and motels. This can be a significant source of tax revenue and support local businesses.

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

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

Sincerely,

Robert Lagas
301-924-2247

Sayers, Margery

From: Lauren Coleman <lauren.bortner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:03 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Support

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

Sincerely,
Lauren Coleman

Sayers, Margery

From: Hollyn Emerson-Svingos <musicmomhes@live.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: 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,

Hollyn L. Emerson-Svingos

Sayers, Margery

From: Debi Young <debiyoung55@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 5:39 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: [SUSPECTED SPAM] 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 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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Please approve FY21 Capital Budget funding for the NCC and Affordable Housing Project!

Sincerely, Deborah Young

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Yost <david.yost@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:43 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC)

[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) as it is irresponsible to lose this much federal funding.

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.

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

Sincerely,
David Yost
Resident at Howard Square in ElkrIDGE, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Lauren Levy <gonzokitty@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:30 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Lauren Levy
Subject: NCC Support

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

Sincerely,

Lauren Levy



Virus-free. www.avast.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Mollie Dwyer <liasophia4bling@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Help Save the 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.

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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.

Toby's dinner theatre has been an important part of my family for over 10 years. Since I was able to afford it on my own, I've been buying the subscription to Toby's as an annual Christmas gift for my grandmother. We cherish our time together experiencing superb talent. She'll be 88 this summer and we look forward to many more years of bonding time at Toby's theatre. Please help save this project so my family can continue to make memories together.

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

Sincerely,
Mollie Dwyer

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Sayers, Margery

From: Thomas Nassau <nassaujt63@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:05 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New cultural center funding

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,
I am emailing today to ask you to support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project. 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. I am therefore asking you to include funding in the 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!

Sincerely,

Judith L Nassau

Sayers, Margery

From: Janine Sunday <janinesunday@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 6:56 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please save the Arts

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Dear Board Members,

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.

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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!

Sincerely,

Janine and Russell Sunday

Sayers, Margery

From: Harris Factor <hgfact@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 6:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Toby's

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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,
Harris and Elizabeth Factor
5621 Vantage Point Rd
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Adrienne Goldstein <arachgold2007@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 6:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: proposal

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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,

Adrienne Goldstein

Sayers, Margery

From: DEBORAH SISSON <sissondeborah@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 6:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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

Sincerely,

Deborah Sisson

Sayers, Margery

From: Gerald W von Mayer <fvonmayer@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 6:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Howard County's FY21 Capital Budget - New Cultural Center (NCC) in Columbia

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May 25 2020

Dear Delegate Deb Jung and 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 this project would threaten the already secured \$62 million in Federal funding for affordable housing, dollars that must be used or be lost forever. Therefore, I am 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.

As a resident of Columbia for the past 51 years and as a retired member of the Howard County Planning Office, I believe that 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.

Additionally, the multi-purpose facility will add 87 residential units that will allow 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.

I 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,
Gerald W von Mayer
10384 Barcan Circle
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Octavia <octaviatm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 6:24 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.
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.

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

Sincerely,

Octavia Thomas

Sayers, Margery

From: Adrienne Athanas <athanaslinden@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 6:13 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC SUPPORT

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Dear members of the Howard County Council -

I would like to add my voice to the many that have expressed their support for the New Cultural Center and Affordable Housing Project in Columbia, MD. I am asking that you support the FY21 Capital Budget funding for this incredible project - one that will benefit the stakeholders in the city for decades to come.

Delaying the project would threaten the already-secured \$62 million in Federal funding for affordable housing - dollars that must be used in the upcoming budget cycle, or be forfeited. At risk is not only a project dedicated to providing 87 residential units - which will assist the County in closing its affordable housing gap - but failure to approve the remaining capital budget would also 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. Additionally, the Cultural Center will provide a wealth of affordable and accessible artistic activities to a wide variety of stakeholders - ones that will help support and invigorate the economic life of Columbia, and thus the county.

I 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. And our community will be denied the opportunity to experience the vibrancy of diverse communities.

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

Sincerely -

Adrienne Athanas

Sayers, Margery

From: athanaslinden@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 6:13 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for affordable housing in Howard County and Columbia's New Cultural Center

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am emailing today to ask you to support FY21 Capital Budget funding for the Affordable Housing Project and Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC). Delaying the project would threaten the already secured \$62 million in Federal funding for affordable housing—dollars that must be used in the upcoming budget cycle or be lost to us forever. The multi-purpose facility will add 87 residential units that will assist the County in closing its affordable housing gap. 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!
Sincerely,

Toby Linden

Sayers, Margery

From: Eric Chae <echae49@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 6:03 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NCC Project

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

Sincerely,

Sayers, Margery

From: Matthew Athanas-Linden <matt.athanaslinden@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 5:50 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. 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. 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. And 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,

Matt

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Sayers, Margery

From: Henri Bartholomot <hbartholomot@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 5:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: lynda.spencer@gmail.com
Subject: NCC support

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

As a long-time patron of Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia, MD, I am writing to ask you to support FY21 Capital Budget funding for Columbia's New Cultural Center (NCC) and Affordable Housing Project (AHP). The project will provide badly-needed art space and affordable housing. Furthermore, as I understand it, the project relies on \$62 million in federal funding that already has been approved but will be lost if the NCC and AHP are not included in the upcoming budget.

Toby's has been a mainstay of the Columbia arts scene for decades, providing opportunities for young folks to learn the acting trade and for local artists to practice that trade, and giving great joy to our entire community. Furthermore, Columbia has always been a beacon of enlightened housing policy. The NCC and AHP promise to continue these traditions, for the benefit of generations to come.

Now is the time to vote for the NCC and AHP: (1) to avoid losing federal funding for the project, (2) to support art troupes, which are suffering financially because of the current "stay at home" orders, and (3) to support affordable housing, when so many residents are on the edge financially in a depressed job market and housing is their main monthly expense.

Please look beyond the current budget cycle and keep the NCC and AHP alive and funded in the FY21 Capital Budget. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Henri Bartholomot

Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

My name is John Suggs. I am 22 years old. I use a wheelchair. I am a person with cerebral palsy and I am legally blind. My Mom said that dances at Parks and Rec might be cancelled because of money. I like the dances. I can see my friends. The dances make me feel happy. The staff helps me have fun at the dances. My summer camps are cancelled. That makes me sad. We have to stay home because of the virus. I want to go to dances and to cooking class at Parks and Rec. Please give them money.
From:

JOHN SUGGS