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From: Carolyn Parsa <cparse@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:17 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony in support of CB64 with amendment 1 & CB66

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County Council Member Rigby,

I am writing today to ask you to support and vote yes for CB64 and amendment 1. It is very important to support Howard County's specimen trees and for the legislation to come into effect before the plan goes in, just in case property owners or developers go ahead and remove trees in preparation for the project before they submit a plan for development.

Additionally, I support CB66, which would extend more protection to forested areas by tightening the definition of areas that would require county oversight for clearcutting. As we see our forested areas decreasing each year, we must do everything we can to retain them. This bill would help retain forest on site and make it more difficult for the standard clear cutting to continue.

Timing is critical and we must all do as much as we can as individuals and as lawmakers to insure that we mitigate the worst of climate change. These two bills will help us all towards that effort.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Parsa
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From: Sam Mangione <SamM@mfe.bz>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 5:13 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 66-2021

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Dear Howard County Council Members:

I am contacting you as corporate counsel for Mangione Enterprises of Turf Valley LP ("METV") and other affiliated entities, in opposition to Council Bill 66-2021. METV is the developer of the Turf Valley PGCC mixed-use development. Our family has owned the Turf Valley PGCC district since 1978. Our family has premised its business and development decisions and obligations on the applicable regulations. We object to the unpredictable and irrational nature of CB 66. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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From: Susan Garber <buzysusan23@yahoo.com>
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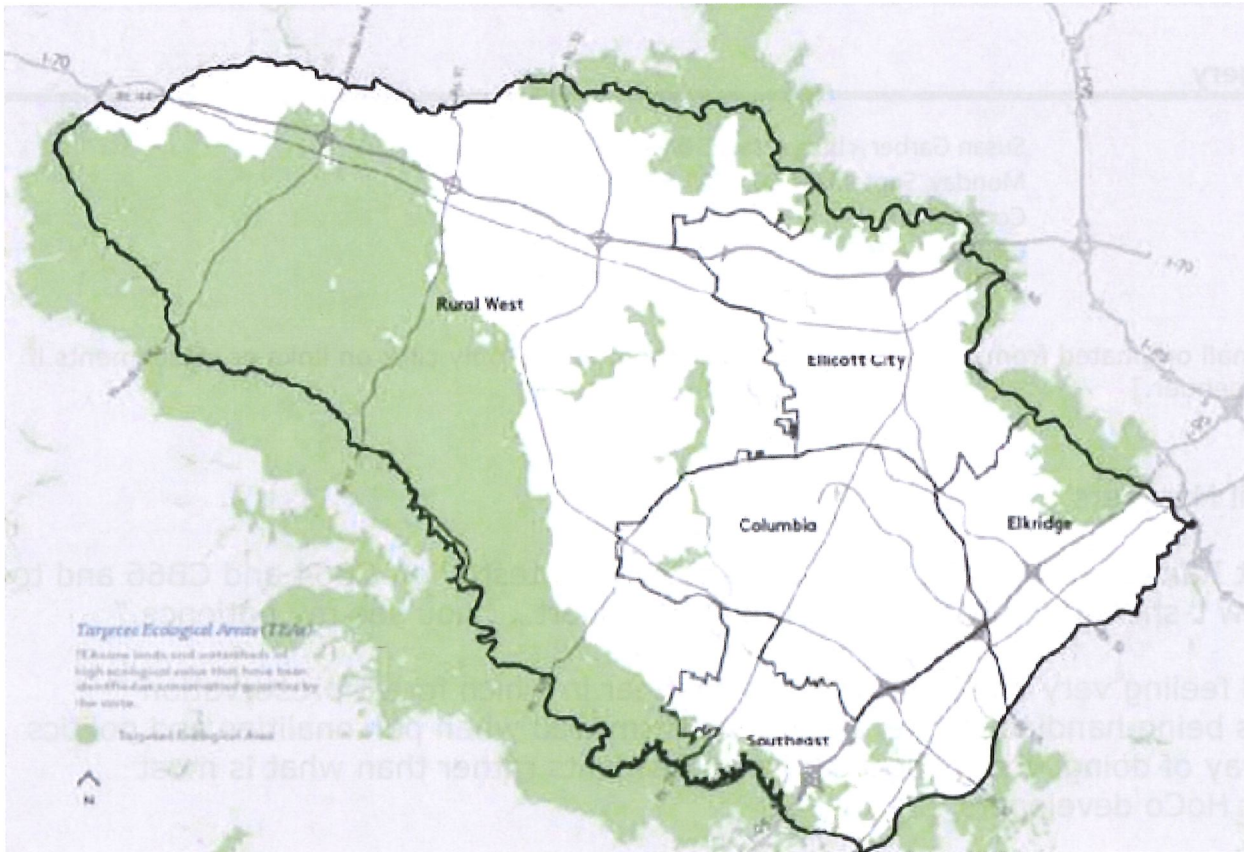
Dear Council Members,

I regret that I am unable to attend tonight's session to testify on CB64 and CB66 and to wear my new t-shirt which reads "If you think I'm short..... you see my patience."

I am indeed feeling very impatient with the manner in which forest preservation legislation is being handled of late. I am quite dismayed when personalities and politics get in the way of doing what is best for HoCo residents rather than what is most lucrative for HoCo developers.

For now I will hold my tongue and specific comments on the 2 bills until I'm not under such a time crunch for competing priorities. But I do want to send along 2 resources which should guide your future actions and help you get a better understanding of what is at stake here.

First, a map from the DRP's 2017 Master Plan LPPRP identifying all of the DNR-declared Targeted Ecological Areas—the most valuable of valuable lands which should be preserved. To my surprise a large swath of Western Howard County is so identified. We need to determine which of these lands are forested and protect them from HoCo by Design development or from ground mounted solar. It would be quite inappropriate to incentivize solar installations on these lands with tax credits or to exempt them as in CB64 just because there may be SOME broadly defined agricultural use of the land, including driving farm equipment on it.



Secondly, references which should answer any questions you have about the value of trees, especially mature ones vs. new ones are listed. Please follow the science.

<https://news.mongabay.com/2019/05/tall-and-old-or-dense-and-young-which-kind-of-forest-is-better-for-the-climate/amp/?print>

<https://nph.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/ppp3.39> benefit of trees for livable and sustainable communities [MOTHERLOAD OF RESOURCES}

I'd welcome a chance to discuss any of this with you further.

Susan Garber

North Laurel



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

I, Lisa Markovitz, have been duly authorized by
(name of individual)

The People's Voice to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding CS66 2021 to express the organization's
(bill or resolution number)

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

Printed Name: Lisa Markovitz

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 9/20/21

Organization: The People's Voice

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Number of Members: 4348

Name of Chair/President: Lisa Markovitz

This form can be submitted electronically via email to councilmail@howardcountymd.gov no later than 2 hours prior to the start of the Public Hearing.