

CB56-2021

Sayers, Margery

From: Lavanya <lavanya.gurumurthy@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2021 1:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB56-2021

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Hello,

I am a resident of Howard county and got a notification via mail to vote on CB56-2021. How do I register my vote?

Thanks,
Lavanya

Sayers, Margery

From: Mary Arrington <maryelda@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 5:25 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support CB-56-2021 and CB-57-2021

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Subject: I support CB-56-2021

County Council Member:

I support CB-56-2021 to retain trees 24 inches wide and above when developers develop land. I am against clear cutting land as it takes away a natural, free way to reduce carbon, pollution, and global warming. Please support CB-56-2021 to help our county maintain clean air and prevent global warming.

Mary E. Arrington

Subject: I Support CB-57-2021

County Council Member:

I support CB-57-2021 because this bill addresses 'accountability of developers' who have not followed good practice of saving trees for many, many years. Holding them financially accountable will, I believe, add the teeth necessary to guarantee tree retention. Please vote to support CB-57-2021.

Mary E. Arrington

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 3:53 PM
To: maryelda@verizon.net
Subject: Council - I support CB-56-2021

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City: West Friendship
Subject: I support CB-56-2021

Message: Subject: I support CB-56-2021 County Council Member: I support CB-56-2021 to retain trees 24 inches wide and above when developers develop land. I am against clear cutting land as it takes away a natural, free way to reduce carbon, pollution, and global warming. Please support CB-56-2021 to help our county maintain clean air and prevent global warming. Mary E. Arrington



CB56-2021: Amending The Forest Conservation Ordinance

My name is Dan Hajdo and I'm speaking on behalf of the Economic Equity Action Team of Howard County Indivisible. I am here to express our strong support for CB-56.

Many others have expressed support for this bill, and some of what I say will echo that testimony. Still, I want to add a perspective on this bill that may not have been voiced by others. It is a perspective from the standpoint of equity.

First, we are in a climate emergency, one where the crimes against our environment (and hence ourselves), disproportionately affect the marginalized and dispossessed. In such a tremendous, worldwide crisis it is easy view local decisions as unimportant. Yet this emergency calls on everyone to do as much as they can. Just as we take every precaution we can, locally, in our public health crisis, we should view our responsibility to others in the same way in our local action on the climate crisis. CB-56 is a step in the right direction.

Second, just as public parks in general, public schools, and fire departments benefit us all, a sustainable, resilient ecosystem also benefits all regardless of economic status. It is a public good. CB-56 strengthens protection of that public good. Our forests are a public good. On the other hand, making things easier, and just that much more profitable for developers is not. We should not act as if the two considerations require some balance.

Third, CB-56 establishes a 5 year "look-back" period that helps close a loophole in existing practice – a loophole that benefits a few wealthy corporations and individuals. It's the kind of loophole, and the kind of benefit, no one else enjoys. Not that there aren't many more such inequities in our laws, but, every attempt to rectify such unwarranted favorable treatment is a step in the right direction.

We are all aware of an obvious objection, that there is a an oft repeated story that tells us the pursuit of corporate profit is actually a public good. There is only time here to say, that story would be more convincing if it didn't contradict sound theory and experience.

Sayers, Margery

From: Sarah Scott <sarahkscott12@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 12:39 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB 56 and 57

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Please stop cutting down so many trees!

I am from the piney woods of East Texas, where tall trees create beautiful forests providing shade from the summer sun and homes for wildlife. When I moved to Howard County 5 years ago, I fell in love with the beautiful forests that reminded me of home. I admire the way Columbia is nestled among the trees demonstrating harmony with man and nature.

But lately I've seen more clearing of large swaths of land for development. I understand progress, but there is no harmony, only discord. Our world is demonstrating more and more signs of a climate in trouble, and our actions in our own backyard should be where we more fiercely work to protect the environment. I have a 2 year old daughter, and I worry about the world she will inherit. I want to feel that Howard County will work to protect the earth and be a safe haven for nature. I love the hiking trails along the Patuxent and paths through wooded neighborhoods.

I believe that the proposed bills will protect mature and historic trees, fight climate change by sequestering carbon, slow storm water runoff, reduce flooding, provide habitat to wildlife, assure tree equity in communities of color, positively impact mental health, keep developers from purposely and repeatedly breaking the regulations to make even bigger profits. I strongly encourage you to vote in favor of them.

I watched a large lot off of Vollmerhausen Road near my home get decimated for new constructions (and that's nothing compared to where apartments and condos are being built), and when I told my daughter that seeing so many trees cut down at once makes me sad, she replied "It makes me sad, too, mommy. I loooove trees!" Please take every action available to you to strengthen the forests and wildlife of Howard County. Our children's future is worth far more than a developers profits. Please.

Thank you,
Sarah Scott