

Sayers, Margery

From: Vickie Beck <century03@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 11:40 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Vickie Beck
Subject: TAO1-FY2021

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Dear Mr. Ball:

I have previously spoken before the council last month to fully endorse TAO1-FY2021. I am very concerned that the New Cultural Center be approved for multiple reasons. Firstly, I think that it is in keeping with the values that brought me to Howard County over 30 years ago. I also believe that continuing Toby's Dinner Theatre and the Children's Theatre program in Howard County is vital to who we are as a county. Thousands of children have benefited for the curriculum developed by Toby's. I am a child psych-therapist with over 40 years of experience in working with children affected by trauma. I value the arts in helping children be healthy. If I can help in any way, please let me know. Please see that this Cultural Center moves forward.

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From: Ray LeVesque <levesque.ray2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 6:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Vote YES on TAO1-FY2021

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As a citizen of Howard County and after attending the recent Council meeting discussing this I find it important for the future of our community. I am asking my County Council to vote YES on TAO1-FY2021 to release from contingency the funding for the New Cultural Center.

Once the funding is released, construction of the New Cultural Center in its entirety of scope, including affordable housing and cultural amenities to the benefit of our whole county, can proceed as planned and required. Affordable housing is especially important in the wake of the economic impact of the COVID-19.

Further delay on project funding and construction will cause the county to give up \$64 Million in state tax credits that have been awarded for construction of affordable housing in our county. This will likely foreclose future opportunities for Howard County to receive state funding for affordable housing. Not acting will also eliminate the opportunity to create a regional arts center in Downtown.

As a proud resident of Howard County, I urge you to vote yes on TAO1-FY2021 at your next session on Monday, December 7. I realize that this is a challenging time amid the pandemic, but we still need to build toward a better future, especially in terms of affordable housing in Howard County.

Thank you,
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From: Jim Rose <jimrose38@gmail.com>
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Subject: TAO1-FY2021

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As a citizen of Howard County and member of PATH, I am asking my County Council to vote YES on TAO1-FY2021 to release from contingency the funding for the New Cultural Center.

Once the funding is released, construction of the New Cultural Center in its entirety of scope, including affordable housing and cultural amenities to the benefit of our whole county, can proceed as planned and required.

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As a proud resident of Howard County, I urge you to vote yes on TAO1-FY2021 at your next session on Monday, December 7.

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