

## Respass, Charity

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**From:** Donna Cerbo <donnacerbo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2023 4:11 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Hearing on 4/19 case BA-22-031C-11074  
**Attachments:** friendly Inn .pdf

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To : David Yungmann  
District 5

I am submitting testimonial for the hearing on 4/19. I am a resident o John Bernard drive and I am in support of the proposed age restricted housing development. Please find my formal testimonial attached.

Donna Cerbo

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am a resident of John Bernard Drive in Ellicott City. We are part of the Ellicott Meadows 55 + community. I am writing in support of the proposed 12 age restricted town home units scheduled to be built on the Friendly Inn land parcel.

Route 144 is a historic scenic route. From Route 40 to Route 32 the street is 99% residential. The proposed units to be built would structurally and visually fit with the current neighborhood/residential landscape. Currently the Friendly Inn property has been vacant for over 12 years. It is an eyesore and in a condemned and uninhabitable state.

The alternate plan of developing a strip of stores/offices would not seem viable for this area. There is a multitude of commercial development going on in the Turf Valley and the route 40 area. Why would we need additional development in a residential area that is so close?

Howard County prides itself on planned zoning and development. Please make the reasonable, sensible decision and allow a much needed age restricted housing plan to proceed.

Donna Cerbo  
3005 John Bernard Drive  
Ellicott City, MD

**From:** [Kellie Racette](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** Patuxent Commons  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 6:54:37 PM

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Dear Councilmembers:

As a member of the Howard County Autism Society and a (self-advocate/parent/friend of an individual with autism) I am reaching out to urge your support for funding to make housing more affordable for people of all abilities and incomes in Howard County.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2024 funding for the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) includes \$1 million for Patuxent Commons, a groundbreaking affordable, inclusive housing development that will set aside 25% of its units and make them deeply affordable for adults with disabilities. The budget also includes critically funding of \$15 million for the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund and \$7 million for housing programs and initiatives.

Your support for this funding request will help advance a Howard County that is affordable and inclusive for people of all abilities, ages and incomes. Please join your colleagues in voting for the proposed DHCD funding.

Thank you,

Kellie Rowden-Racette  
[Kellieracette@gmail.com](mailto:Kellieracette@gmail.com)

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**From:** [Kim Musheno](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** Support inclusive affordable housing in Howard County  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 7:16:25 PM

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Dear Councilmembers:

I am writing to urge your support for funding to make housing more affordable for people of all abilities and incomes in Howard County.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2024 funding for the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) includes \$1 million for Patuxent Commons, a groundbreaking affordable, inclusive housing development that will set aside 25% of its units and make them deeply affordable for adults with disabilities. The budget also includes critical funding of \$15 million for the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund and \$7 million for housing programs and initiatives.

I have a family member with Autism and developmental disabilities who is fortunate to have housing. But, there are so many that are not as fortunate. We need more accessible and affordable housing in Howard County. The Howard County Autism Society is doing great work on building housing that affordable and inclusive for people of all abilities, ages and incomes.

Please join your colleagues in voting for the proposed DHCD funding.

Thank you,

Kim Musheno  
240-460-4600

**From:** [STACEY STIRMER](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** Support for the autism community  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 8:47:20 PM

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Dear Councilmembers Jones, Jung, Rigby, Yungmann and Walsh:

My name is Stacey Stirmer and I am a mother of a 29 year old son with autism. I know personally how challenging it is to find housing in Howard County that is affordable and well-suited to the unique needs of adults with disabilities. Such housing is in very limited supply here and we need more of it.

This is why your support for the proposed FY24 funding for the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is so important. This budget includes \$1 million for Patuxent Commons, an innovative housing initiative conceived by the Howard County Autism Society (HCAS) that will include 19 deeply affordable units for adults with disabilities. The budget also includes a much-needed \$15 million in funding for the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund and \$7 million for other essential housing programs and initiatives.

**This is very important for my son and for other individuals who are living with autism.**  
Please vote to provide this critical funding!

Sincerely,

Stacey Stirmer  
7005 Meandering Stream Way  
Fulton, MD 20759

**From:** [Theresa Ballinger](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** FY 2024 Funding  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 12:43:53 PM

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Dear Councilmembers:

As a member of the Howard County Autism Society and parent of an individual with autism I am reaching out to urge your support for funding to make housing more affordable for people of all abilities and incomes in Howard County.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2024 funding for the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) includes \$1 million for Patuxent Commons, a groundbreaking affordable, inclusive housing development that will set aside 25% of its units and make them deeply affordable for adults with disabilities. The budget also includes critical funding of \$15 million for the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund and \$7 million for housing programs and initiatives.

As a lifelong resident of Howard County, I know how innovative and welcoming our community can be. Patuxent Commons is just another example of how Howard County can lead the nation with its inclusive housing initiatives.

Your support for this funding request will help advance a Howard County that is affordable and inclusive for people of all abilities, ages and incomes. Please join your colleagues in voting for the proposed DHCD funding.

Thank you,

Theresa Ballinger  
4601 Morning Ride Ct  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

**From:** [Briana W](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** Vote to support proposed DCHD funding  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 4:17:33 PM

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Dear Councilmembers:

As a member of the Howard County Autism Society and a self-advocate, I am reaching out in support of increased funding that would make housing more affordable for people of all abilities and incomes in Howard County.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2024 funding for the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) includes \$1 million for Patuxent Commons, a groundbreaking affordable, inclusive housing development that will set aside 25% of its units and make them deeply affordable for adults with disabilities, like me. It's important to me to live independently but close to my family and friends in Columbia, and this project can make that a reality.

Your support for this funding request will help advance a Howard County that is affordable and inclusive for people of all abilities, ages and incomes. Please join your colleagues in voting for the proposed DHCD funding.

Thank you,

~ Briana Winfield

**From:** [Kqj27](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Cc:** [Gail M. Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Patuxent Commons funding  
**Date:** Saturday, May 6, 2023 9:26:45 AM

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Grateful for your support and advocacy for full funding for the subject housing project in our county.

As a parent of an autistic son. this is an outstanding opportunity for him to experience affordable housing as he transitions to independent living in a safe and comfortable environment - Howard County.

Thanks in advance.

Kevin Wayne Johnson  
(410) 340-8633 (cell)



**From:** [Joel Frankel](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** Jewish Community Relations Council Testimony from May 8th  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 10:50:46 AM  
**Attachments:** [JCRC Testimony to the County Council In Support of Funding Housing Opp Trust Fund.pdf](#)

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Chair Rigby, Vice Chair Jung, Members of the Howard County Council:

Good evening. My name is Joel Frankel, and I am the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Howard County. The Jewish Community Relations Council is part of the Jewish Federation. The JCRC, guided by our Jewish values, seeks to promote the common good and to build mutual understanding between our local Jewish community of about 25,000 residents and the broader civic, ethnic, and religious communities here in the county.

I am here tonight on behalf of the JCRC to support the proposed FY24 funding for the Department of Housing and Community Development, including the proposed \$10 million for the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund and \$7 million for housing programs and initiatives. This funding will provide a much-needed County increase to assist our residents with purchasing a home, rehabbing homes for accessibility, and avoiding eviction or obtaining assistance with security deposits.

We recognize that there is a shortage of housing in the County that affects not only lower-wage workers, but also seniors, people with disabilities, public sector employees, young adults, and families with young children. In 2020, almost half of the renters in the County paid more than 30 percent of their income on rent. Almost a quarter paid more than 50 percent. How can one survive an emergency or even have money for basic necessities when paying that level of rent? This may be one reason that so many of our residents are lining up all over the County for food aid and why members of our Jewish community turn to the Jewish Emergency Network for emergency financial assistance ranging from rental assistance to dental repair, moving expenses and unpaid utility bills.

The situation for low-income seniors is dire. In 2022, there were about 900 apartments available for 3,000 senior households with incomes from \$30,000 to \$50,000. And for the 1,800 with incomes below \$30,000, there were only 180 apartments. This indicates that the overwhelming majority of low-income seniors are living in places they can't afford, which impacts all aspects of their health and well-being.

The Jewish Federation provides information and referral services to anyone who calls into our social services office in addition to ongoing case management for members of the Jewish community. Over the past year, we have received requests for help with rent and mortgages ranging from \$800 to \$5,500. In fact, 40% of the calls in the last seven months have been from people looking for assistance with housing, rental, or

mortgage assistance. Many of these callers are seniors who are already doing everything they can to make ends meet. These types of calls are also why, as funding allows, we provide food gift cards ranging from \$125 to \$200 monthly to help clients who already receive food stamps in order to alleviate the strain of paying rent/mortgages in Howard County.

Thank you again for your consideration of the proposed \$10 million for the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund to finance low and moderate income housing projects and initiatives and \$7 million for housing programs and initiatives into the budget. This will allow the trust fund to continue pursuing projects that will yield rental and homeownership support, while also working to identify new funding sources to ensure a sustainable trust. Providing this funding is only a start, but it is a start, and we urge you to approve it.

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**From:** AB . <oceansound@live.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 10:45 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Mixed Income Housing

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As a long time resident, I am very concerned about the waterfront mixed use housing.

Veto This!

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