

CR142-2021

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From: Robin Hessey <rmhessey@gmail.com>
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To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR140, CR141, CR142, and CR 143 take off the table and Vote YES Dec 6

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am writing to enlist your help in passing four bills (or resolutions) critical for the future of solar power development in Howard County.

CR140, CR141, CR142, and CR 143 all give partial tax breaks to specific projects being proposed in Howard County. It is also important to note that these projects will continue to pay various other Howard County taxes and this is absolutely not a full abatement of their real and personal property tax.

If Howard Co. is serious about sustainability and about decreasing our carbon footprint in the face of the climate change crisis, then we need to bring these resolutions off the table, consider them, and vote YES on each of them.

Sincerely,

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From: Paige Getty <minister@uucolumbia.net>
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Subject: Support for CR140, CR141, CR142, and CR143 (solar power in Howard County)

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Dear Council Chair Walsh, Council Vice-Chair Jones, and Councilmembers Jung, Yungmann, and Rigby:

Please remove Council Resolutions 140, 141, 142, and 143 from the table and vote to pass them, granting PILOTs to the properties affected by those resolutions.

I write to you as a resident of District 4 (I live in Hickory Ridge in Columbia) and as the lead minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia (District 3), which is a co-owner of OBIC—the Owen Brown Interfaith Center, an anchor customer of the community solar project that would benefit from CR140.

We are the project's customer because we believe that we must do what is in our power to combat the climate crisis, and solar power is one of the key tools to do that. But government must do its part to level the playing field so that solar power can compete with the entrenched power of dirty fuel sources. And this minimal tax break is one step in the right direction.

We'll continue doing our part. Please do yours.

Thank you,
Rev. Paige Getty

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