

CB78-2021

Sayers, Margery

From: joel hurewitz <joelhurewitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 12:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB78-2021 - Support Veto Override

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Dear Councilmembers,

I support our D1 "Lorax" who speaks for the trees (and kids). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5cXntJFWv5U>

I support the override of the veto of CB78-2021.

Joel Hurewitz
Columbia, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Baker, Kevin
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 11:49 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: CB 78
Attachments: CB 78.docx

From: vanessa lichliter <dvkmjdl@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 8:09 AM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CB 78

I am writing to ask that you veto CB 78 and to protect our trees. There is no question about the benefits of trees for the health of humans, but they have major benefits for our birds, insects and specifically our butterflies. Replacing mature and fruit bearing trees with sapling is not enough. It takes years for trees to mature, for insects to move in and birds to make homes.

I have lived and worked in Howard County my entire life. The beauty of this county is its natural spaces. Please help to protect and save some of the best parts of Howard County.

Thank you,

Vanessa Lichliter

Sayers, Margery

From: David Lichliter <davellichliter@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 11:40 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Bill 78-2021

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Council Members,

As a lifelong Howard County resident I would like to ask of you to please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021. It has been extremely disheartening to witness the destruction of the wooded areas in the eastern half of our county over the past twenty years. Please take this step toward slowing the over development that has become seemingly out of control.

Thank You,
David Lichliter

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: John Peery <johncpeery59@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 7:48 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB78

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Dear Honorable HoCo Council Members,

I write today asking for you to vote to override the County Executive's veto of CB78. This is an important piece of legislation that not only takes measures now to protect more trees from senseless destruction from development, but also demonstrates our (Howard Countians, Marylanders, Americans, etc) that preserving and protecting our natural resources is a priority, at least as important as continued development.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Peery
Savage, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Jocelyn Velez <jbmvelez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 8:49 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: [SUSPECTED SPAM] *Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.*

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I am writing to ask the council to please override the County Executive's veto of the Council Bill 78-2021.

I want Howard County to keep it's green spaces and not have them sacrificed to developers who destroy everything in nature purely for profit. Flooding is often a direct result of the tearing down of trees for development and the developers don't mitigate the effects properly. They cause damage and walk away after selling their newly built homes and buildings. Without trees, the water just runs off and floods areas we live in, long after the developer has washed their hands of any problems they have caused by tearing down those trees. The County needs to hold developers accountable and stop their harmful actions against nature. Howard County has so much natural beautiful. Please protect it from greed.

Thank you,
Jocelyn Velez of Elkridge

Sayers, Margery

From: Sue <suemazzoni@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 10:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: OVERRIDE THE VETO

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Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

We care about this bill and will be watching the vote.

We are deeply concerned about Calvin Ball's veto. This is the last straw. We will not vote again for Calvin Ball.

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- *"To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity."*
Douglas Adams

Sayers, Margery

From: Shari <shariglenn1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 9:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 78-2021 veto override

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Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

I live in District 2 and feel strongly that we need to better protect our trees.

Shari Glenn

Sayers, Margery

From: Jean Silver-Isenstadt <jeansi@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pls override veto of CB78-2021

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Dear Council Members,
Please vote to override the veto of CB 78-2021. Please do all you can to protect trees of all dimensions in Howard County.
Thank you,
Jean Silver-Isenstadt
10174 Deep Skies Dr
Laurel MD 20723

Sayers, Margery

From: Ike <ikef250fx4@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:07 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB78 override veto

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Please vote to override the veto of CB78. As a resident in Savage,MD I believe we need to protect more trees from development. I've seen many fall in the last few years and very few put back.

v/r
Isaac

Sayers, Margery

From: Tori Diersen <torridtorid@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:07 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Vote to override the veto of CB78

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As a resident of Howard County, I want to express my disappointment in the county executive's decision to veto CB78 and encourage the council to please vote to override the veto. I want to see our county preserved for future generations as a healthy and inviting place to live. In order to do that, we need to protect trees and green space and plan development and infrastructure changes carefully around those protections.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: Divorce Coach <divorcecoachclient@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 5:49 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override veto please

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Has County Exec Calvin Ball completely rolled over to developers and forsaken even TREES by VETOING the Forest Conservation bill approved by 4 of 5 County Council members??? Boo!!!

Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

Lisa Dean
11862 Simpson Road
Clarksville Maryland

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Baker <sdbaker1998@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 5:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Susan Baker
Subject: CB 78-2021

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Dear Council Members,

I am a Resident of District 5. I am writing to urge all five council members to override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021. I believe CB 78-2021 promotes the best environmental practices for our county, which are sorely needed.

Thank you for crafting this bill and working so hard for its passage.

Cordially,

Susan D. Baker, Ph.D.
sdbaker1998@gmail.com
12217 Woodford Drive
Marriottsville, Maryland

Sayers, Margery

From: Tim Shaw <tshaw01@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 5:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021

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I am so tired of developers having their way in this county. I'm in Clarksville and we're about to lose the Limestone Valley Farm to a retirement community. No one here asked for that.

Sayers, Margery

From: Nancy Parlette <nancyparlette@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 4:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override Calvin Ball's Veto

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Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

Sincerely,

Nancy Parlette

6434 S. Trotter Rd.

Clarksville, MD 21029

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Sayers, Margery

From: Walsh, Elizabeth
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 4:47 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: OVERRIDE VETO against CB-78

From: Kacie Diniz <cassisgel@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 9:02 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>; Ball, Calvin <cball@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: OVERRIDE VETO against CB-78

Dear Council Members,

I support CB-78. Please vote to override the veto enacted against CB-78. The best measure to mitigate an act of God, is God designed. We need MORE trees to prevent the horrible flooding we've seen. More trees means greater security, protection, and mitigation against flooding. Our city and its residents deserve better. Please protect Ellicott city, and its residents. Stop the corruption that is clearly the result of greedy developers who don't care about our livelihoods but rather the money in their pockets.

Thank you,
Kacie Diniz

Sayers, Margery

From: Baker, Kevin
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 4:46 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Override CE veto

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy <amybenn@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 11:21 AM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Override CE veto

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Please override Calvin Balls veto of CB78 Thank you for your efforts!

Sent from my iPhone
Amy Bennett (Columbia)

Sayers, Margery

From: Baker, Kevin
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 4:46 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021

From: Thomas Evans <evansto116@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 11:06 AM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; dyungmann@howardcounty.gov
Subject: County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021

Council Members,
I live in District 4 and do not want the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021 to be overridden.

Please *DO NOT* override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

Regards,
Thomas O. Evans
11915 Hall Shop Road
Clarksville, MD 21029

Sayers, Margery

From: Baker, Kevin
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 4:46 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Do NOT override the veto to CB 78

From: Haydee Herrera <lolalagrande123@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 9:46 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>;
crigby@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Do NOT override the veto to CB 78

Members of the Council,
please do NOT override the veto of CB 78.
thank you,
Haydee Herrera
D1 resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Baker, Kevin
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 4:45 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Override the veto of CB78, please.

From: bill cozzo <billcozzo@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 9:27 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Override the veto of CB78, please.

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Dear Councilmembers,
Please support the bill as you originally did by overriding the veto of CB78.
Thank You.
Respectfully yours,

Bill Cozzo (he/him/his)
Ellicott City, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: chettyoak@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 4:43 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please override veto of CB-78 (Forest Conservation)

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Please stick to your original votes on CB-78 and override the CE's veto. Many environmental organizations and other supporters of the bill have responded to the CE's three primary concerns and shown them to be unfounded. Please pass CB-78 as previously passed.

Thank you,
Frances Keenan
Autumn Field Court
Ellicott City

January 3, 2022

Re: Testimony In Support of the Veto on CB78 – New Forest Conservation Definitions

Dear Counsel Chair Jones and Members of the Howard County Council:

The Howard County Chapter of the Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA) writes in support of the County Executive Veto on CB 78-21. which would revise the definition of specimen trees.

The Forest Conservation Act of Howard County was repealed and reenacted in December 2019 with an effective date of February 5, 2020. A revised Forest Conservation Manual was approved by Resolution in February 2021. These Acts and Manuals were only recently passed, and it is an unreasonable burden on builders and developers to now consider additional changes to the Forest Conservation Act while they are still attempting to stay in compliance with the new regulations. Both the County and the industry have only begun to implement these new rules and there isn't a track record that indicates that these changes are necessary. Additionally, MBIA has serious doubts the legislation will achieve the desired end goals.

This legislation would create a largely unenforceable legislative mandate that would change the definition of a specimen tree to be more broadly defined. This in conjunction with the recently passed CB-89 would retroactively apply new standards and endanger multiple projects and homeowners that have complied with current standards or practice. This places projects in which considerable funds and manpower have already been attributed at risk even if all parties have fully complied with existing law. Additionally, the practicality of determining which trees over the past 5 years that have been cleared met the standard outlined in the bill would be difficult, if not impossible to do with accuracy and constitute a considerable investment in time and funds, and which will ultimately lead to an inaccurate count of specimen trees since there is not a practical way to determine which trees met the standard prior to being cleared.

We do not agree that Howard County's definition of specimen trees should be different than that defined in the State Forest Conservation Act. In our opinion, the change would have unintended consequences and lead to unintentional constraints on development in the county. The fiscal impact of further limiting development has not properly been analyzed especially since the Variance process was only recently changed in the 2019 legislation.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Council vote to uphold the veto of Council Bill 78-2021. Thank you for your attention to this vital issue and your continued support of the local home building industry. If you have any questions about these comments and would like to discuss MBIA's position further, please do not hesitate to contact me at iambruso@marylandbuilders.org or (202) 815-4445.

Best regards,

Isaac Ambruso, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs

Cc: Counsel Chair Opel Jones
Councilmember Liz Walsh
Councilmember Deb Jung
County Executive Calvin Ball
Councilman David Yungmann

Sayers, Margery

From: Hiruy Hadgu <hadguhiruy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 1:00 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Override the County Executive's Veto of Council Bill 78-2021

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Sayers, Margery

From: i.need.darkchocolate@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 12:19 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override veto

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Please override the county execs veto and protect more trees!
Sue Clemens
7071 Garden Walk
Columbia

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Hazel Heffner <hlheff@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 12:05 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB78

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Good morning and Happy New Year Council Members

Please override Calvin s Ball veto of CB78. It takes many years for trees to reach 24 " maturity. People can t deny the 10 degree cooler difference in summer time under a tree or canopy of mature tree and trees clean the air. I m very concerned about the amount of trees removed from many areas of the county.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter.

Hazel Heffner
Triadelphia Rd
Ellicott City Md 21043
Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Paul Sill <paul@sillengineering.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 11:56 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Do note vote to override the veto of CB 78-2021

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I support the County Executive's veto of CB 78-2021 and ask that you do not vote to override it.
Thank you,

Paul M. Sill, PE, LEED AP
Sill Engineering Group, LLC
16005 Frederick Road, Second Floor
Woodbine, MD 21797
Office: 443-325-5076 ext. 102
Fax: 410-696-2022
Cell: 443-878-4314
Website: www.sillengineering.com

 Please consider the environment before printing this email.

Sayers, Margery

From: Mario Pallares <merp64@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 11:12 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB78-2021

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Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021

V/R

*Mario Pallares
Jessup, MD 20794*

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Meg Boyd <boydfamily11@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 10:25 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please override veto of CB 78-2021

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I am writing in support of overriding the veto of CB 78-2021.

Thank you,
Meg Boyd
6589 Belmont Woods Rd, Elkridge, MD 21075

Sayers, Margery

From: Margaret Goodlin <margg4414@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 10:06 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override the County Executive's veto of CB78-2021.

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Please override Calvin Ball's veto of CB78-2021. Now with climate change, we need our trees more than ever.

Margaret Goodlin
Columbia

Sayers, Margery

From: Cherish Giusto <cherish.giusto@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 9:58 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please protect our trees

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

I am writing to encourage you to override the veto of CB78-2021. Please protect the county's trees, especially the mature trees which take hundreds of years to replace.

Many of the county's residents choose to live here because of the respect for our forests which give us beauty, clean air, and an endless list of benefits. This sets us apart from other suburban areas. It would be a shame to see that change. The over-development going on in our county is extremely disappointing and a threat to what makes our county great. Taking down mature trees is a decision that cannot be readily reversed, and it will have detrimental consequences.

Please make every effort to protect our mature trees and natural resources. I truly believe that this is what the majority of county residents would want.

Cherish Giusto
Ellicott City

Sayers, Margery

From: David Zajic <dmzajic@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 8:14 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 78-2021

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Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

Sayers, Margery

From: Lynn Foehrkolb <lfoehrkolb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 7:33 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override the Veto

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Council: ***Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.***

Thank you,
Lynn Foehrkolb
5507 Vantage Point Road
Columbia, Maryland 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Jackson Drury <druryconan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:53 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Council Bill 78-2021

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Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021."

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Jackson Drury

M.P.P. University of Maryland College Park

B.A. University of Maryland Baltimore County

Sayers, Margery

From: Sam Ou <email.sam.ou@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 10:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Yungmann, David
Subject: Please veto

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Resident of district 5 here.

Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

Thank you,
Sam Ou

Sayers, Margery

From: Sandra Holt <sandraholtlaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 10:25 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Big Tree Proposal

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Hello,

I'd like to express my support of the big tree proposal and I am in favor of the County Council overriding Dr. Ball's veto of this measure.

Thank you,
Sandra Holt

Sayers, Margery

From: Ryan Darragh <darraghr4@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 10:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Council Bill 77-2021

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Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

Thanks,
Ryan Darragh
10635 Gramercy Pl Unit 435
Columbia MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Garber <buzysusan23@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 9:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB78 Override the veto

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Dear Council Chair Jones, Co-chair Rigby, and Council Members:

I was so proud that you came together and passed (4-1) CB78-2021 to protect more trees. I'm hoping Howard County residents can count on you to support your prior action by working together to **override the County Executive's veto**.

Dr. Ball often says to me "I know we don't agree on everything, but we do agree on a lot." This is one of those times when I simply cannot agree with his decision (to veto CB78) and fear he has yielded to strong and constant developer pressures. But ultimately he, and all of you, must make the critical decision to protect Howard County residents from the threats of flooding, heat islands, loss of habitat for diverse species, etc.-- and all the many devastating effects of climate change which are clearly linked to development involving the removal of mature trees. The science is there. The value of mature trees in protecting our environment, our health, our very quality of life IS measurable.

Preservation, through increased protection of trees over 24 inches in diameter, is the least costly, least labor intensive path to protecting steep slopes and stream beds; to reducing stormwater run off that pollutes our rivers with chemicals and sediment; to providing shade that reduces air-conditioning costs, etc., etc.

Why wouldn't anyone support actions that require less cost, less energy, and less effort. Let the mature trees do the carbon sequestration and the production of oxygen we need to exist--and thrive. Let's be thankful for the natural gift of trees and value them over short-term financial gain to persons who will just move on to more development and destruction elsewhere. CB78 provides a way for Howard County to proudly lead the way to saying "The unnecessary sacrifice of mature trees to development STOPS HERE. We will protect this most valuable of limited resources by requiring development plans which work **with** the land."

Please override the veto!

Susan Garber

Sayers, Margery

From: Christine Lemyze <clemyze@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 9:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Christine Lemyze
Subject: Council Bill 78-2021

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Dear Council Members,

Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.
It is important for forest preservation in Howard County.

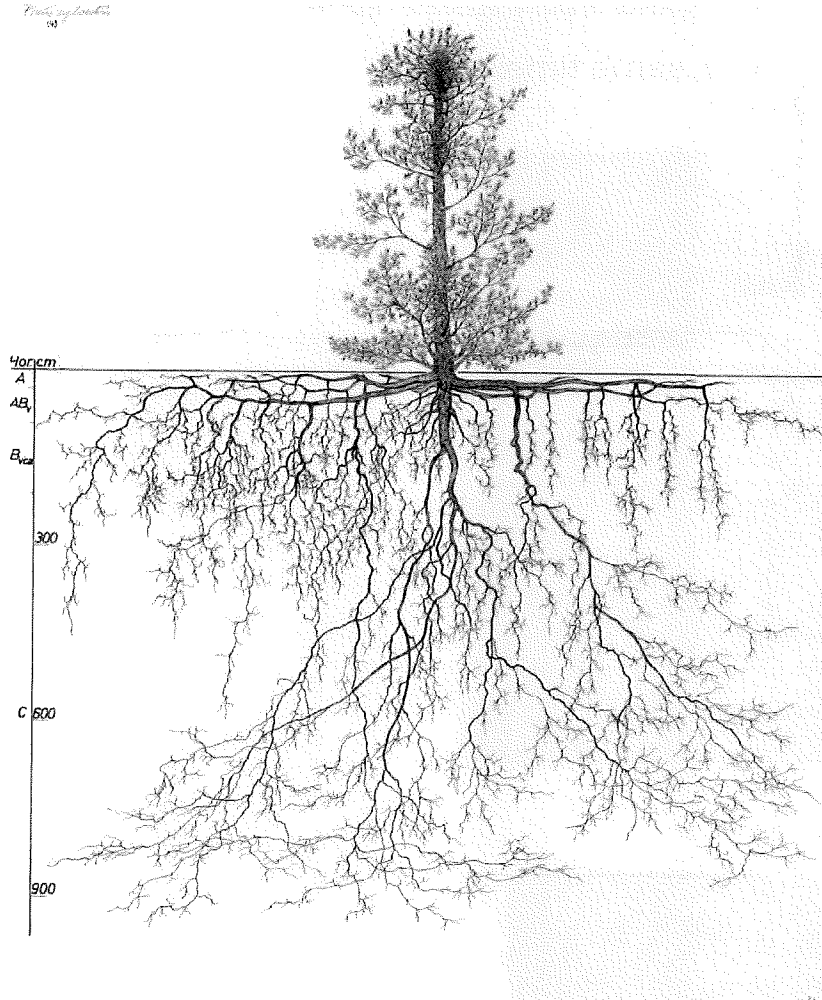
Thank you.

Christine Lemyze
3861 Woodville Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Council members,

Pinus strobus
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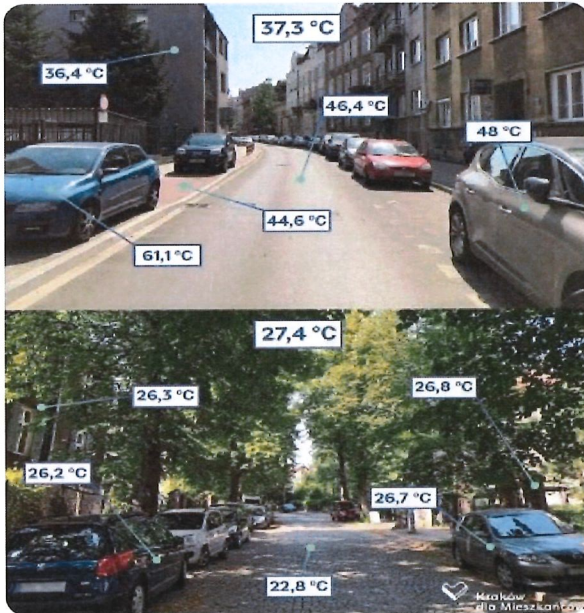
Saving more 24"+ trees doesn't just save a big tree, but also all of the unseen, even bigger, community that lives in the soil, the billions of bacteria, invertebrates, fungi, etc, that depend on each other, that sequester carbon, absorb heavy rainfalls, mitigate high summer temperatures, remove carbon dioxide from the air and produce oxygen for others to consume.

Remove that tree and bulldoze that living soil and what will remain is dead dirt. It will take decades to maybe begin to bring life back to that soil. Small, isolated trees planted into that dirt desert will struggle to reestablish a living soil. (Ten years later a neighboring development to me still has next to no signs of life. One example, no birds, which means no food, no insects.)

However, if a few of the older trees (and their accompanying soil) are left alone, they can provide a starter population that can spread to the other newly planted trees and shrubs, and to the soil, helping to support their growth and development. They can keep pores in the soil to allow heavy rains to infiltrate and reduce stormwater runoff.

They can continue to sequester carbon and provide oxygen. They can provide shade to help keep the surroundings cooler. And they can provide beauty.

Same city, same day, same time:
two different streets.



It doesn't need to be either or:



Protecting trees that are greater than 24" is a good compromise and will more than pay us back in ecosystem services.

Please override the County Executive's veto of CB 78.

Thank you,

Cathy Hudson



Testimony In-Favor of Veto Override for CB-78
January 1, 2022

Howard County Council Members:

We are writing to urge you to maintain your support for CB-78. As you are aware, we joined the following organizations in support of this legislation:

Audubon Society of Central Maryland
Clean Water Action Maryland
Howard County Bird Club
Howard County Citizens' Association
Howard County Sierra Club
Indivisible Howard County
Maryland Conservation Council
Maryland League of Conservation Voters
Maryland Ornithological Society
Patapsco Heritage Greenway
Preservation Maryland
Safe Skies Maryland
Savage Community Association
The People's Voice
Transition Howard County

We noted, however, that MBIA was opposed to the legislation. If you remember, they opposed the 2019 Forest Con Act as well.

On December 14th, the County Executive vetoed this popular piece of legislation, we would like to further examine his stated reasons below:

In his first reason for vetoing, the County Executive claims that the on-site retention threshold reduction to 24 inches is arbitrary. However, in Montgomery County's Forest Conservation bill 36-20, that went into effect in February of 2021, a **Significant tree** is "a tree of any species that is 24 inches or greater in diameter at 4.5 feet above the ground" therefore, our neighboring

county has already provided precedent for this defined size- and has even labeled them significant.

The second reason attempts to address a concern with non-native or invasive trees somehow being overlooked in CB-78. However, specified treatment & procedures of invasive species can be found in the Howard County Forest Conservation Manual in sections 3 & 4, and inclusion of additional tree protection is parallel; nowhere in the legislation does it say that anything should be exempt from invasive removal procedure, and so this argument is a non-issue.

As far as the veto reason number three, claiming that DPZ staff time would “significantly increase.” We see no such language in the Auditor’s Analysis dated October 4, 2021. The single-page report states that additional staff hours will be required for application review, “however, the extent of the additional work required by DPZ cannot be determined at this time.” This is a vast difference from the County Executive’s postulation that the “*DIG positions dedicating over half their time to ensuring compliance*” would be needed. ***If anything***, the report is ambiguous at best about any potential cost increase. As the District 1 office points out, there would be no reasonable need for any additional staff requirement, but rather only a possible insignificant increase in the review process for the additional trees protected under this legislation.

So the question is not whether the veto merits a reconsideration and further evaluation, because as we point out above upon further examination, the stated reasons for the veto fall apart. The question is rather: why not maintain your conviction to expand protection to more trees in the county? And will your votes reflect the will of the constituents? Will you adhere to your principles and your original vote in favor of this legislation- or will political pressure cause you to cave in a betrayal to the constituents you were elected to serve?

Sayers, Margery

From: Lily Weiss-Lora <lweisslora@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 8:33 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Bill 78-2021

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***“Please override the County Executive’s veto of Council Bill 78-2021
Lily Weiss-Lora***

Sayers, Margery

From: Dave Mitchell <caverdave@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 8:33 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Council bill 78-2021

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Absolutely, please override the County Executive's veto of Council bill 78-2021.

Thank you!
Dave Mitchell
Governors Run
Ellicott City, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: John Jacobs <jacobs.jf@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 8:11 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please override veto of CB 78-2021

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Conservation efforts in Howard County should be of utmost importance. Please override the County Executive's veto of CB 78-2021. Thank you.

John Jacobs
3005 State Route 32
West Friendship, MD 21794

Sayers, Margery

From: lbkazlow <lbkazlow@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 8:10 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB78-2021

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Please override County Executive Ball's veto of CB78-2021. Our trees are very important to us. Thank you.
Lauren Kazlow
Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: BRENDA HUGHES <MyDogRhett@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 8:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override Veto of CB78-2021

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PLEASE OVERRIDE VETO CB78-2021!!!

The County Council is meeting on Monday January 3 and will consider overriding Calvin Ball's ill-thought (but clearly pro-developer) veto of CB78-2021.

Calvin Ball's rationale for the veto is non-sensical. He states no neighboring jurisdictions protect trees that are 24-inches in diameter. Then why would Montgomery County require developers to submit a survey of trees with a minimum of 24-inches diameter (not 30-inches) for their development applications? A fun but meaningless exercise?

Mature trees are the best nitrogen and phosphorus absorbers, not to mention oxygen producers. Montgomery County has the most protective forest conservation regulations in the State because they understand and value trees - for good reason.

Calvin Ball also alleges that it will cost staff additional time to inspect and enforce the regulations. How is that a justification for not implementing a regulation that would maintain a necessary tree canopy? What if that was the standard for any regulation or law?

We wouldn't have any. "No, we can't adopt theft laws, those just take too much time to investigate, go to court, etc." Moreover, he is just guessing it will take additional time. How does he know there are that many more 24-inch trees? Wouldn't these forested sites already need to be inspected for the 30-inch trees?

I'm INCREDIBLY tired of watching development after development DEVASTATE forests in the name of building more houses and commerce to generate tax revenue and allowing developers to renege on their promises to communities they are affecting.

No wonder Calvin Ball is on his way out.. but I'm sure he has a seat on someone's payroll for all of the development that is happening under his watch.

Brenda Hughes,
10703 Harding Road
Laurel, MD 20723

Sayers, Margery

From: AOL Mail (Conditions et politique) <vivalig@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 8:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB78-2021

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I am writing to urge the County Council to ***override*** County Exec. Ball's veto of CB78-2021!!

We need to protect the trees, and all valuable things that trees connect us to, that remain in Howard County. We do not have the time any longer to be short-sighted and thoughtless with our environment.

thank you,
Lisa Gibson
5778 Flagflower Place
Columbia 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: Deepak Suri <deepaksuri@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 7:32 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for forest conservation bill

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Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

Deepak Suri
Resident
Clarksville, MD 21029

Sayers, Margery

From: Christopher Schisler <metalmanec@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 7:23 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override the Veto!

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Dear Council Members:

This is an opportunity to make a difference.

Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

Christopher Schisler
3819 Mulligans Hill Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: DaleNSchumacher <dalenschumacher@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 7:03 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Override the Executive's veto of CB 78-2021

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Dear Council Member,
Please Override the Executive's veto of CB 78-2021 - see following rationale.

1. **Climate Change and Global warming are fact.** - The Earth is being overwhelmed - At the island community of Kodiak, the air temperature at a tidal gauge hit 67 F (19.4°C) degrees on Sunday, the highest December reading ever recorded in Alaska. Carbon dioxide levels are at the highest in 800,000 years. **Large trees are an effective response** to rising CO₂ levels.
2. **30 inches to 24** - The veto memorandum suggests that 24 inches is aberrant since other countries in Maryland are at 30 inches. However, other jurisdictions already use the 24-inch standard. See **the 20 to 24-inch standard- Exhibit 1 from Alpharetta, Georgia.** Howard County can be a **leader and not a lagger** in standards.
3. **Administrative Burden** - the "Development Inspection Group" will be additionally burdened because *"CB78 is projected to potentially triple the number of trees that need to be verified....."* The veto memorandum provides no analytics supporting this claim.
4. **Alternative Compliance** - The veto memorandum projects a substantial burden with no analytics to support this claim.
5. **Delay** -The Executive suggests that previously passed CB 89 should be allowed to take effect. With global warming, the Earth does not have time for delays.

Thank you.

Dale Schumacher

EXHIBIT 1

Guidance Document For Tree Conservation, Landscape, and Buffer Requirements Article III Section 3.2 Alpharetta Georgia, 2020

2. Specimen Trees: Any tree which qualifies for special consideration for preservation due to its size, type, condition, location or historical significance and which also meets the minimum size criteria set forth below.

Size Criteria:

Pine Trees: 30-inch diameter or larger for trees in the *Pinus* (Pine) genus.

Coniferous Trees: 20" diameter or larger for trees in the *cedrus* (deodar cedar), *Thuja* (Arborvitae), or other ecologically similar trees,

Overstory Trees: 30-inch diameter or larger for trees in the *Liquidambar* (Sweetgum) or *Liriodendron* (Tulip poplar) genus

20-inch diameter or larger for trees in the *Fagus* (Beech), *Nyssa* (Tupelo), *Diospyros* (Persimmon), *Sassafras* (Sassafras), or other ecologically similar trees,

20-inch diameter or larger for *Magnolia grandiflora* (Southern magnolia) and those cultivars that generally reach a mature height over 40'

24-inch (24") diameter or larger for trees in all other genera

Understory Trees: 8-inch (8") diameter or larger.

10-inch (10") diameter or larger for *Oxydendron arboretum* (Sourwood).

Sayers, Margery

From: jhmi <mc.jhmi@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 6:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override Veto: CB78-2021

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Dear Council,

Please vote to override the County Executive's veto on CB78-2021.

We're **out of time on climate change**. It is the number one issue that we face. The best we can do to protect our children's future is to adapt to the change that is upon us. Conserving trees is critical to that adaptation.

An argument that it will increase **administrative costs** and therefore shouldn't be done, isn't new. The current legislation hasn't been enforced at either the County or State level because we don't prioritize it as a critical need. You can't fix that issue by ignoring the need, you have to change the priorities to meet the need.

Arguing about **non-native or invasive species** isn't relevant. Legal definitions don't exist. Agreement on what constitutes a non-native species doesn't exist and most importantly, the science doesn't agree that non-native trees have no value. In fact, the recent studies do support conserving non-native species in many cases.

The State law is the minimum standard. We can and should do better. Montgomery County Forest Conservation code defines Significant Tree as "a tree of any species that is **24" or greater** in diameter at 4.5 feet above the ground." (Sec. 22A-3. Definitions). Therefore, 24" is not arbitrary, but is the current gold standard in Maryland.

Thank you,

Mary Catherine Cochran

Ellicott City, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Kerry Lessard <kerrylessard@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 6:15 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: CB78

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Council Members:

I am writing to ask you to stick to your vote for CB78. Somehow the County Executive sees this as a bridge too far, but this adjustment to the requirements - if actually enforced - has the potential for significant positive impact in Howard County.

Dr. Ball calls the 24-inch rule "arbitrary", but it has been in force for specific applications in the County and surrounding counties. It is do-able, and no more "arbitrary" than a 30-inch rule. What will happen is that more trees will be retained or replaced.

Dr. Ball is concerned about staff workload caused by an increase in waiver applications. Waivers have been the free pass for careless tree clearing for too long in Howard County. A few years back the announcement to rename waivers as "alternative compliance" was met with derisive laughter from the public gathered in the Council Meeting Room. It didn't help that the term "alternative facts" had just been introduced at the national level. If rules are actually enforced instead of being gutted by rubber-stamp waivers, the workload will remain manageable.

This is more than an aesthetic choice. Yes, trees are pretty, but they also contribute combat storm water runoff and sequester greenhouse gases. We are seeing dramatic effects of climate change around the world - fires, floods, sea level rise, droughts, etc. - and these problems are accelerating. Governments need to take action for more thoughtful management of wooded areas. This opportunity to "think globally and act locally" can be a contribution.

I admire Dr. Ball and appreciate the environmental work he has done with this Council. He's wrong on this one.

Thank you for repeating your original vote, overriding the veto, and making CB78 law.

Kerry Hawk Lessard, MAA
3628 Fels Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Sayers, Margery

From: Ryan Gardner <rwgardner@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 6:07 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please override veto of CB78-2021

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I'll keep it short as I'm sure you've heard all the arguments. Few things contribute to the beauty of our county more than mature trees. We need Dr. Ball to stop being so pro-developer and instead stand up for the citizens.

Please override the veto.

Thank you!

Ryan Gardner

Sayers, Margery

From: Megan Johnson <megan.johnson0219@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 5:58 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override Veto of Council Bill 78-2021

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Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

Regards,
Megan
9457 Greco Garth
Columbia

Sayers, Margery

From: Rev. AT Robinson <rev.atrobinson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 5:55 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override Veto CB78-2021.

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Please Override Mr. Ball's veto CB78-2021.

Thank you,

Rev. Aaron Robinson
7673 Bluff Point Lane,
Elkridge, MD 21075

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To the members of the Howard County Council,

All the Ash trees are dead. The invasive Emerald Ash Borer has killed every one of them.

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/hungry-pests/the-threat/emerald-ash-borer/emerald-ash-borer-beetle>

The largest of our Oak trees are dying. No one knows why.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2021/11/25/oak-trees-dc-mid-atlantic-dying/?emci=59ecd0cf-4f3b-ec11-9820-c896653b26c8&emdi=fa1e1be2-965d-ec11-94f6-0050f2e65e9b&ceid=4360906>

Beech Leaf Disease is killing all the American Beech trees. It is not in Maryland yet, but it is coming.

<http://www.dontmovefirewood.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Beech-Leaf-Disease-Pest-Alert.pdf>

The Eastern Hemlock trees are dying, from infestation of the invasive Woolly Adelgid.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hemlock_woolly_adelgid

I can go on.

Our forests are under stress. Invasive species and climate change are taking a toll.

If we protect only our largest specimen trees, and allow the next generation of large trees to be cleared, there will be no large trees at all once age, stress, and disease take our current specimen trees. For decades. That's what it means to uphold this veto. Our grandchildren may never know a century old oak tree. And if that happens it will be because of the unwise decisions we make today.

All of us have an obligation to be good stewards of our environment. We should strive to leave our land better than we found it. Because in the big picture, each of us only occupies this land for a short while.

Taking care of our forests and natural areas is a fundamental responsibility of all of us. As citizens. As property owners. And you on the Howard County Council have a particularly great responsibility as lawmakers. You set the policy that determines whether there will be specimen trees and healthy forests in our future.

Override the veto.

Drew Roth

6117 Lawyers Hill Road
Elkridge, MD 21075

Sayers, Margery

From: Joanna Ramos-Romero <jramosromero0409@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 5:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Bill 78-2021

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Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joanna Ramos-Romero
Concerned Howard County resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Burnet Chalmers <burnetchalmers@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 4:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please support CB78 and override the veto

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Please support CB78 and override Executive Calvin Balls veto.

Its often said that one of the best ways to reduce carbon in our atmosphere is to plant trees.

A much better way is to reduce the number of trees that are cut down.

Please reaffirm the Council's vote by over riding Executive Calvin Ball's veto.

Thank you!

Burnet H Chalmers
6560 Belmont Woods Road
Elkridge, MD 21075-5201
burnetchalmers@outlook.com
410-591-2519

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Sayers, Margery

From: Barb and Don Langridge <yellowstone30@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 8:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: [SUSPECTED SPAM] Override

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“Please override the County Executive’s veto of Council Bill 78-2021.”

Thank you-Barb

Sayers, Margery

From: Laurie Liskin <lliskin49@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 2:43 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please override the County Executive's veto of CB-78-2021

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Dear County Council Members,

I urge you to override County Executive Ball's veto of Council Bill 78-2021. We need to make every effort to protect Howard County's trees and preserve our environment for current and future generations. It is possible to combine planned development and conservation of our natural resources. We should not have to sacrifice big trees to build more houses.

CB 78-2021 has been supported by multiple community groups. Please heed the voices of your constituents and vote to override the County Executive's veto.

Laurie Liskin
4642 Smokey Wreath Way, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Kenneth Wachter <kwachter@qis.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 1:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB78-2021 Veto Override

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Dear H.C. Council:

Please override Calvin Ball's veto of CB78-2021.

Thank you,

Kenneth Wachter
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Frances Lorenzi <florenzi@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 1:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: PLEASE OVERRIDE CALVIN BALL'S VETO OF CB78-2021

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of efforts to override Calvin Ball's veto of CB78-2021.

We must protect our mature trees. The cost of additional staff time that *might* be needed for inspection and enforcement of the regulations is certainly NOT a sufficient reason to veto the bill. That rationale is not one commonly applied in consideration of whether something is the right or wrong thing to do. Failure to adequately protect mature trees, in the name of expanded development is the WRONG thing to do. I am usually a very strong supporter of Mr. Ball. I think he has done a tremendous job in Columbia - but his stance on this issue is indefensible!

Please override the veto of CB78-2021.

Thank you,

Frances Lorenzi
11429 High Hay Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Lorna Josiah <lorna_josiah@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 1:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override Veto of CB78-2021

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> I'm quite annoyed and disheartened at Mr. Ball's attempt to turn what is a beautiful green fresh air neighborhood into a haven for developers by not protecting trees.
>
> We have seen globally the destruction brought forth by global warming - even currently with the abnormally high December temperatures - that I find it quite foolhardy that Mr. Ball would even attempt such a veto.
>
> Please listen to me and countless others as we request the overuse of Mr. Ball's negligent veto.
>
> Kindest regards
>
> Lorna Josiah
> Columbia MD

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: MM Hague <mmhague@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 11:05 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB78-2021 - override the veto

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HC Council,

I respectfully request you override Mr. Ball's veto of CB78-2021 regarding protection of trees 24 inches in diameter.

Howard County conservation and eco-focus has diminished in the last 20 years and we are beginning to resemble the 'tear 'em all out, boys' approach to building that will make us just another one of the concrete jungle counties.

Have we forgotten Old Ellicott City or do we simply have our sights set on other things?

Mary Margaret Hague
mmhague@comcast.net
443-542-7777

Sayers, Margery

From: Arlene Baublitz <abaublitz@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 10:49 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: council bill 78-2021

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Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021, More protection, not less is needed from the impact of development.

Thank you

Arlene Baublitz
c: 443-388-2567

Sayers, Margery

From: Amanda Sparrow <almsparrow@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 10:24 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Request for Jan. 3, 2022, meeting

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Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

**Sincerely,
Amanda Sparrow
Scaggsville, MD**

Sayers, Margery

From: Kathy Benton <KSBenton1@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 10:04 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: override of bill

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Please override CB 78-2021. Developers always want to take the easy road with no benefits to the people. When my husband and I built a house in Ocean Pines, MD in 1991, their environmental group surveyed our property and marked what trees could be taken down. Our builder had to put up \$1,000.00. If he followed their direction, he got his money back; if he didn't, oh well. We should be doing this throughout Maryland.

Kathy Benton
10362 Globe Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042
Ksbenton1@outlook.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Evelyn Henderson <evelyn@hendersoncreative.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 8:45 AM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: Council Bill 78-2021

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Hello,

I'm reaching out today as a 23-year resident of Ellicott City, asking that you please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

Warm Regards,
Evelyn
Evelyn Henderson



Sayers, Margery

From: Comcast <rachelmatney@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 6:48 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 78-2021

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Happy New Year!

Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

This is an important bill to protect our mature trees which are vital to our environment and a bill that will hopefully curb the rampant overdevelopment occurring in Howard county. Please protect our green space.

Thank you.

Sayers, Margery

From: 3 Pamela <pgandy1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 4:46 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB78-2021

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to support of overriding the veto of CB78-2021.

We need all the trees we can save to help the environment and slow climate change.

Thank you,

Pamela Gandy

*6115 Timothy Ct.
Columbia, MD 21044
Home: 410-964-1731
Cell/text: 410-960-8587*

Sayers, Margery

From: Amit Gulati <amitgulati@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 3:31 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please override veto of CB78-2021

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Please save our trees!

Sayers, Margery

From: Mark Brinegar <mrkbrinegar@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 9:56 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Council bill 78-2021

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As residents of HOCO, Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

Thank you very much!

Mark and Mary Brinegar

Elkridge, MD 21075

Sayers, Margery

From: Rose Edwards <rosewards@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 9:25 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB78-2021

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Please override the Executive's veto of CB78-2021. Howard County needs to keep more of our growing trees.

Rose Edwards

Sayers, Margery

From: Liz Feighner <liz.feighner@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 9:23 PM
To: CouncilMail; Rigby, Christiana
Subject: CB-78-2021 - Support the override

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Dear Council Members,

As a 29 year resident of Howard County in District 3, I support the override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021. We are losing too many trees when we should be protecting trees to help reduce our carbon emissions in our fight to slow the changing climate. We cannot afford to lose large trees that sequester carbon efficiently, so I am asking the county council to override the veto of CB 78-2021. The cost of the climate crisis pales in comparison to any possible extra Department of Planning and Zoning staff time – one of the reasons stated for the veto.

Regards,

Liz Feighner
Laurel, MD 20723
District 3

"We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors; we borrow it from our children" ~ Native American Proverb

Sayers, Margery

From: Elizabeth Jayne <eejayne@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 8:05 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 78-2021

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Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021

Elizabeth Jayne

Sayers, Margery

From: Kim P <glissando77@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 7:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override CE veto of CB78-2021

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Please override Calvin Ball's veto of council bill 78-2021. We need to stop catering to the developers and do more to preserve our county's natural environment - including big trees. Take care of the county and its residents first - including the environment. The council made the right vote the first time. It's unconscionable that Calvin obviously supports developers first (and probably the campaign funds they contribute for such preferential treatment - it needs to stop!)

Thank you council members! Keep doing what's right!!

Kim

Sayers, Margery

From: Heidi Most <greatermountains@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 6:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override veto of veto of CB78-2021.

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I support overriding the veto of CB78-2021.

Calvin Ball's rationale for the veto is non-sensical. He states no neighboring jurisdictions protect trees that are 24-inches in diameter. Then why would Montgomery County require developers to submit a survey of trees with a minimum of 24-inches diameter (not 30-inches) for their development applications? A fun but meaningless exercise? Mature trees are the best nitrogen and phosphorus absorbers, not to mention oxygen producers. Montgomery County has the most protective forest conservation regulations in the State because they understand and value trees - for good reason. Calvin Ball also alleges that it will cost staff additional time to inspect and enforce the regulations. How is that a justification for not implementing a regulation that would maintain a necessary tree canopy? What if that was the standard for any regulation or law? We wouldn't have any. "No, we can't adopt theft laws, those just take too much time to investigate, go to court, etc." Moreover, he is just guessing it will take additional time. How does he know there are that many more 24-inch trees? Wouldn't these forested sites already need to be inspected for the 30-inch trees?

Sayers, Margery

From: Mary Carol Drager <mcdrager@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 5:41 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB78-2021.

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Please do not allow veto of CB78-2021... We need more trees, they benefit us in many ways.

Thank you for your help

Sayers, Margery

From: BONNIE JOHNSON <bonljo@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 5:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB78-2021

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I am requesting that the County Council override the County Executive vote of CB78-2021. Howard County citizens are appalled at the number of trees being taken down in the County, especially when our planet's environment is in decline. We cannot continue to put big business and concrete structures ahead of our environmental responsibilities. Howard County has enough buildings, enough bike paths, but evidently not enough concern or responsibility to put the environment first, so that our children and grandchildren will live in a better world. PLEASE override this irresponsible vote of CB78-2021!

Bonnie Johnson
5030 Ten Mills Rd
Columbia, Md 21044

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: terri oscar <taoscar94@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 5:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Council Bill 78-2021

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Please override Calvin Ball's veto of Council bill 78-2021.

Enough is enough. There is something seriously wrong with Calvin Ball's decision to veto this bill in the first place. I hope you do the right thing.

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Laurie Dietrich <fierrofamily1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 5:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: please conserve our trees!

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Hello,

I am writing to request that the Council vote to override the veto of CB78-2021. It is important to conserve trees and retain the healthy environment we have in Howard County.

Thank you,
Laurie Dietrich
fierrofamily1@gmail.com
Grovemont (Elkridge)

Sayers, Margery

From: John Garber <jgar2002@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 4:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override Veto of CB78

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Dear County Council Members,

Please start the new year off right by voting to override the County Executive's veto of CB78-2021. His reasons for the veto included that it would set Howard County apart from the regulations of both the State and the other jurisdictions within Maryland. But isn't that what was just done in raising the Howard County minimum wage?!??

This strengthening of our forest conservation provisions would be the perfect example for other jurisdictions and the State to follow if we are truly serious about preventing climate change and preserving the quality of life.

Please stick to your initial convictions. Vote yes to override the veto!

Sincerely,

John Garber
District 3

Sayers, Margery

From: Celia Kurisch <ckurisch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 4:03 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override veto

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Override veto of CB78-2021! When will this county stop kowtowing to developers?

Celia Kurisch
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Sayers, Margery

From: Dave Freeman <freebody@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 2:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Overdevelopment Concerns

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Dear County Council,

We have lived in Howard County for more than twenty years and have watched the rapid and troubling destruction of the landscape by developers. The zoning board has been severely aggressive in its approval of construction/development at the expense of our living environment, and the council refuses to listen to the homeowners who elected them and the communities in which they live as well.

All this overdevelopment has led to a significant decrease in the quality of life for us Howard County residents. Therefore, I strongly urge you to override the County Executive's veto of Bill 79-2021. Thank you for your consideration.

Sayers, Margery

From: Pamela Cook <quarnocook@googlemail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 2:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021

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Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

Pamela A.Q. Cook
Howard County D3 resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Mary Chiu <mnmnchiu@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 1:47 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Mary Chiu
Subject: Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021

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Hello Council Members,

I have read the arguments put forward by Susan Garber of the Savage Community Association and I am in TOTAL agreement of her case for overriding the County Executive's veto of this bill!!

Mary Chiu

7974 Savage Guilford Rd, Jessup, MD 20794

Sayers, Margery

From: Laura Dellinger <ldellinger@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 1:47 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override Veto of CB78-2021

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

I have lived and paid taxes in Howard County for 30 years and am increasingly concerned about the deforestation and over-development of the land. We have already seen and experienced negative effects (overcrowding in schools, traffic issues, flooding...) of this rampant, unchecked development. Please do what you can to preserve our tree canopy and the quality of life in this beautiful county. Please override Calvin Ball's veto of CB78-2021.

Thank you for your consideration.

Laura Dellinger

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: S VanWey <svanwey444@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 1:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override Veto of CB78

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We support CouncilWoman Walsh's bill, CB78, and ask that you vote to override the County Executive's veto of this bill.

Ralph and Wilma VanWey

Sayers, Margery

From: Douglas Mettee <dpm4travel@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 1:06 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: HC BILL CB78-2021

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To Howard County Council Members:

I am supporting an override vote to Mr. Ball's veto of this bill. Consideration of the environment must become a priority for any construction. Developers can save the trees and work around them with a little more ingenuity. Developers only look at the bottom dollar and clear cutting makes it more convenient to their coffers.

Lets not forget the flooding that happened to Ellicott City due to the massive construction surroundings this historic town.

Make Howard County a leader in environmental stewardship and begin by saving our trees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Douglas Mettee

8585 Trail View Dr.

Ellicott City, Md. 21043

4434629024

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Sayers, Margery

From: MAK-BLK circle <circle5064@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 1:00 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: STOP cutting trees down

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for anything and mostly for more overdevelopment.

Look at that MPP district. Hundred of trees gone for asphalt and buildings for what? Wokeness and making only that area the main focus?

As if Ecotone didn't do much damage now we have the Army Corps of Engineers coming in to destroy more trees?

Howard County has become a cesspool of over development, too much traffic on roads that can't accommodate it and not enough schools.

Stop taking money from developers whether outright or under the table and wake up to what residents really want and need.

Voting matters and many residents have had it. Our wildlife is also suffering.

Maria Alvarez

Sayers, Margery

From: pannellas <pannellas@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 12:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override veto of Bill 78-2021

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021

Sincerely,
Bianca Pannella
Ellicott City

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Sayers, Margery

From: DelRosso, Jeana <JDelRosso@ndm.edu>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 12:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021

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Dear County Council,

We have lived in Howard County for more than twenty years and have watched the rapid destruction of the landscape by developers. The zoning board is aggressive in its approval of construction/development and refuses to listen to homeowners and communities. This has led to a significant decrease in the quality of life for Howard County residents, as well as for wildlife and conservation of the environment. I strongly urge you to override the County Executive's veto of Bill 79-2021. Thank you for your consideration.

Jeana DelRosso

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Sayers, Margery

From: Robert Coburn <rwcoburn@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 12:05 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please vote to override the veto of CB78-2021

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Please vote to override the County Executive's veto of CB78-2021.

Thank you.
Robert Coburn
11429 High Hay Dr.
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Jim Happel <ljhappel@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 11:41 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override the Veto of CB78-2021

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I am asking all Howard County Council members to override the County Executive veto of CB78-2021. Preserving large native trees is important for the environment, it helps to keep our county land well forested and maintains a pleasing appearance. Are we going to turn over all our open space to developers or maintain the natural settings we see all around that are so attractive to many residents? It seems that Mr. Ball is just trying to appease the land developers in spite of any rhetoric to state the opposite. Look at the floods of Ellicott City caused by poor land management, destruction of green space and trees and inadequate water runoff management.

The veto of CB78-2021 is yet one more piece of our county infrastructure being offered up to appease the developers. Please vote against the veto and keep this bill on the books!

Thank you.

Jim Happel
4253 Cezanne Circle
Ellicott City 20142

Sayers, Margery

From: Nancy Solowski <nancysolowski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 11:40 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override veto

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Please vote to override Calvin Ball's veto of CB78-2021, thank you.

Nancy Solowski

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Linda Martinak <lindamartinak@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 11:35 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Linda Martinak
Subject: Override Exec Ball's veto of Council Bill 78-2021

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Please vote to over ride Exec Balls veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

Environmental needs and Global Warming are much more important than the work it will take Planning and Zoning, etc to carry out the bill's requirements. They approved the bill put forward.

Trees are essential to lessening the CO2 in our atmosphere. Please note that only one councilman voted with Ball on this one and he is our councilman. Ashamed of that lack of foresight.

Environmentalists are essential to our local, regional and national issue of Global Warming.

Thank you.
Dr. M. Linda Martinak
12217 Woodford Drive
Marriottsville, MD 21104

SAVE THE EARTH

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 10:18 AM
To: aparks5@aol.com
Subject: Council - CB78-2021

First Name: Aluca
Last Name: Parks
Email: aparks5@aol.com
Street Address: 2731 Wynfield Rd
City: West Friendship
Subject: CB78-2021

Message: Please override Calvin Ball's veto of bill CB78-2021. We need our trees to breathe and conservation of the world begins at home!

Sayers, Margery

From: Alice <aparks5@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 10:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB78-2021

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Please override Calvin Ball's veto of bill CB78-2021. We need mature trees to breathe and conservation of our world should start at home!

Thank you,
Alice Parks

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Susannah Rose <susanhillsrose@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 10:13 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Override Veto of CB78-2021

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Dear representatives,

Most people I know moved to Columbia in part because of the beauty of its environment. Older, mature trees are major contributors to that environment. Preserving them with special care is not only the ethical thing to do - it is in our self-interest as a community. We have lost many trees to disease, and we need to nurture those that are left.

This veto, on top of the intelligence-insulting "mitigation" proposal under consideration, make me wonder whether we are losing the sense of who we are and what we treasure as a community. Please - stand up for those values and for the environment we treasure and benefit from every day we walk through our precious woods. What price can you put on the peacefulness and joy that walk provides?

Sincerely,
Susannah Rose
5455 Wingborne Ct.
Columbia, MD 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: Sally Robertson <sallyjr1@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 10:03 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Council Bill 78-2021

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Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021. The cutting of trees in this county is beyond excessive. Please stop.

I moved here in 1974 and the demise of birds and other wildlife in our neighborhoods is extremely disturbing. Overuse of leaf blowers, mowing and the supposed but nonsensical stream restorations happening in this county is creating a concrete jungle inviting more flooding and a sterile environment only pleasing to the money hungry developers. Please stop the destruction.

Sally Robertson

Sayers, Margery

From: Robert Garcia <garciaroco2@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 8:55 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Council Bill 78-2021

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I am a registered voter and resident of Ellicott City in Howard County.

Please override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

Thank you,
Robert Garcia

Sayers, Margery

From: Ina Hersh <inah1962@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 7:45 AM
To: CouncilMail

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Please save our trees. We need all we can save.

Override this veto.

Ina Hersh

Kings contrivance

Sayers, Margery

From: Amber Hufft <thehuffts@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 1:18 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Council Bill 78-2021

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Please conserve our wooded resources, one of the best attributes of living in Howard County, and override the County Executive's veto of Council Bill 78-2021.

Thank you,

Amber Hufft