

CR 117-2021

Sayers, Margery

From: SULTAN ASHRAF <sultan.ashraf@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 9:18 PM
To: Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Subject: Vote YES on Council Resolution 117-2021 for Sabina Taj

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Dear Councilmember,

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I could be reached via email, if you need to discuss this further.

Name: Sulta Ashraf
Address: 3510 Coventry Court Drive
Ellicott City MD21042

With kindest regards

Sultan Ashraf

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From: Uma Krishnan <khoabilling@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:38 PM
To: Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; CouncilMail
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Name: Ravi Anandkrishnan

Address: [10434 Kingsbridge Rd](#)
[Ellicott City, MD 21042](#)

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From: Uma Krishnan <uma61@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:34 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David;
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Address: 10434 Kingsbridge Rd

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From: Uma Krishnan <uma61@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Sabina Taj for Howard County Library System Board of Trustees

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Name:

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Steven Clark Cunningham <steven.clark.cunningham@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 5:33 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David;
CouncilMail
Subject: Vote YES on Council Resolution 117-2021

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Dear Council Members:

I am writing to express my sincere support for Ms. Sabina Taj's appointment to the Howard County Library System Board of Trustees.

I have known Ms. Taj for nearly a decade, as a neighbor, a fellow parent, and a recent member of the Board of Education. She has always been a kind, honest, hard-working, caring, and civil member of our HoCo community, and has always strived to truly consider the diverse viewpoints of others in the community, even when they differed from her own.

Ms. Taj is a champion of education, literacy, equity, and community, and has served the people of Howard County, especially our children, with dedication, strength, and kindness. I hope that she may continue to do so in this new role.

Sincerely,

Steven Clark Cunningham, MD, FACS

Surgeon, Children's Book Author, Religion Scholar

StevenClarkCunningham.net

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From: Irfan Malik <imalik11@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 3:34 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; CouncilMail
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I could be reached via email, if you need to discuss this further.

Name: Irfan Malik
Address: 3886 Whitebrook Ln

Please wear mask, and practice social distancing.

Sayers, Margery

From: Gorospe, Myriam (NIH/NIA/IRP) [E] <gorospem@grc.nia.nih.gov>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 12:49 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David;
CouncilMail
Subject: Vote YES on Council Resolution 117-2021

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Dear Council Members:

I am writing to express my most enthusiastic support for the appointment of Ms. Sabina Taj to the Howard County Library System (HCLS) Board of Trustees. I have known Ms. Taj for the past nine years as a neighbor and parent, as our children have attended the same schools in Howard County. Throughout much of this time, I have seen the passion with which Ms. Taj has promoted children's education in a range of leadership roles. She has served the people of Howard County, especially our children, with unparalleled dedication, strength, vision, and kindness. As a Latina in Howard County, I particularly value her commitment to ensuring high-quality education for all in the Howard County community.

As we emerge from a most difficult period of isolation for educators and students, I cannot imagine a better advocate for equity and opportunity for our families. I encourage the county council to approve without delay the appointment of Ms. Sabina Taj to the HCLS Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

Myriam Gorospe, PhD

Chief, Laboratory of Genetics and Genomics
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From: M Jose <sumreenj@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 10:29 AM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; CouncilMail
Subject: Vote YES on Council Resolution 117-2021

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of former Board of Education member Sabina Taj to the Howard County Library System Board of Trustees. While Ms. Taj's impressive paper record speaks for itself, she also has a meaningful history of local involvement and advocacy for HCPSS students and other causes important to community members including myself.

I urge you to vote YES on Council Resolution 117-2021 ("A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sabina Taj to the Board of Library Trustees.") and to discuss with your Council colleagues to reach a majority decision of "yes" on this matter.

The Howard County Library System is too precious to allow a group of reactionary, anti-education, far-right activists to derail a critical appointment by stoking fear and false outrage against a valued member of our community.

Thank you,
Moalie Jose

Sayers, Margery

From: Chris Oxenham <chrisoxenham85@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 10:19 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR 117

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County Council Members,

I am writing to reject the nomination of Sabina Taj to the Library Board of Trustees. Her unethical behavior on the Board of Education should be an automatic disqualifier. Violation of Open Meetings Act rules is unacceptable on any Board. The library system needs non-politically motivated public servants.

I have also spoken with two members of the Rouse Project who mentioned tactics Sabina was using in that organization as well. Her deep ties to prominent County developers is a red flag.

Please consider rejecting this candidate. This is not bringing our community together.

Sincerely,

Chris Oxenham
15261 Bucks Run Dr.
Woodbine, MD 21797

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From: Joshua Benson <joshbenson06@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 11:09 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel;
CouncilMail
Subject: Vote YES on Council Resolution 117-2021

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The Howard County Library System is too precious to allow a group of activists with extreme views to derail a critical appointment by stoking fear and false outrage against a valued member of our community.

Thank you for your service to the community.

-Josh Benson

Parent, Cimmunity Leader, Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Jen Hayashi <calamityjen69@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 4:41 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David;
CouncilMail
Subject: Please vote against racism and Islamophobia

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Dear County Council,

Please vote to confirm Sabina Taj's appointment to the library board and Ainy Haider-Shah's appointment to the compensation committee. Both of these women are eminently qualified for these positions, and the disgusting public outcry by a minority of right-wing bigots should not be countenanced by any of you as elected officials who represent the rest of Howard County. History has its eyes on you, and I trust you to do the right thing. Thanks!

Jen Hayashi
she/her/hers
Choose. Love.

Sayers, Margery

From: Pratik Shah <shahpratik08@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 11:02 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Opposition to Council Resolution 117-2021

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Dear Council members,

I am writing to express my concern over the prospective appointment of former Board of Education member Sabina Taj to the Howard County Library System Board of Trustees. Ms. Taj may have an impressive professional paper record to support this appointment, but looking beyond the paper record, her involvement in county affairs as both a public official and as a private citizen has been rife with controversy and concerning displays of unethical leadership and poor judgment.

Here are just a few examples that I can readily provide links to for more information:

1) Firsthand account of divisive leadership by Ms. Taj posted by a person who served with her on a PTA prior to her time as a BOE member: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HoCoNU/posts/2544052569152118/>

2) In November 2019, Ms. Taj led the HCPSS BOE to violate the Open Meetings Act:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HoCoNU/posts/2676503365907037/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2481593048731404/permalink/2587065884850786/>

3) Ms. Taj was a founding member of "The Rouse Project" --- an organization that brought significant dark money & unprecedented advertising into the 2021 Columbia Association Board of Directors elections --- unpaid volunteer positions. This organization was "outed" by one of the CA election candidates (Richard Bolton) as being a front company for developers (e.g. The Howard Hughes Corporation) interested in influencing the CA elections and placing CA Directors who would facilitate future land use deals & development projects:

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HoCoNU/posts/2993993794157991>

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This is just a small sampling of what Ms. Taj has brought to Howard County politics: controversies, division, violations, unethical political maneuvering, and probable conflicts-of-interest with her strong ties to special interest groups through The Rouse Project. As well-intentioned as her public service and civic engagement may be, these are the consistently concerning and unfortunate results when she is granted a position of power and influence.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request,

Pratik Shah

Burleigh Manor

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From: Krupa Shah <pratikrupa@gmail.com>
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To: CouncilMail
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Thank you for your consideration of this request,

Krupa Shah

Burleigh Manor

Sayers, Margery

From: Liana Rosenthal <lsrosenthal@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 11:05 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David;
CouncilMail
Subject: Support Appointment of Sabina Taj to Howard County Library System Board of Trustees

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my unwavering support of Ms Taj's appointment to the Howard County Library System Board of Trustees. As you know, she has extensive experience in promoting educational opportunities and a strong commitment to serving the people of Howard County. I have also always been impressed at the extent of her research into the many components of an issue and her willingness to discuss all facets of these issues. While serving on the Board of Education, she helped to ensure that the policy for educational equity was actualized and she codified policies and practices that support all of our students. Through her work at Howard Community College, she further supported our Howard County students into adulthood and beyond, encouraging and enriching their education.

As a mom of two sons here in Howard County, I have always enjoyed our visits to the Howard County Library and recognize that it is a vital asset to the community. I know that Ms.Taj has the experience and commitment to continue to ensure the success of the HCLS.

Sincerely,
Liana Rosenthal
Howard County Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Sarah Baumert <sarah.baumert@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 6:19 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David;
CouncilMail
Subject: Vote YES on Council Resolution 117-2021

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I urge you to vote YES on Council Resolution 117-2021 ("A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sabina Taj to the Board of Library Trustees.") and to discuss with your Council colleagues to reach a majority decision of "yes" on this matter.

I have been very saddened by the nasty and untrue statements that I have seen written about Ms. Taj on social media. The Howard County Library System is too precious to allow a group of activists to derail a critical appointment by stoking fear and false outrage against a valued member of our community.

Thank you,
Sarah Baumert

Sayers, Margery

From: Amrita Madabushi <amrita.madabushi@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 5:48 PM
To: hclsboard@hclibrary.org; CouncilMail
Subject: Nominate a new candidate instead of Sabina Taj

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Dear Howard County Library Board of Trustees,

Thank you very much for all that you've done and continue to do to maintain and improve our county's library system.

I am writing to express my concern over the prospective appointment of former Board of Education member Sabina Taj to the Howard County Library System Board of Trustees. Ms. Taj may have an impressive professional paper record to support this nomination, but looking beyond the paper record, her involvement in county affairs as both a public official and as a private citizen has been rife with controversy and concerning displays of unethical leadership and poor judgment. For many detailed examples of this, please review the many testimony letters that have been sent to the County Council in opposition of this appointment, found here:

<https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/olis/LegislationDetail.aspx?LegislationID=12804>

By the evidence provided in many of these testimonies as well as the many other examples that can be shared by other Howard County residents and public official colleagues who have recently worked with her, it is clear that appointing Ms. Taj to this position will bring significant risk of future controversies, distracting political drama, and obvious risks of conflicts of interest to HCLS and its leadership.

I respectfully request and strongly urge you to recommend a new nominee for the open HCLS Board of Trustees position. There are countless other Howard County residents who are able & willing to serve as a member of the HCLS Board of Directors, many of whom could do at least as competent of a job, if not more so, than Ms. Taj, and do so with minimal controversy and consistent respect for their fellow Directors and the community as a whole.

The Howard County Library System is too precious to entrust to an individual with such an obvious list of recent ethics transgressions, controversies, and probable conflicts of interest. Please entrust this responsibility to another Howard County citizen who will bring respectful, steady leadership to this important position. Please nominate a new candidate for this position that all County Councilmembers can reasonably support when they vote on this appointment on September 8, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration of this request,

Amrita Madabushi

Sayers, Margery

From: Vipin Sahijwani <vsahijwani@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 5:19 PM
To: hclsboard@hclibrary.org; CouncilMail
Subject: Nomination of Ms Sabina Taj for the Trustee Position

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Dear HCLS Board,

I am writing to express my concern over the nomination of former Board of Education member Sabina Taj to the Howard County Library System Board of Trustees. Ms. Taj has a record of sowing divisiveness during her service at BoE while being utterly unprepared for many board issues. Her fellow board member took issue with her as she referred to people concerned with redistricting as "those people" in a condescending way.

Ms. Taj violated the Open Meetings Act rule by colluding with Ms. Jen Mello over private texts while the board meeting was in session.

I respectfully request and strongly urge you to recommend a new nominee for the open HCLS Board of Trustees position. A nominee that is respected by the community at large and will uphold the high standards of the Howard County Library System. Thank you for all you do for the community.

Thanks and regards, Vipin Sahijwani

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Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Jamie Levine <ot.ventures1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 1:54 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; CouncilMail
Subject: Vote YES on Council Resolution 117-2021

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Thank you,

Jamie Levine, MS, OTR/L
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