

Sayers, Margery

From: Robert Small <lrbertsmall@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 1:37 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please support CB-24

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The developers have way too much leeway in this county and control over the board. As it is, the new 16 home development about a block from me off Centennial recently started and their noise wakes me up at 7am every morning, a half hour before my alarm goes off for work. I don't know who thought that was a good idea to let them start that early. In most places, they are restricted until 9am. I don;t know who on teh council thought that was a good idea. Most of the owners of these companies do not even live in Howard County, they are from FL and elsewhere who come in here like locusts. I know they contribute generously to your elections and that some of you benefit financially from selling out our county.

Please support CD-24 to send a message that they do not have free rein to profit at the expense of your constituents. This getting to the point that I am considering leaving the county, taking my extremely high and annually increasing tax revenue with me, as I know others are doing and more plan to do. You will be left with an overdeveloped county that will diminish all property values and make us more like Montgomery County and PG County have become. I have been to zoning hearings in the county where they plan developements, such as the one off Centennial in my neighborhood. My experience is that they are very arrogant with no regard for the community concerns — because they have no ties to the community.

Robert Small
10206 Maxine Street
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Centennial Neighborhood

Sayers, Margery

From: Jennifer Y. Grams <jygrams@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB24-2021

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing in strong support of CB24-2021.

In recent years, we have witnessed a seemingly unending list of developers' one-off requests for waivers from existing zoning requirements. This leaves many citizens, myself included, wondering what is the purpose of having a plan to guide land use if we green light nearly every request to circumvent it? Please honor the plan and vote in favor of CB24-2021.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Y. Grams
Ellicott City
District 1

Sayers, Margery

From: Beth Stolte <elizabeth.stolte@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:35 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Jones, Opel
Subject: Support CB24-2021

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Please vote yes on CB24-2021. Our schools are counting on you.

Sayers, Margery

From: Meagan Braganca <mbragancatrl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 5:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: STRONG SUPPORT for CB-24

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Council members:

Passing this legislation should be easy for each member of the county council. It requires transparency in regards to contributions and business dealings between those who are making decisions and those who are looking for those decisions to directly benefit them.

ANY vote against this legislation will be a recorded vote against governmental and campaign finance transparency. Elected officials are tasked with serving the citizens, not moneyed interests.

Please support CB 24

Thank you,
Meagan Braganca



**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL
AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORIZATION
TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION**

I, Susan Garber, have been duly authorized by
(name of individual)

the Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding **CB-24**
(bill or resolution number) to express the organization's

support for / opposition to / request to amend this legislation.
(Please circle one.)

Printed Name: Susan Garber

Signature: _____

Date: March 15, 2021

Organization: the Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA

Organization Address: Ellicott City, MD 21041

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Number of Members: 500

Name of Chair/President: Stu Kohn

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TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION**

I, Dan Hajdo, have been duly authorized by
(name of individual)

Indivisible Howard County, MD to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding CB24-2021 to express the organization's
(bill or resolution number)

support for / opposition to / request to amend this legislation.
(Please circle one.)

Printed Name: Dan Hajdo

Signature: _____

Date: 03/15/2021

Organization: Indivisible Howard County

Organization Address: P.O. Box 603, Savage, MD 20763

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Number of Members: 700

Name of Chair/President: Liz Kato

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Sayers, Margery

From: B Illum <buffy.illum@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:29 PM
To: CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Ball, Calvin B
Subject: Pass CB24-2021: Planning, Zoning, Subdivisions and Land Development

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Dear Howard County Council,

I am writing in support of CB24-2021. These past four years, on the national level, have been a lesson in the importance of transparency in a healthy democracy. A strong, transparent democracy is even more important in local politics given the unfortunate reality of limited and at times poor quality local news coverage/journalism. Therefore I applaud CB24-2021 in requiring transparency about certain campaign contributions and business relationships between council members, the executive and developers as well as requiring technical staff reports and analysis. It all reads like good common sense planning to me.

These past few years have also showed us that climate change, pandemics and other shifts in society are becoming life disrupting challenges that are only made more injurious if we as a county don't have transparent, ethical rules and processes in place that put residents, responsible development and land stewardship first.

I hope the Council will show its seriousness and commitment to good governance by voting yes on CB24-2021.

Thanks so much for your work on this,
Buffy Illum
Ellicott City, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Christopher J. Alleva <jens151@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Deb Jung; Yungmann, David; Rigby, Christiana
Cc: Wimberly, Theo; Sayers, Margery
Subject: CB24-21 Testimony/Please accept my apologies for regaling you with my meeting of NBA legend Charles Jones yesterday

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Dear Council Members:

Please forgive me for my open mic. accident last evening, regaling you with my meeting NBA legend Charles Jones yesterday at Hickory Ridge Giant. Charles is one of the 4 famed Jones brothers from Albany State.

Charles played with the then Washington Bullets from 1985-1993. I attended many games at the Cap. Center in the early 90s and remember him well. His brother Caldwell was a standout for the Sixers in 70s-80. Two other brothers played as well. They are my kind of players. Guys that just come to play every night. [Charles Jones \(basketball, born 1957\) - Wikipedia](#)

Testimony on CB 24-21

I support this bill. Right now ZRAs are a zoning free for all and they need reigned in to ensure the all property owners in Howard County can rely on the zoning controls.

ZRAs are more appropriately handled comprehensively. Comprehensive zoning is the exclusive province of the Council; ZRAs effect every property in the County, not only ones in the district being amended but all zones. Comprehensive zoning is intended to promote the public health, welfare and safety while recognizing private property rights.

Whether a proposed ZRA is beneficial to the citizens of Howard County and the applicant in light of the scope and scale of the amendment is a judgment that should be made by the Council during a more extensive review rather than by a rifle shot ZRA on a case-by-case basis.

Current procedures for handling ZRAs do not provide for any notice requirements for the Planning Board meeting. Because of this lack of notice, property owners are denied the opportunity to voice grievances. Often the petitioner is the only party at the Planning Board. After the PB rubber stamps the request, it moves on to the Council where the petitioner invariably represents there was no opposition at the Planning Board leaving us with classic question: If a tree falls in a forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound? If no one is around the Planning Board does that mean there are no objections?

That said, I am also supportive of the citizens that oppose this bill. To that end, I would suggest a compromise 1.) ZRAs should no longer be considered by the Council outside Comprehensive Zoning; 2.) Comprehensive Zoning should take place every 5 years, commencing with the 2023 cycle; and 3.) Council should adopt a P.U.D. ordinance and strike the CEF and CR zones.

Respectfully Submitted

Sayers, Margery

From: Sunmy Brown <s_brown0304@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 8:33 AM
To: CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Ball, Calvin
Subject: Pass CB24-2021: Planning, Zoning, Subdivisions and Land Development

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March 16, 2021

Dear Howard County Council,

I want to thank Councilwomen Liz Walsh and Deb Jung for introducing legislation CB24-2021 relating to Planning, Zoning, Subdivisions and Land Development Regulations matters. For far too long, the developers in this county have contributed to political campaigns, which have sadly resulted in quid pro quo deals with elected officials over the years in Howard County. The type of over development in our communities have contributed to detrimental consequences to our environment, infrastructure, and overall quality of life. It is extremely important for constituents to understand the types of political contributions and business deals that are being made by developers to various Council members and the County Executive in any given year. Upholding these transparent measures will encourage constituents to become more knowledgeable regarding which elected officials are being influenced by these developer contributions and relationships, resulting in political favors.

I hope that every member on the County Council will approve CB24-2021 legislation.

Sincerely,

Sunmy Brown

Ellicott City, Maryland

Bruce A. Harvey
Testimony 03/15/2021
Howard County Council
Bill CB-24

My name is Bruce Harvey and I live in Fulton, MD, and am President of Williamsburg Homes headquartered in Columbia, MD. I am testifying against Council Bill CB-24.

CB-24 as written is pretty simple, No ZRA's during the General Plan update. However, why would we want to put such a limitation on a deliberative process. ZRA's are reviewed by Planning Board and have to be approved by the Council and signed by the County Executive. So we are putting in place restrictions on what the Council can accomplish. What if a major economic development opportunity is presented to us during this time period that needs a ZRA? We just sit and let the opportunity pass while neighboring jurisdictions jump in? In addition, as written, the restriction starts nine years after the previous General Plan is adopted. My understanding is that the General Plan Updates are not set in stone and can potentially be started earlier or later. So this bill could end up restricting ZRA's for a much longer period than is contemplated. We already have established black out periods based upon elections, and this additional black-out period even for text amendments just puts more regulation around a process that is subject to review by DPZ and the Planning Board, must get a majority vote of the Council and then the County Executive's signature. Let's trust our elected officials to do the right thing.

For the above stated reasons, please vote no on CB-24.

Thank you for hearing my testimony.