



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

I, Stu Kohn, have been duly authorized by
(name of individual)

Howard County Citizens Association - HCCA to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding CB13-2022 to express the organization's
(bill or resolution number)

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

Printed Name: Stu Kohn

Signature: _____

Date: 17 Feb 2022

Organization: HCCA

Organization Address: Ellicott City, MD. 21041

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Number of Members: 500

Name of Chair/President: Stu Kohn

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Public Hearing.***



HCCA

Howard County Citizens Association

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The Voice Of The People of Howard County

Date: 22 February 2022

Subject: HCCA in **FAVOR** of CB13-2022

Good evening. My name is Stu Kohn from Laurel and as President of the Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA we are proud that this proposed Bill is because of our suggestion and communication with the Department of Planning and Zoning, the Administration, and my Councilperson Deb Jung. This Bill is to promote accountability and responsibility. When this Bill is unanimously passed it could be as Council-member Opel Jones states in his e-newsletter, "We all win together." The removal of such signs in a timely manner will provide a means to know if there is a new activity on the property site and to remove signs that are irrelevant.

We are very appreciative we are here before you because of working with Director Amy Gowan, Jeff Goins, and Brian Shepter of DPZ as well as Sam Sidh, County Executive, Chief of Staff. They should be given the utmost credit and a thanks for not only listening to our concern but taking the necessary action. In fact, Sam even called me to ensure we were okay with the contents of the Bill. You can't ask for anything more! Amy pursued by calling the individual petitioner's attorneys asking them to remove notification signs which had been standing way after the occurrence of the event. She even had to call twice to remind a particular attorney to comply. Both Jeff and Brian had telephone meetings with me to go over the substance of the bill. During the evolution of this Bill I couldn't ask for anything more. We appreciate the effort. Thanks!

Some suggestions to potentially strengthen the Bill are as follows:

In the introduction, please add the Planning Board for clarity. Initially the various entities were not included, because I was told they are part of the Titles as referred in the Bill. We are pleased that they are now included after our suggestion.

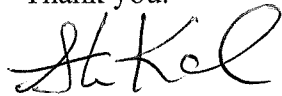
Ideally, we would like to see the fine not be \$250 per sign when not adhering to the policy but "X" amount per day the sign(s) are not removed.

Please refer to page 6, line 15, 19, 23, 25 and 26 – add after the word "poster" "including all poles supporting the poster." Currently and for a lengthy period of time there are poles standing at the Starbucks on Snowden River Parkway.

Refer to page 6, line 17 – after the word “Board” add “Board of Appeals.”

Hopefully by the passage of this Bill it will be the sign of the times for better public communication, accuracy, and responsibility. Again thanks for the support of the Administration and the Department of Planning and Zoning. We could not ask for anything more other than the passage of this Bill.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stu Kohn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "S" and "K".

Stu Kohn
HCCA President