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**From:** Roy Appletree <roy.appletree@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 5:23 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB 22-201 TODs and MIHUs  
**Attachments:** CB22-2021 Testimony - R Appletree.pdf

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Council Members,

Attached is testimony in support of the legislation.

I am writing as much to point out how the process for approving all Alternative Compliances must be strengthened.

Thank you for your attention.

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**CB22-2021 TOD (Transit Oriented Development) District site – MIHUS on the  
TOD Site**

**Testimony to the Howard County Council**

**March 25, 2021**

**Position: Favorable**

My name is Roy Appletree. I am a long-time resident of Columbia and District 3. I have been involved with affordable housing management and advocacy for many years.

I was actively involved with a local, affordable housing advocacy group when we were surprised to learn – well after the fact – that the original Dorsey MARC Station Project was stripped of its MIHUs. We were informally told that it was at the direction of the then County Executive. What better location for MIHUs than at a transit station! Too expensive to provide MIHUs was set as too low of a hurdle.

*I would encourage the County Council to examine the Alternative Compliance process and force it to shed more sunlight for the benefit of the community. The process must be more public and deliberate.*

Frankly, I do not know the specific impetus for this legislation. There is a place for Alternative Compliance. A TOD is not a natural place for offsite compliance. It is unfortunate but apparently now necessary to force the construction of MIHUs in TODs.

Under the circumstance I urge you to enact the legislation.

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**From:** Ruby Nwaebube <RNwaebube@presmd.org>  
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**Subject:** Letter Support for CB22 with Recommendations

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Hello Honorable Howard County Council,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Ruby Nwaebube, and I Advocacy Associate for Preservation Maryland. On behalf of the Smarter Growth Alliance Howard County (SGAHC), we would like to send a letter in support of the CB22 with recommendations. Below this email, I have attached the letter for your review.

Thank you,

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