

Sayers, Margery

From: Katie W <kxw116@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 7:07 PM
To: CouncilMail; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana
Subject: Please pass CB11-2022

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Hello,

I just wanted to write one more time to emphasize my support for CB11, correcting an error with the original CEF program legislation. To leave this error in place will make it less likely candidates will use this citizen-supported fund in the future. That undermines the will of the voters and makes it so that large developers will continue to have a disproportionate impact on our local elections. It will also appear that our elected officials are putting their own personal interests ahead of doing the right thing.

Best,
Katie Wilkins
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From: clarissafe@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 7:03 PM
To: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Subject: PASS CB11-2022

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***PASS CB11-2022. Not releasing funds will harm the CEF program and create uncertainty for candidates wishing to use it, whereas releasing funds does no harm to candidates or the program. It's important that we make this technical fix both for the impact on this election, but also ... to avoid the perception that our elected officials are playing politics with the program and the fund,
Thanks***

***Chiara Ferraris
6263 Dawn Day Dr., Columbia MD 21045***

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From: Christopher Schisler <metelmanec@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 8:16 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Save The Citizens Election Fund

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Councilmembers,

I'm writing (hopefully not too late) in support of the Citizen's Election Fund. As a Howard County resident, the sometimes blatant perceived influence of political campaign donors on public policy and legislation is overwhelming, the Citizen's Election Fund helps address these issues. Please support the emergency legislation currently being considered.

Many Thanks,
Christopher Schisler
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From: denise@abosch.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 5:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pass CB11-2022

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Thank you.
Denise Abosch
4233 Rose Petal Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

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From: Sue Franckel <suefranckel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Subject: CB 11-2022

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I am a constituent of Howard County. I am writing you to request that you PASS CB11-2022. Not releasing funds will harm the CEF program and create uncertainty for candidates wishing to use it, whereas releasing funds does no harm to candidates or the program. It's important that we make this technical fix both for the impact on this election, but also to avoid the perception that our elected officials are playing politics with the program and the fund.

*Thank you,
Susan Franckel
3702 Dorsey Search Cir, Ellicott City, MD 21042*

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From: Kristy Hartman Mumma <khmumma@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 4:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB11

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Good afternoon Councilmembers,

Please, VOTE for EMERGENCY Bill CB11 as soon as possible to remedy technical issues.

Any technical issues (which is debatable) certainly are not the reason for funding to be withheld. The original intent of the public financing option is being ignored, and most certainly the spirit of it also.

Additionally, there is no need to skirt your responsibility to the citizens by weaving in a potential ethical conflict. Otherwise, future votes on zoning matters will require many abstentions related to large donations.

I look forward to your vote in support of CB11.

Kristy H. Mumma
Elkridge

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From: paul.baicich <paul.baicich@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 4:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: ORHoCo: comments in favor of CB11-2022
Attachments: TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF CB11.pdf

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Dear County Council members,

Attached you will find our written comments pertaining to tonight's consideration of CB11-2022.

Sincerely,
PJB
ORHoCo Chair

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF CB11-2022

by Paul J. Baicich, Chair, Our Revolution Howard County

26 January 2022

I am writing to you on behalf of Our Revolution Howard County in support of CB11, to correct a loophole in the county's Citizens Election Fund efforts. Because the meeting to discuss this bill is tonight, and because testimony-time is severely limited, I will make this brief.

Following last month's proposed CB6-2022, introduced by Councilmember David Yungmann, it was good to see the Council work through individual concerns and good to see this new emergency legislation sponsored by all five Councilmembers and co-sponsored by the Chairperson on behalf of the County Executive.

Of course, our CEF, created after the county's voters approved the measure in 2016, allows candidates who raise enough small donations and avoid large contributions to receive matching funds. This original CEF actually *set an example* and even inspired others in our state - and beyond - to pursue similar measures. It was unfortunate to see it hobbled – at least for a time - with the absence of clarification on a technicality.

We are glad it the technicality in the CEF is on the way to being resolved.

Thankyou.

Paul J. Baicich
ORHoCo Chair
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From: Ira Franckel <francij1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 3:47 PM
To: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Subject: Bill CB11-2022

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Thanks,

*Ira Franckel
3702 Dorsey Search Circle
Ellicott City, MD*

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From: Harrod, Michelle R
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 2:35 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: CB11-2022 Emergency Clauses

Please add to testimony

Thank you,
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Administrator to the County Council

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

From: joel hurewitz <joelhurewitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 1:20 PM
To: Harrod, Michelle R <mrharrod@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CB11-2022 Emergency Clauses

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Ms. Harrod,

I noticed that the title of CB11-2022, apparently like that of other emergency bills in recent years stating "... a public emergency affecting life, health or property" does not match the language in Section 3: "... an immediate emergency affecting public health, safety, or welfare." Seems that the "public emergency" and "property" references were more appropriate to the Ellicott City emergencies. The issue with the CEF is one of welfare and not really property.

Furthermore, "health, safety, or welfare" is the language from Section 209 (d) of the Charter.

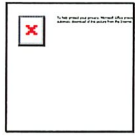
Sincerely,

Joel Hurewitz

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From: Lisa Kim <lfenton72@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 1:58 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: There is no end to the corruption. #FreeTheFund We all know Calvin Ball wants to replace Jung with his rubber stamper.

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From: Srivastava ICA Howard <srivastava@icahoward.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 1:43 PM
To: Ball, Calvin; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; CouncilMail
Subject: Citizens Election Fund open letter
Attachments: Citizens Election Fund Open Letter.pdf

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OPEN LETTER to County Executive Ball, Councilpersons Christiana Rigby & Opel Jones.

The Citizens Election Fund was meant to get money out of politics, not to be used as a political tool to harm opponents. This letter is brought to your specific attention and speaks for itself.

#CitizensElectionFund #NoDeveloperPledge #FreetheFund #FreeandFairElections #GetMoneyOutofPolitics

Regards,



Sanjay Srivastava, President

Indian Cultural Association

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January 26, 2022

**Open Letter to County Executive Ball,
County Councilpersons Christiana Rigby and Opel Jones**

Greetings,

CORRUPTION, PROPERTY-DEVELOPER-NEXUS, MONEY IN POLITICS, UNSCRUPULOUS, GREED, AND PERSONAL ENRICHMENT, are the words that have come to represent your tenure in public office. The public is watching. It should not be so difficult to do the right thing. Think about the collective waste of time this one issue has caused.

Denying PUBLIC FUNDS (from the Citizens Election Fund) to Councilperson Deb Jung and former County Executive Allan Kittleman, your political opponent in 2022, obstructs the public will. We urge you to release the funds due to Deb Jung and Allan Kittleman, without further delay.

The Citizens Election Fund is meant to remove the influence of money (property developers, corporations, PACS, etc.) on government. Leave aside the appearance of a conflict of interest, this is blatant self-serving manipulation of the system. It will **forever tarnish those responsible** for "RIGGING" the system. As Howard County descends into autocracy, it is nostalgic of the "good old days" - Nixon, McCarthy, and Hoover come to mind. The 'win at any cost' mentality is a bad example for our children.

Councilpersons Jones, Rigby & County Executive Ball, you have demonstrated better than former President Trump ever could that the system is "rigged". You have rigged it against those you consider your political enemies. You have given Trumpism a new meaning. You have become all that you profess to despise. A closer look in the mirror will reflect that you are Trump.

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Mr. Ball, the government is meant to be by the people, for the people. It appears today to be for the monied and politically connected, for real estate developers and large political donors. The largest immigrant community in Howard County does not feel represented by your administration. We are the forgotten voices who have been sacrificed on the altar of money, real-estate developers, and extremist, radical, political allies.

The Indian Cultural Association of Howard County, on behalf of its 10,000 followers and their families, demands the immediate release of the Citizens Election Funds to Deb Jung and Allan Kittleman.

We demand FREE and FAIR ELECTIONS. The Citizens Election Fund represents the will of the people; it is what Howard County residents voted for. If you do nothing to fix this injustice promptly, you are complicit and, in fact, unworthy of the office(s) you hold. Denying your opponents, the fuel necessary to run their campaigns is an attempt to steal the election.

There is yet time to adopt the path of justice, respect, and fair play. We urge you to correct these wrongs, to break the unholy nexus of money and politics. You may *consider returning the tens of thousands of dollars of developer funds you have taken and choose the Citizens Election Fund for your own campaigns.*

Regards,

Sanjay Srivastava, President

Indian Cultural Association

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