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From: Danielle Lueking <Danielle_Lueking@hcpss.org>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 8:54 AM
To: CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth
Cc: BoE Email; Student Board Member; Kathleen V. Hanks
Subject: Board Adopted Position on CB24-2021
Attachments: APPROVED 032521 County Council Legislative Board Report.pdf

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Good morning,

Please accept the attached as written testimony for CB24-2021, which the Board of Education of Howard County voted to support at its March 25, 2021, meeting.

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HCPSS Legislative Report

2021 Maryland General Assembly

As Approved at the Board of Education Meeting March 25, 2021

Board Positions on County Council Bills

Bill Number	Introduced By
CB24-2021	Council Members Liz Walsh and Deb Jung

Bill text: <https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/olis/LegislationDetail.aspx?LegislationID=12692> (click title of bill to download text)

Council Summary: AN ACT to prohibit action on certain zoning applications while a new General Plan is in process; requiring a specified report related to disclosure of certain contributions and business relationships in compliance with the Maryland Public Ethics Law; and generally relating to Zoning matters.

HCPSS Analysis: CB24-2021 has two amendment areas. The first addresses the addition of a public ethics report to be made by applicants for development regarding campaign contributions/business with County Council members and/or the County Executive. The second would prohibit action on proposed zoning regulation amendments during a period leading up to the adoption of a new Howard County General Plan (specifically, nine years after the implementation of the current plan up until the new plan is adopted - this plan is currently on a 10-year cycle, thus this would apply one year before adoption).

While staff cannot estimate a direct impact on HCPSS without knowing what proposed regulations may be delayed by the bill, generally they would agree with the notion that if changes to the General Plan are imminent within the next year, passing new zoning regulations may be counterintuitive to the purpose of the plan itself to provide guidance.

Bill Status/More Information:

<https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/olis/LegislationDetail.aspx?LegislationID=12692>

Following introduction by the Council on March 1, 2021, this bill had a public hearing on February 15, 2021.

BOARD POSITION: SUPPORT

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From: E Kato <euk369@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 7:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB24-2021

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Dear County Council Member Rigby,

Please vote yes on CB24-2021. We need more transparency on zoning decisions in Howard County. The perception that developers call all the shots breeds cynicism and undermines democracy. CB24-2021 is a good step forward.

Thank you,
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From: Cynthia Williams <cawilliams66@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 2:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB24-2021

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Please vote "Yes" for this bill. Thank you.

Cynthia Williams
District 5

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From: Marg Goodlin <goodfamily4@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 10:43 AM
To: CouncilMail; Jung, Deb
Subject: Vote yes on CB24-2021

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We need more transparency in zoning.
Please vote yes on CB24-2021

Marg Goodlin

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From: M. J. Loll and E. M. Salmon <wbnuthatch@verizon.net>
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Subject: Yes Vote on CB24-2021

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

As a resident of Howard County District 3, I write asking you to vote for CD24-2021. It seems to me that much of the development going on through out the county is a process opaque to the ordinary citizen. Therefore, I write in support of this bill.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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We urge the County Council to vote yes on this important bill. Thank you.

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