

Subject: Testimony for Council Bill CBXX-2023 (Amendments to APFO)

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: Brandee Ganz, Chief Administrative Officer

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## Council Bill No. XX-2023 – Amendments to APFO

This bill provides amendments to APFO consistent with the new Howard County General Plan, *HoCo By Design*. References to "geographic areas" and other provisions specified under the old General Plan, *PlanHoward 2030*, are no longer relevant and have therefore been removed. These changes are minor and will have no impact to APF other than eliminating obsolete references and to create consistencies with the Allocations Chart as specified in *HoCo By Design*. The new Housing Unit Allocation Chart (Council Resolution No. XX-2023) has been pre-filed for adoption in concurrence with these amendments to APFO.

Further changes to APFO may be requested upon the completion of the work to be conducted by an APFO Review Committee as required under Section 16.1100(b)(3)(iv)(a) of the Adequate Public Facilities Act. The Review Committee shall be convened within one year of the enactment of the new General Plan and will submit a report with recommendations on the Adequate Public Facilities Act to the County Executive and the County Council within one year of its first meeting.

Also, as recommended in HoCo By Design, a working group will be established to evaluate and set goals for affordable and accessible housing and establish additional criteria for the Affordable Housing set aside column in the Housing Unit allocation chart.

## Fiscal Impact

There are no fiscal impacts resulting from the adoption of these resolutions.

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