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From: Krista Threefoot <kthreefoot@lwwmd.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 10:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: grace kubofcik; president@howardcc.edu
Subject: Funding for HCC Dragon Digital TV and LWVHC Candidate Forums

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Dear Members of the Board,

The Howard County League of Women Voters requests additional support for the Howard Community College budget funding for Dragon Digital TV both generally and specifically to support recording and broadcasting for our candidate forums.

For some brief history, we used to record/broadcast candidate forums and other events through HoCo Government TV, which was managed by the county. After HoCo Government TV was transferred to HCC, we had an MOU with the county for funding to support recording and broadcasting through Dragon TV. This changed when Alan Kittleman was in office, and now we're responsible for the full cost.

Funding for Dragon TV has remained stagnant while costs have increased, and, in order to cover their own expenses, HCC now charges us \$5,000. The college has generously offered these services at no cost for the last two election forums, but they are unable to continue doing so.

The \$5,000 charge is well beyond our means. The services they provide— recording, editing, broadcasting— are critical to our ability to make the forums accessible to all our citizens, and we don't have the capacity to replicate what they are able to do. Since our forums are one of the largest and most comprehensive in the county, it will be a huge loss to voters if we can no longer provide the same level of accessibility.

The League urges you to add at least \$5,000 to the County Council budget item for Community College broadcasting or \$5,000 directly as a line item to the Community College for support for voter education forums.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Krista Threefoot
President, LWVHC



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Howard County Branch

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HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL

CHAIR, CHRISTIANA RIGSBY

CAPITAL BUDGET

APRIL 18, 2023

WILLIE FLOWERS; PRESIDENT

NAACP HOWARD COUNTY BRANCH

Madame Chair and members of the Howard County Council I am submitting a written report because I am unable to attend today's hearing because of a prior commitment.

My name is Willie Flowers and I am the president of the NAACP Howard County Branch. We are a unit of over 800 members with programs that include our Freedom School Summer learning program, the George Washington Carver/Growing Food Together CSA, we do advocacy for education on mental health, our Branch is active with support for organized labor and building bridges between the many cultural or ethnic communities in Howard County. More importantly, we are the oldest and longest serving civil rights organization in America.

I am writing today to show support for the Howard County Community College and its many programs led by Dr. Daria Willis.

Since being at HCC Dr. Willis has been an important force in support of young people of all ages but more importantly for young people who desire to attend HCC. Through the college's dual enrollment programs and its many access points to the community, HCC has built on its prior tradition of service and education.

At this time in history with the concern of college debt Dr. Willis has briefed our Branch on the program that includes JumpStart which is a local dual enrollment program but also efforts to extend JumpStart to more students in Howard County. In addition, HCC has always worked with the community to advance the Silas Craft Collegians which is a program that supports students in need of scholarships while they are at HCC.

Finally, news of HCC's steps to build a new workforce center is just as important. It will provide workforce development opportunities for HCC students and other Howard County residents who desire to enter the workforce and become productive members of society. Additionally, the program will connect students to the many outlets of employment and service relevant to technology and will help to sustain our economy to make Howard County an even better place to live and strive.

On behalf of the NAACP Howard County I want to express support for HCC's appeal for additional funding for their very important capital project. The construction of the new workforce center will be key to building a future for students and residents of the State of Maryland.

Respectfully,

Willie Flowers; President

NAACP Howard County

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AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORIZATION
TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION

I, Dr. Daria J. Willis, have been duly authorized by
(name of individual)

Howard Community College to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding Howard Community College's capital budget to express the organization's
(bill or resolution number)

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

Printed Name: Daria J. Willis

Signature: *Daria J. Willis*

Date: 8/27/2023

Organization: Howard Community College

Organization Address: 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD, 21044

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Number of Members: _____

Name of Chair/President: Daria J. Willis

This form can be submitted electronically via email to councilmail@howardcountymd.gov no later than 5pm the day of the Public Hearing or delivered in person the night of the Public Hearing before testifying.