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**From:** S VanWey <svanwey444@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 8:13 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Opposition to CB1-2021

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Dear Council Member,

I oppose HC Council Bill CB1-2021 for many reasons. First, this bill is an over reach of Howard County (HC) government to control private animal shelters. HC already has Animal Control and Animal Advocates following the rules and regulations of this bill, it should not impose these on private shelters who have a right to exist and operate within the context of "Private Animal Shelters". Private animal shelters have been operating for many, many years providing care for animals, finding homes, and reuniting pets with owners out of an abundance of love and financial support. Their love and care has been there long before others.

Second, HC should preserve private animal shelters as an adjunct to caring for animals in the county instead of "controlling" every aspect of their operation. Too many animals are euthanized in HC due to lack of shelter space and quick adoptions. Too many rules and regulations on private animal shelters can add to more animals being euthanized because the shelter may not be able to pay CB-1's fees, added employees, and a veterinarian on staff (One has to wonder if HC needs to collect money to offset bad financial decisions on past projects. The fees alone will take away money from the animals for food). In addition, the excessive rules and regulations of CB-1 (15 pages) could run a private shelter out of business and give more and more animals less to no chance of getting adopted.

Third, where's the "civility" in harming a private animal shelter? Why isn't HC looking for ways to help instead of punish? HC government should be asking "How can we help you?" and then do so on behalf of the many homeless animals.

Finally, society does not impose fees and excess rules and regulations on homeless people, why is it ok to do this to animals?

Lastly, for all the stated reasons given above, I oppose CB1-21. I believe HC government should honor and support private animal shelters and their employees and help them educationally and monetarily rather than punish them. It's "civility" in action!

Regards,

W. Susanne VanWey

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Dear Council Member,

I am opposed to CB1-2021 as it imposes too many burdensome controls, rules, regulations, and fees which will close many, if not all, private animal shelters. This will create a major void for places where homeless and helpless animals have a chance to be cared for and then hopefully adopted. Without these private animal shelters, huge numbers of animals will have no temporary home until they are adopted and will end up being euthanized by the county.

A troubling point that came out of the last council meeting, was that "no" input was obtained from the current HC animal shelters in creating CB1.

It makes no sense for the county to be the only organization housing and helping homeless and defenseless animals until they get adopted.

In summary, I oppose CB1-21 as being a major over reach of the county in controlling and regulating private animal shelters.

Regards,

Ralph VanWey

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