

From: [Aimee Goldman](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Howard county track
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:03:46 PM

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I moved here in 2007 and quit my gym membership as I was a high school runner and excited by all the network of paths to explore. When able to afford the gym again I was looking for a facility with an indoor track and none existed. But found other hoco winter runners who tough it out, but it can be hard on bitter cold early mornings. Now my kids run with bullseye as I always found running kept me on a healthy path and away from those that chose substance abuse. And want my kids involved in the program. An indoor track can greatly enrich the community and a home for past runner athletes that feel most at home when they get to be on a track. In fact most all my friends I have met in my life are fellow runners. Please open this track as a safe place for all youth and adults to join in friendly sportsmanship and competition.

Aimee Goldman

From: [Blair Beal](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: New Howard county indoor track needed
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 2:12:49 PM

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My daughter is a runner and we believe more facilities are greatly needed to support this sport and activity for her, her friends and everyone else that would benefit from a new indoor track

Thanks
Blair

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nakia Weable](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Support for the Indoor Track Facility at Troy Park
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 5:31:32 PM

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

We hope this message finds you well. As proud owners of Feet First Sports, we are writing to express our strong support for the proposed indoor track facility at Troy Park. This initiative, spearheaded by the county, holds tremendous potential for our community and its athletes.

Howard County boasts a vibrant running community, with enthusiasts of all ages and abilities regularly hitting the trails and tracks. However, despite our love for the sport, we currently lack adequate indoor track facilities to support the growing demand. The existing indoor track at the PG Complex is insufficient to serve the needs of all the schools, colleges, and youth teams in the state.

An indoor track facility at Troy Park would address this critical gap in our community's sporting infrastructure. It would provide a dedicated space for athletes to train and compete year-round, regardless of weather conditions. This is especially important for high school, college, and youth teams who require consistent access to quality facilities to excel in their sport.

Moreover, an indoor track facility would not only benefit athletes but also the wider community. It would serve as a hub for health and fitness, offering opportunities for people of all ages to engage in physical activity and lead healthier lifestyles. Additionally, it could attract regional and national competitions, bringing economic benefits to our county through increased tourism and visitor spending.

By investing in an indoor track facility at Troy Park, we would be making a long-term commitment to the health, well-being, and success of our community. It is an investment in our youth, our schools, and our future as a vibrant and active county.

We urge you to consider the immense value that this facility would bring to Howard County and to throw your support behind its development. Together, we can create a legacy that will benefit generations to come.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,

Brent Smith & Nakia Weable
Owners, Feet First Sports
Serving Howard County since 1979!
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From: dimaria_carolyn@yahoo.com
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor Track at Troy Park --yes please
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 2:30:50 PM

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Good afternoon,

I'm sure you have many decisions to make but wanted to add to the requests to please approve funding for the indoor track at Troy Park. This will allow for runners to have a safe space to practice, especially when weather is undesirable (rain, too hot, too much pollen, poor air quality, etc.).

Thanks
My best
Carolyn Le

From: [Chad Boothe](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor Track
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 3:08:47 PM

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I am a runner who belongs to the local running club (Howard County Striders), ran as a high schooler in Howard County, and coached track in Howard County. Currently the only place to run an indoor meet is the PG Complex. The other places teams run at during the winter were multiple purpose facilities (basically gyms with a hard rubberized floor) at the Baltimore Armory, a facility in Dundalk at a community college, and a facility in Hagerstown at a community college.

I cannot speak for the cost benefit and if a facility was built in Howard County, and if it could pay for itself through events. However, having such a facility in Columbia would definitely be utilized by High Schools North, West, and East of Howard County (it could be kept busy). In addition residents could have a place that would allow them to run year round in a climate controlled facility.

It is my hope that the council would consider building an indoor facility at Troy Park.

Chad Boothe

From: [Cory Weller](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor track at Troy park
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 9:55:10 PM

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Hello!

As a former student athlete, I wanted to reach out in regards to the benefits a new indoor track would bring to the area. Multiple winter track seasons we had to practice indoor the school because of ice, and it was very hard to not crash into other students, or slip on the floors. PG county facility is great, but not accessible for everyone. The indoor track would benefit all of Howard county teams!

Thanks for your time

Cory

From: [David Tenney](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Proposed indoor track at Troy Park
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 2:34:37 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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To the members of the Howard County Council,

I just learned of the proposal for an indoor track in Howard County at Troy Park. Such a facility is badly needed. As both a coach and a parent, I have seen how students' opportunities to compete are limited by the lack of indoor track facilities in the state of Maryland. Right now, the indoor track at PG Sports and Learning Complex is really the only facility available to most schools. Over the last several years, the facility has been repeatedly closed for long stretches due to be used repeatedly as a Covid-vaccination site during different waves of the pandemic, and also for asbestos removal this past winter. Many teams and athletes have been forced to travel to meets in Virginia and Pennsylvania to find venues where they can compete. Many more have simply had to deal with much more limited schedules. As an example, my son is currently a junior with aspirations to get recruited for track for college. The times he runs this year will be the times college coaches will look at when considering him. He, like most other track athletes in the state, had much more limited competition schedules this year due to PG Complex being closed for the first half of the season and overbooked for the second half. The thin competition schedule meant that a whole group of runners from Maryland will be at a disadvantage in college recruiting compared to athletes in states with more venues.

I can promise you that if an indoor track facility is built, it will be used constantly. I'm not sure what the rental fee is for the PG Sports and Learning Complex and what it generates in annual revenue, but I would guess that there would be a significant return on investment for any track that is built. Another benefit is that it would provide more opportunities to younger athletes who are often squeezed out by the heavy demand for college and high school meets at the current facility. All of the area coaches talk every year about the need for additional indoor track facilities in the area. I strongly encourage you to move forward with exploring this project.

Sincerely,

David Tenney

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From: [Debbie Ellinghaus](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Support for Indoor Track facility in Howard County
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 4:28:36 PM

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Dear Howard County Councilmembers,

I understand that there is a proposal to *finally* build an indoor track facility in Howard County at the intersection of Route 100 and Route 95! I was so excited about this news until I heard that members of the County Council aren't sure it's needed, which greatly disappoints and concerns me. I assure you it IS needed. As a female runner, having an indoor track would provide me with much needed safety during the winter season when daylight is short. As the mother of a competitive high school runner, an indoor track would also provide a safe place for young runners to train, as well as provide them the experience they need to compete with runners from other Maryland counties. Our indoor track athletes are always "out run" by athletes from other areas who have available indoor track space to train.

The Meadowridge facility is not at all adequate for indoor racing or training and certainly rarely available for recreational running. It's a lovely facility, but not suitable for running, one of the most popular activities for recreation and community-building.

Bullseye Running, the largest youth running club in Maryland, is not able to have a proper indoor running program due to lack of facilities. This is such a shame because their fall, spring and summer programs are the best.

Please, please, believe that an indoor track facility is desperately needed in a family-friendly, healthy and active community like Howard County.

Sincerely,

Debbie Ellinghaus

From: [Debbie Young](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: We are desperate for an indoor track
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:19:44 PM

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Please know that in the world of Howard County and the state of Maryland we are desperate for an indoor track. There are so many groups who would rent the facility that it would be a source of revenue beyond fulfilling the needs of just Howard County residents.

I am a former high school track coach in Maryland and I am a current Master's athlete. I've run on nearly every outdoor track in Howard and Anne Arundel counties. I can tell you from personal experience "build it and they will come".

Please.

Debbie Young
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From: [Denise Tripp](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor Track
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 2:41:15 PM

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Dear County Council,

After nearly a decade of driving to PG county for indoor track meets, it would fulfill a necessity for you to approve the building of an indoor track facility for the county.

A simple facility would be fine, but you might want to look at the facility HoCo uses in PG county as it may be able to bring revenue and additional facilities. They boast two pools, a gym, a gymnasium, birthday party spaces and food kiosks, all of which contribute to the money needed to run the facility.

Please build us an indoor track!

Thank you,

Denise Tripp

From: [Eian Butler](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Installation of Indoor track
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 3:13:23 PM

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Greetings, I was contacted on the possible plans with this indoor track and believe it would be incredibly beneficial. As an alumnus of both Howard community college and a Howard county high school the athletic benefit alone to young minds would be outstanding. To offer a local facility for competition and even regular exercise could greatly benefit the county. Not to mention how many running programs occur in the area, which would immediately contribute to revenue to replace any lost funding. Thank you and please install this track.

From: [Eunice Braimoh](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Support for proposed Howard County indoor track
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:10:39 PM

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Hello, I hope you are well!

I am a Howard County alum, and I am emailing to share my support of the proposed Howard County indoor track at Troy Park.

At the moment, the state of Maryland only has one indoor track, which makes for a stressful winter track season when trying to accommodate the multiple Maryland counties that travel to compete. I believe that this proposed indoor track would be vital for the Maryland track and field community, for both youth and college teams.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Eunice Braimoh

From: [Heather Wiley](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor Track at Troy Park
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 3:08:59 PM

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I support the addition of an indoor track at Troy Park. The track at the PG Complex shouldn't be the only indoor track for all schools in the state. Track is a program that should get support from our county and I believe it is a good use of my tax payer dollars.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [JEFFREY HEIGES](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Proposed Indoor Track at Troy Park
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 4:41:13 PM

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30 April 2024

Dear Howard County Council,

I am writing you to support the proposed indoor track at Troy Park. From personal experience coaching young athletes in Track and Field, I can tell you that another indoor facility in Maryland is sorely needed. Currently, the only indoor facility available to our high school, college, and youth athletes is located in Prince Georges County (PG Sports and Learning Complex) about an hour drive for most families in Howard County, and much further for areas to the North and West. Unfortunately, the majority of indoor meets this past season were lost due to maintenance at the PG County facility (resurfacing of the track).

Additionally, a new track at Troy Park would benefit local businesses, as people from around the state would travel to Howard County for meets.

We have some incredible athletes in Howard County, and in Maryland, and they deserve to have another state of the art facility available to them. Thank you for your attention.

Jeffrey G. Heiges

From: [Kiara Peoples](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: We need an Indoor Track in HC
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 3:13:21 PM

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Good day,

There's multiple reasons we definitely need a track of our own in Howard county.

1. PG is pretty much the only track we are able to use for indoor. The travel time to PG is a lot especially during rush hour. Kids have to be dismissed from school early just to be able to arrive to the meets on time.
2. This will greatly benefit the kids! After the meets, kids have to travel home from PG which is about 45 mins and when they get home they have to do homework, eat dinner, and prepare for the next school day. Most kids don't get home until after 9 o'clock. Having a local facility would really benefit the kids as they'd have more time to do those things.
3. Just like the kids, the coaches get home even later! The coaches don't get paid enough as it is to have these long meets vs other sports. The least the county can do for them is provide a local facility so that they aren't completely exhausted from travel.
4. This is something you can actually benefit from and make money on. Let's be real, HC needs funds. You guys spend over a million on a busted transportation service that is a piece of crap. That money could've easily gone to building a track facility where you can make profit. Imagine somewhere people can rent to train their clients outside of HCPSS!! That's what PG does, rent out their facility, so basically you're paying PG for something that you can do yourself and then even rent it out to the public.

The county executives have made some awful decisions but an indoor track facility would definitely be the best thing for the county!

Best wishes,

Kiara

From: [Marie Y](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Support for an Indoor Track at Troy Park
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 2:35:05 PM

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

My name is Marie Scott, and I am a former Howard County track and field athlete (formerly Marie Yuille, Oakland Mills High School Class of 2010). I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal to build a new indoor track at Troy Park. As a concerned member of the community, I believe that investing in such a facility is necessary and highly beneficial for the development and well-being of our student-athletes.

Currently, indoor tracks in Maryland are severely limited, with only one viable option at the PG Sports and Learning Complex. The Hagerstown track is more of a practice track, and the Baltimore Armory facility is not an actual track but a rubberized surface. This scarcity presents significant challenges for athletes, particularly those in Howard County, who must travel long distances to access suitable training facilities. Furthermore, the journey to the PG Sports and Learning Complex often involves navigating busy and dangerous freeways, posing additional risks to our young athletes.

Constructing an indoor track at Troy Park would address these pressing concerns and benefit our community. Firstly, it would provide a safe and convenient training venue for student-athletes, enabling them to practice and hone their skills without the need for extensive travel. This accessibility is crucial for supporting our youth's physical and mental well-being, as it eliminates the stress and time constraints associated with long commutes.

Additionally, a new indoor track at Troy Park would enhance the overall sporting infrastructure in Howard County, fostering a culture of athletic excellence and promoting active lifestyles among residents of all ages. It would serve as a hub for recreational activities, school events, and competitive meets, attracting athletes from across the region and bolstering our local economy through increased tourism and revenue generation.

Furthermore, the presence of an indoor track at Troy Park would offer numerous opportunities for community engagement and collaboration. It could serve as a venue for educational programs, fitness classes, and outreach initiatives aimed at promoting health and wellness among underserved populations. By investing in this facility, we would not only support our student-athletes but also strengthen the social fabric of our community.

In conclusion, the construction of a new indoor track at Troy Park is a vital investment in Howard County's future. It would provide our student-athletes with the resources they need to thrive while also promoting health, wellness, and community cohesion. I urge you to consider this proposal with the utmost seriousness and to support its implementation for the benefit of all residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Marie Scott, MBA
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From: [Mark Renehan](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Proposed Indoor Track Facility
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 2:26:54 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to advocate the funding for an indoor track facility. As you may be aware, Howard County Track and Field teams are currently required to go all the way to the PG Sports and Learning Complex in order to compete. Additionally, with the time change for the start of school this has caused students to repeatedly miss part of the school day in order to compete, missing class time. From a financial standpoint, since there are only facilities in Hagerstown and Prince George's county, this facility would be great for the economy since there would now be another facility to use. as a former athlete from a Maryland college, I know that it would be beneficial to not have to go to Pennsylvania for all of my meets.

Please consider the funding for a Howard County Indoor Track Facility.

Sincerely,
Mark Renehan

Mark Renehan
Long Reach High School
AP/ GT/ & Honors Chemistry Teacher
LR T&F Throwing Coach

From: [Michelle L. Stein](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor Track Facility
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 6:21:41 PM

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Hello,

I fully support the building of a proposed indoor track at Troy Park near the intersection of 100 and 95.. There is really only one indoor track for all the schools in the state and it's all the way in PG county. High school, college and youth teams desperately need at least one more and this is a huge opportunity for Howard county residents.

As the parent of one of the members of the Mount Hebron track team, this indoor track facility is needed.

Thanks,
Michelle Stein

From: [Shari Roberts](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: indoor track at Troy Park
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 4:25:47 PM

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Hi-

There is a VERY strong need for an indoor track at Troy Park. Right now, there is really only one indoor track (PG Complex) for all the schools in the state.

High school, college and youth teams desperately need at least one more. Access to an indoor track in the county will provide so much more than more training for youth and high school programs. It will offer an additional resource for fitness, for the community to stay active and be healthy, all year round.

Please move forward with the plans for th indoor track at Troy Park. It will be used and loved by the community!

-Shari Roberts-

From: [Sigurd Knippenberg](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor track
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 6:10:14 PM

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As a parent of two high school indoor track athletes I can tell you that our community definitely needs an indoor track facility. The kids (in their bus) and I (in my car) spent countless hours in the afternoon traffic driving up and down to the indoor track in PG county and there are numerous times I could not go because I could not leave work early enough to see them run with it frequently being an hour away due to traffic.

I greatly hope you support the county building an indoor track so my two young kids (3 and 6) can spend more time running and less time in the bus if they choose to run in high school (if there even is a bus — this year has been challenging in that regard).

Thanks

Sigurd Knippenberg

From: [Stephen M. Olenick](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Support for Howard County indoor track facility
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 4:33:18 PM

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I am writing to indicate my support for a Howard County indoor track facility. There is no indoor track in the county. There is really only 1 such facility in the state (PG complex) and therefore Howard County should consider taking the lead to provide another facility for county residents, students, and even students from other counties and nearby colleges. Thank you.

Stephen.
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From: [Syon Berkley](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor track
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:38:05 PM

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Hello council, the PG complex indoor track is the only indoor track in the state of maryland. As you might know most of the meets this indoor season was canceled because of that facility being shut down. Building this track will also bring down schools budget for buses and other costly things we use to get to the PG complex. There is only benefits to this and i'm sure it would be greatly appreciated by all track runners, coaches, and their supporters as well.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tatum Adero](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor track
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 3:05:20 PM

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hello I am a athlete at long reach high school. I really believe that the indoor track would be helpful. the closest indoor track is in pg county, I don't believe we have to travel out of the county to have a meets. It would be easier to get to because it's in Howard county. also some days during outdoor season the days are really cold it would be nice to move them inside (if needed). When not during track season people can use the track to exercise and to hots team practices

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Yaseen Sharieff](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor track
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 2:23:09 PM

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I think it would be a good and great idea for an indoor track because pg is the only one near us and it's really far so please build it.

Thank you
Yaseen

From: [Zachary Dickerson](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#); [Jones, Opel](#); [Yungmann, David](#); [Walsh, Elizabeth](#); [Jung, Debra](#); [Rigby, Christiana](#); [Ball, Calvin](#)
Subject: Support for Indoor Track Complex in Howard County
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 2:47:08 PM

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Good Afternoon -

My name is Zack Dickerson and I am writing to offer support for the potential of an Indoor Track facility at Troy Park in Elkridge. I have been a coach at Howard High school for the last 13 years. I also graduated and ran for Howard High in high school. There is currently no state-of-the-art track facility in Maryland for high school athletes. All of our Indoor track meets occur in PG county and we spend tens of thousands of dollars every year renting the facility for these meets. Over 1000 high school athletes run indoor track each year and having a track in our backyard would scientifically benefit these student athletes as well as all of the other community groups that would take advantage of this facility.

Due to the huge need for a facility like this in Maryland, it would attract interest from across the state and would be a place that not only Howard county meets could utilize but could also host State Championship meets as well as collegiate and professional meets. Needless to say, it would be well worth the investment from a demand perspective and a financial perspective.

When you vote to finalize the budget in the coming weeks, please keep money in it to support this facility. Thank you.

Zack Dickerson
Math Teacher
Howard High School

From: [Alison Flanigan](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Supporting Youth Sports for a Thriving Howard County Community
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 2:17:09 PM

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Dear Howard County (HoCo) County Council Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to emphasize the crucial role that youth sports play in our community's overall health, vibrancy, and economic prosperity, especially through providing an **Indoor Track in Howard County at Troy Park**.

Participation in sports is not just about physical activity; it also significantly impacts the mental health and well-being of young athletes. Regular physical activity has been shown to reduce the risk of obesity, heart disease, and other health issues. Moreover, sports help young athletes develop essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and perseverance, which are invaluable as they grow and navigate various aspects of life.

In addition to the benefits for individual athletes, youth sports contribute significantly to the quality of life in our community. Tournaments, competitions, and year-round training programs not only keep our young people engaged and active but also foster a sense of community pride and unity. These events bring families together, create lasting memories, and strengthen the social fabric of our town. The kids and families need a place to continue to grow their track running abilities during the inclement weather season and a stage to demonstrate their investment in their fitness at a state and regional level. There is really only one indoor track (PG Complex) for all the schools in the state and high school, college and youth teams desperately need at least one more.

Furthermore, youth sports have a positive impact on our local economy. Tournaments and competitions attract visitors from out of town, boosting tourism and generating revenue for hotels, restaurants, and retail locations. These events create opportunities for local businesses to showcase their products and services, ultimately contributing to the economic vitality of our community.

Investing in youth sports is an investment in the health, well-being, and prosperity of our HoCo community as a whole. By supporting these programs, we can ensure that our young track athletes have access to the resources they need to thrive and that our community remains a vibrant and desirable place to live, work, and visit.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to seeing the positive impact of our continued support for youth sports, particularly **Indoor Track in Howard County**.

Sincerely,

Alison Flanigan

From: [Ashleigh Baker](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor track at Troy park
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:48:01 AM

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There is only one indoor track (PG Complex) for all the schools in the state and high school, college and youth teams desperately need at least one more. Building an indoor track at Troy Park would be very helpful.

Ashleigh Baker
Track and field athlete

From: [Courtney Millin](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor track
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:46:53 AM

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To Whom it May concern,

My children participate in track and we wanted to write on support of building an additional indoor track. It is great for the community and helps us to keep our kids fit and connected with others. Thank you for your time!

Best Regards,

Courtney Millin

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Courtney Perna](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Track
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 12:02:21 PM

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Good afternoon,

I understand that there is a current proposal to build a new indoor track in Howard County. As a family of runners, we know firsthand how much a track can offer a community. It's a place for all people to workout and for youth track and field to shine! I think it would be amazing to have another facility and know that it would get a tremendous amount of use. Please try to support moving this initiative forward!

Sincerely,
Courtney Perna

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Doreen](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor Track
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 7:16:22 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I support building an indoor track in Howard County. It would be nice to have a place to run inside during inclement weather.

Thank you,

Doreen Sheppard
Howard County Resident

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From: [doug fries](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Howard County Indoor Track
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:47:20 AM

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Hello - we desperately need the proposed indoor track in Howard County. My family has spent countless days over the years crammed into PG Complex for winter meets. There are too many people there to be able to even see your own children, and it drags the schedule out immeasurably requiring unbelievable amount of time to stay for multiple events that might be 6+ hours apart. Given the location, there is no easy way to come and go for just the events as it is often over an hour commute 1 way from parts of Howard county. Please consider a new complex. Thanks.

From: [Jacob A Englander](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: in support of an indoor track in Howard County
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:13:20 AM

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Hello,

It has come to my attention that Howard County is considering building an indoor track and field facility. As a competitive runner and former coach, I am writing in support of this idea. An indoor track in Howard County will significantly improve health and opportunities for children and adults in the county and in our neighbors. It will also address a major equity disparity that currently affects students from different backgrounds.

There is only one viable indoor track capable of hosting large meets that is convenient to Maryland's major population centers. That is in Prince George's County and is severely oversubscribed. This in turn limits the competitive opportunities for student-athletes of all ages in Howard County and the rest of the state.

Howard County is ideally situated between Washington, DC and Baltimore, and as such will draw large numbers of teams from both population centers. This will be beneficial to local businesses and schools.

Most importantly, an indoor track in Howard County will greatly benefit the county's ability to educate the whole child, body and mind. The lack of an indoor track in Howard County currently limits the opportunities for children to compete during the winter season, and so it is harder to retain them in the sport from cross country in the fall to outdoor track in the spring. The right facility in the right place will change all of that. Students will stay in the sport and keep the associated health and community benefits.

As a former coach myself, I have seen that students who stay in their sport perform better in school and are more likely to graduate. Students who drifted away from my team tended to also drift away from their school work.

Finally, an indoor track would support diversity in the open and masters competitive running culture in Howard County. Currently Howard County is home to a large population of older competitive distance runners. But, we fail to provide competitive opportunities to sprinters, jumpers, and throwers. This is not just a cultural disparity but also a racial one. Distance runners tend to be predominantly white, and the other event groups tend to be predominantly of color. We are failing to provide an inclusive environment and we can do better.

This disparity also affects school-age children. We are effectively telling sprinters, jumpers, and throwers *that their sport only exists from April through June*. Yes, they can travel to Prince George's County for the occasional winter meet but those meets are overcrowded. The situation is even more difficult for Maryland student-athletes who live farther north. We can make school sports in Maryland more equitable just by making this one decision here in Howard County.

We can make a difference for thousands of children each year, and we are the best positioned

to do so. I will be very glad for my tax dollars to support an indoor track and field facility in Howard County.

Sincerely,
Jacob Englander

From: [Joyce Dagadu](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Support for the Proposed Indoor Track at Troy Park ,Howard County
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:40:33 AM

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed indoor track at Troy Park near the intersection of 100 and 95.

As an active member of the community and a passionate advocate for sports and recreation, I firmly believe that the construction of an indoor track facility at Troy Park is of utmost importance for our county. Currently, there is only one indoor track facility, the PG Complex, available for all schools in the state. This limitation poses significant challenges to our high school, college, and youth teams who are in desperate need of additional training and competition spaces.

By investing in an indoor track at Troy Park, we can address this pressing need and provide our athletes with the necessary resources to excel in their respective sports. Here are a few key reasons why this facility is crucial:

1. **Enhanced Training Opportunities:** An additional indoor track facility will offer increased training opportunities for athletes of all ages and skill levels. It will allow for year-round training and support the growth and development of our aspiring track and field athletes.
2. **Reduced Travel Burden:** Currently, teams often need to travel long distances to access the PG Complex, leading to increased transportation costs and time commitments. A local indoor track facility would significantly reduce the travel burden on our athletes and their families, making it more accessible and affordable for everyone.
3. **Community Health and Wellness:** The construction of an indoor track at Troy Park will not only benefit athletes but also promote community health and wellness. The facility can be utilized by residents of all ages for jogging, walking, and other fitness activities during inclement weather. This will encourage an active and healthy lifestyle for the entire community.
4. **Economic Impact:** A state-of-the-art indoor track facility will attract regional and national tournaments, bringing visitors and revenue to our county. With increased tourism and spending, local businesses will thrive, and our economy will receive a significant boost.

I urge you to consider the long-term benefits and positive impact that an indoor track at Troy Park will have on our community. By supporting this project, you will be investing in the development of our athletes, promoting the health and well-being of our residents, and stimulating our local economy.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that you will make the right decision in favor of this much-needed facility. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any further questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Joyce Ajebon-Dagadu
Joyce4eva@me.com
443-912-7946
Parent of Howard county students for the last 18yrs and counting.

From: [LaToya Brown](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Support for Indoor Track at Troy Park
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 10:13:05 AM

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As a parent of a track and field student, I am in full support of having a track at Troy Park. My student and other lovers of physical fitness will greatly benefit from this addition.

LaToya Pearsall

From: [Melissa Dwyer](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: indoor track facility in Howard County
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:49:43 AM

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This email is in support of a new indoor track facility in Howard County.

Thank you,
Melissa Dwyer

From: michelle@jordanz.net
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor track
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:31:52 AM

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Hello,

I would like to advocate for the construction of the proposed indoor track facility. Keeping teens active in school sports is important for their mental and physical health. Every student should be able to participate in school sports all year round and not all students are able to make the relatively small team sports like basketball.

Michelle Jordan
Mother of 4 HCPSS students

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nathan Chen](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Cc: rosalind_sheppard@hcpss.org; teyarnte_carter@hcpss.org
Subject: Indoor Track Proposal
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:00:41 AM

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Good Morning Council Members,

My name is Nathan Chen, a senior at Long Reach High School where I run Cross Country and Track. My coaches have informed me of your plan to build an indoor track near Troy Park. I think this is an excellent idea, here's why:

There's currently only **one** indoor track facility in the entire state of Maryland for high school runners, college runners and even professional runners to use for meets/ races (PG Sports and Learning Complex). Often, from what I've experienced and seen personally it gets too crowded and packed for a lot of teams to use. This facility also undergoes a lot of construction. This past season, it was closed until the start of 2024. I believe that having a second indoor track in Maryland can positively help athletes race better.

Also, for a runner like me, the weather often affects my running/ training (outside). I often find it hard to run in the cold, winter season and especially during the summer when it's over 90 degrees and peaking humidity. Even when it's raining, I have to find something else to train or do. Building an indoor track and help runners and even the community stay active and keep running in poor weather conditions. I believe that building this indoor track could have many positive outcomes and impact on our community.

Thank you for taking your time to read this email. If you have any questions or concerns, don't be afraid to email me back.

Warm Regards,
Nathan Chen

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Nathan Chen

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"Be Humble In Everything That You Do"

From: [Nick Atkins](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Proposed indoor track
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 12:13:46 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed indoor track facility in Howard County. As a member of the Howard County Striders, involved in various running programs with the group, I believe that this facility would significantly enhance the quality of life for our residents and provide a much-needed resource for our community.

Currently, our student-athletes and other track enthusiasts must travel outside of Howard County for indoor track meets and practices. This creates logistical challenges for both students and their parents, often requiring long commutes and impacting schoolwork and family time. An indoor track facility within Howard County would provide much more convenient access, giving our athletes more time to focus on their studies while maintaining their training regimen.

Moreover, a state-of-the-art indoor track facility would allow Howard County to host invitational and even sanctioned meets. These events would attract athletes and visitors from across the region, generating revenue for local businesses and bolstering our county's tax base.

Importantly, an indoor track facility would promote year-round fitness opportunities for residents of all ages. Regular physical activity is essential for maintaining good health and reducing the risk of chronic diseases. The availability of an indoor track would encourage residents to stay active during the winter months, leading to improved health outcomes and potential healthcare cost savings for our county.

I urge the Board of Commissioners to thoroughly consider the numerous benefits of an indoor track facility and to allocate the necessary resources for its construction. This investment would pay dividends for our community's health, economic well-being, and the development of our young athletes.

Thanks
Nick Atkins

From: rebecca.fordyce-chase
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor track
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 10:12:36 PM

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hello,

Please consider the need for another indoor track for our high school students in Maryland.

This year was my freshman daughter's first year for indoor track and we had to travel out of state multiple hours each way to indoor tracks to compete. We truly need this indoor track.

Thank you for making the right choice to build the track!

-Rebecca

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rick Rosen <rickrosen48@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:29 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Proposed Indoor Track

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I want to voice my support for the proposed construction of an Indoor Track in Howard County. I'm a lifelong resident of the County moving here in 1971 and also a lifelong runner.

I have also been a lifetime member of the Howard County Striders which supports so many programs for all ages.

I believe the track will provide our student athletes with improved facilities for training and also the ability to hold meets and related events. It would also allow for ongoing training for youth of all ages during the winter months which will enhance physical fitness.

Please approve this initiative.

Regards,

Rick Rosen
410-852-0280

From: sethe4880@gmail.com
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: New indoor track
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 12:52:51 PM

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Hello, my name is Seth Edwards I am a sophomore at Liberty High School who does track and I'd love it to have an indoor track for our county so my team doesn't have to waste gas to go 45 minutes to the Hagerstown track.

From: [Veronica Lee](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Support Indoor track facility
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 7:29:38 PM

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My name is Veronica Ali a homeowner and resident in Columbia, MD. This email is in support of the proposed Indoor Track at Troy Park located between 100 and 95.

Having this indoor track facility in Howard County would be a game changer for our youth.

As a taxpayer in Howard County, I would be pleased to know my hard-earned tax dollars would be used for a state-of-the-art indoor track facility.

I believe the council will do right by our youth and providing them with a state-of-the-art indoor facility!

Best regards,

Veronica Ali

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From: [Andre Devon](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Howard County Track & Field Facility Plans
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:22:54 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you today to express my strong support for the construction of an indoor track facility in Howard County. As a member of this community, I believe that such a facility is not only necessary but also essential for the well-being and development of our students, athletes, and residents.

Currently, there is only one indoor track facility serving all schools in the state. This shortage poses significant challenges for our high school, college, and youth athletes who require access to proper training facilities year-round. The lack of adequate indoor track space not only hampers their athletic development but also limits their opportunities to compete at the highest levels.

By investing in the construction of an indoor track facility, Howard County has the opportunity to address this pressing need and provide our community with a valuable resource that will benefit generations to come. This facility will not only support the athletic aspirations of our youth but also promote health, wellness, and community engagement.

I urge you to vote yes in favor of building an indoor track facility in Howard County. Your support for this project will have a lasting and positive impact on our community, enriching the lives of our residents and fostering a culture of excellence in athletics and beyond.

Thank you for considering this important matter. I look forward to seeing the positive impact that an indoor track facility will bring to Howard County.

Sincerely,

Andre Jackson

From: [brenda taylor](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor track
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 12:00:22 PM

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Our county needs an indoor track, please support!

Brenda Taylor
Sent from my iPhone

From: cynthiambah@gmail.com
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Re Troy Park indoor track
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 4:01:41 PM

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Good afternoon,

This is to express the dire need for an indoor track facility in Howard County. I support that building this facility is really needed as the only indoor track facility used by all schools in the state is the PG complex. High schools, colleges and youth teams desperately need at least one in the county.

Thanks so much in advance for your support of this project.

Cynthia Mbah(Howard County parent)

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Daniel Porto](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Cc: [Laura Heilman](#)
Subject: Strong Support for Building an Indoor Track Facility at Troy Park in Howard County
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 6:35:51 AM

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Dear Esteemed Members of the Howard County Council,

I am writing to you today to express my unwavering support for the proposed construction of an indoor track facility at Troy Park, located near the intersection of Route 100 and Route 95 in Howard County. As a member of the community deeply passionate about sports and youth development, I firmly believe that the establishment of such a facility is not only beneficial but crucial for the growth and well-being of our local athletic programs.

The current shortage of indoor track facilities in our area, with only one such facility, the PG Complex, available to cater to all the schools in the state, presents a significant challenge for our athletes. The limited access and overcrowding at existing facilities hinder the ability of high school, college, and youth track teams to train effectively and compete at their best. This not only puts our athletes at a disadvantage compared to others but also jeopardizes their chances of reaching their full potential in the sport they are passionate about.

By building an indoor track at Troy Park, we would not only address the pressing need for additional athletic facilities but also create a space where our athletes can train, compete, and excel in a conducive environment. This facility would not only benefit our local sports teams but also promote a culture of health, fitness, and teamwork among our youth, fostering a sense of community pride and achievement.

I urge you, esteemed council members, to consider the long-term benefits that such a facility would bring to our community. Your support for the construction of an indoor track at Troy Park would not only make a significant difference in the lives of our athletes but also showcase the council's commitment to promoting sports, youth development, and community well-being in Howard County.

I kindly request that you give this proposal the careful consideration it deserves and take action to support the establishment of an indoor track facility at Troy Park. Together, we can create a brighter future for our community and provide our athletes with the resources they need to succeed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing the positive impact that your support will have on our community and its athletes.

Warm regards,

Dan Porto
202-374-1711

From: [Laura Melinciuc](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor Track near Troy Park
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:03:19 PM

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Hello!

I'm writing this email to let you guys over at the council office that this idea for a new indoor track is very much needed and beneficial for all! As a track runner, the indoor season isn't the most competitive season, due to the cancellations and scheduling problems. Since there are no other indoor tracks within an appropriate area to have a meet at, most competitions have all been at 2 different tracks, one being closer and the other farther. Also these 2 tracks are not in the best condition, and could definitely use much renovation. Imagine having to compete at your states competition, with a barely mediocre track, that's holding on for dear life. Also, high-schools would not be the only ones using this track, it could be used for colleges and other outside track organizations. To sum up, money invested in a new track would be a well spent investment, not only helping scheduling situation for more meets, but adding more competition in the indoor season. The more competition there is, the better runners you get. Imagine Maryland being a top competitor in the track league, it would be pretty cool right?!

In all seriousness though, please take this track into immediate consideration.

Best wishes,

Laura Melinciuc

From: [Pamela Jock](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Howard County needs an Indoor Track
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 9:16:49 PM

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Good evening,

Please build an indoor track at Troy Park. Both of my sons grew up participating in many sports activities, and indoor track during the winter months was always a huge challenge with practicing, getting all the way down to PG county for the meets. Buses were not always available, which is an additional issue. Parents had to drive if their children wanted to participate. Meets were extremely long on school nights because of the PG county limitations.

Within a county as rich and with so many high schools, Howard County should provide the infrastructure for all sports. Our older son is running D1 Cross Country and Track and Field because my husband and I took time off work, drove him and our younger son (still in high school) to every meet, and invested in a treadmill so they could safely run all winter.

Please consider investing in our county's children, and also adults, with an indoor track complex.

Thank you for your consideration.

Pamela & Tim Jock

From: [Tammy Liu Hermstein](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: indoor track facility
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 11:56:27 PM

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Hello,

It has come to my attention that there is a proposal to build an indoor track facility at Troy Park. I just want to indicate my support for such a facility. As an assistant coach for Indoor Track, I have made numerous trips to the Prince George's Sports Complex, the only indoor track facility in the area.

With another indoor track facility, there would be more opportunities for meets to be held during the indoor track season. Many times, teams have to travel out of the area to attend meets because there are no other facilities nearby. That is always costly. With a facility here in Howard County, we could lure invitationals to be held here. That would not only save on travel costs from our athletic budget, but it would bring in business to Howard County.

Our athletes and parents would also benefit from a shorter commute. Athletes could stay in class longer instead of having to be dismissed early from class in order to get to the PG Complex in time for a meet. More parents would be able to come watch their kids race. Parents and bus companies would save gas which is another economic and environmental benefit.

Howard County has a thriving adult and youth running community. An indoor track facility would foster the county's running culture and provide more opportunities to the running community. Howard County is always touting itself as being one of the best places to live in the U.S. The addition of an indoor track facility would surely help solidify that statement.

Sincerely,
Tammy Liu
Head Coach - Cross Country
Assistant Coach - Track
Howard High School

From: [Braden Sullivan](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor Track Proposal
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 1:51:20 PM

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Hello,

My name is Braden Sullivan and I'm a freshman track athlete at Reservoir High School.

I'm emailing to show my support for the recent indoor track proposal.

I believe that an indoor track within Howard County will not only offer my school, but all the schools in Howard County the ability to exercise safely during the fall/winter months.

Additionally, the track will provide a space for much needed connection and engagement between schools and students in and outside of the Howard County community.

Please consider this testimony and advocacy.

Thank you so much!

Braden Sullivan

From: [Cambel Marley](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Cambel Howard: Indoor Track Advocation
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 12:54:40 PM

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Hello,

My name is Cambel Howard and I am a senior track athlete at Reservoir High School.

I am emailing to show my support for the recent indoor track proposal.

I believe that an indoor track within Howard County will not only offer my school, but all the schools in Howard County the ability to exercise safely during the fall/ winter months.

Additionally, the track will provide a space for much needed connection and engagement between schools and students in and outside of the Howard County community.

Although I will not be in the county next year, please consider this testimony and advocacy for the student-athletes that will come after me.

Thank you so much!

Cambel Howard

From: [Christopher Hochstein](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: New indoor track
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 1:54:33 PM

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Hello, My name is Christopher Hochstein

I am a junior track athlete at Reservoir High School. I am emailing to show my support for the recent indoor track proposal. I believe that an indoor track within Howard County will not only offer my school, but all the schools in Howard County the ability to exercise safely during the fall/ winter months. Additionally, the track will provide a space for much needed connection and engagement between schools and students in and outside of the Howard County community. Please consider this testimony and advocacy. Thank you so much,

Christopher hochstein

From: [Jeremy Vickery](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor Track Proposal
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 4:28:13 PM

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Hello,

I am writing in strong support of the proposal for an Indoor Track / athletics facility to be built in HoCo. I am currently coaching track and field in nearby Eldersburg, and have lifelong relationships with many coaches and administrators who have longed for an indoor facility that athletes could benefit from as they grow.

I believe this initiative would be a significant statement from Howard County in terms of its commitment to the development of our youth and would support it in any way possible, including funding it.

Jeremy Vickery

From: [Brian Sivitz](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Proposed Indoor Track @Troy Park
Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024 11:44:16 AM

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To whom it may concern,

As a 15 year resident of Howard County I've seen how good our county can be for families and kids growing up in this area. In order to maintain this status we need to continue providing opportunities for our children and active adults. One of the biggest shortcomings in all of Maryland is the lack of indoor tacks facilities during the winter time and an indoor track in Howard county would be a great investment in the future. Financially it may seem daunting but the impact and ROI would be great. The location right off of 95 would make it a prime facility for schools and clubs up and down the east coast and would provide an economic boost as a result. I highly support such a facility and beg of you all to vote in favor of approving action on it.

Thanks,
Brian Sivitz

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Faye Weaver](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor Track for Howard County
Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024 4:38:42 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of an indoor track in Howard County. Howard County has a very large running program with Bullseye Running, Public and Private schools. And having an indoor facility would help the revenue for the county for people to use the facility and area attractions.

Also the benefit of having a facility in Howard County would help with the public school system's challenge with bus transportation.

Here is a mileage comparison of the public high schools going to the PG Complex versus Troy park area. This is an approximation since I don't know exactly where Troy Park is located.

School	PG Complex	Troy Park
Atholton	28mi	12mi
Centennial	34mi	11mi
Glenelg	38mi	21mi
Guilford Park	23mi	6.2mi
Hammond	26mi	9.2mi
Howard	32mi	6.6mi
Long Reach	29mi	5.9mi
Marriotts Ridge	42mi	18mi
Mt Hebron	37mi	13mi
Oakland Mills	28mi	8.3mi
Reservoir	25mi	13mi
River Hill	32mi	14mi

As you can see, there is a significant difference if we had a facility in Howard County. How much that will save on transportation, kids out of school, kids driving all the way down to PG complex. Parents being able to see their children run and not miss lots of hours of work.

Besides the public arena, the facility can be used for private schools, Various other indoor meets and training programs.

Howard County promotes themselves to being an active and vibrant community! Having an indoor facility will allow people to be more active and healthy year round!

Thank you for your time.
Faye Weaver
443-799-0027
County District 1

From: [Karen M. Fikes](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Cc: [Jones, Opel](#); [Yungmann, David](#); [Walsh, Elizabeth](#); [Jung, Debra](#); [Rigby, Christiana](#); [Ball, Calvin](#);
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[CouncilDistrict3@howardcountymd.gov](#); [CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov](#);
[CouncilDistrict5@howardcountymd.gov](#)
Subject: Support for Indoor Track Proposal
Date: Sunday, May 5, 2024 4:27:31 PM
Attachments: [Inddoor Track Proposal Input.docx](#)

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Please find attached, a memo I would like to submit to the county council in support of the proposal for an indoor track facility.

Thank you for your consideration,
Karen Fikes

May 4, 2024

To: Howard County Council
From: Karen Fikes, Resident and Parent

Re: Indoor Track Proposal

I am writing in my capacity as a resident and parent in Howard County. It has come to my attention that council members may not fully support the proposal for an indoor track facility. This memorandum is meant to offer insight into why you should consider this proposal and endeavor to proceed on both economical and practical grounds.

First, the addition of an indoor track facility can offer the county a great source of income. The facility could draw events and elite athletes to our region, which currently does not exist for many institutions. When the indoor track season is not in session, the facility could be used for other athletic endeavors, like volleyball or wrestling or indoor soccer. Such a facility has the potential to bring in millions for local businesses to support attendees at events or other uses of the facility. Likewise, our school system would save on travel time and cost to the only indoor facility in the region (Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex).

Second, as residents we are made to understand that we have one of the best school systems in the country. However, we do not support our students equally. Our athletes have varied experiences. The indoor track experience is not one that is very supported. There are no training facilities, so our athletes run on roads in rain, snow, ice, and in every temperature imaginable. The field athletes also work outside unless there is mud or freezing conditions, then they are forced into the insufficient school gym with outdated equipment and limited space. Because the entire region relies upon ONE facility to accommodate indoor track events, our athletes travel great distances, missing class and any other opportunities for learning or work or enrichment to travel two counties away for meets. This past year, our season had been almost non-existent due to updates being made at Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex.¹ The result was an abysmal season, lost opportunities, and a lack of respect for a county that doesn't support its athletes. There is no community support for these athletes, little family involvement, and the athletes feel forgotten and left out while other teams, like basketball, volleyball, and wrestling, have large audiences, support, and home school advantages.

Personally, this is my track child's first year in high school. She already felt unsupported and disconnected to the community by participating in competitive swim, a sport not supported or offered in Howard County schools, even as it is a standard sport in surrounding communities. The cost, in time, effort, and money, had been a strain, and the feeling of being disconnected caused my daughter to drop swim after 10 years as a competitor. She took up running; this led to two months of running for training and one meet, then the season was over, all due to the aforementioned limitations on a facility. Though she felt a level of despondency due to the loss of an entire season, I am sorry for the athletes hoping to obtain any times or records useful for scholarships. As it is, our athletes already suffer from a general lack of support in other seasons

¹ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/2024/01/15/areas-main-indoor-track-is-back-business-much-everyones-relief/>

(rusty hurdles, outdated scoreboards breaking down, torn up track, no outdoor facilities, etc.). We rely heavily on parental support to raise money for many issues, but the disintegration of our facilities and equipment cannot be maintained by donations. Likewise, our children already attend an outdated, overcrowded school that gets overlooked for updates while they are pushed to continue academic excellence. All of the strain on our student athletes reflects the lack of support from the county. Our indoor track athletes experience the very worst lack of support as they are left by the wayside reliant upon another county's facility, with no community or school support, and some families unable to support their track athletes. My hope is that future indoor track athletes in Howard County are able to benefit from full support from the county.

As a county, we can support the effort to offer both a community resource for event hosting with monetary benefits and a student support for athletes often left out of their school and community support networks. Therefore, I urge you to support the proposal for an indoor track facility and allow Howard County to offer opportunities to our region. Thank you for your consideration.

From: [Dwane Morgan](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor track @ Troy Park
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 9:14:04 AM

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Good morning,

I am writing in support of the proposed indoor track facility being built in Howard County. As a parent of 5 kids who have all run track & field, I think this would be a great addition for the community. Currently, we would have to drive to PG Sportplex for a similar facility for the kids in this area. This is something that would certainly be utilized widely across the winter track & field season for both public school and private club teams, but also would have year-round potential for several sports like gymnastics and wrestling. Please strongly consider this as a value-added benefit to the HoCo community.

Best,
Dwane Morgan

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

From: [George Locktish](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor Track Facility Proposal
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 7:47:03 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I am a resident of Howard County, and I am writing to show my support for the proposal to develop an indoor track facility at Troy Park. I have children that are active in running programs offered throughout the county, and having an indoor track facility would greatly improve their running experiences.

Sincerely,
George Locktish
Ellicott City, MD

From: [Rementelas Family](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: We support the Indoor Track Project at Troy Park
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 10:10:17 AM

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Hello Howard County Council,

We are emailing you to share our family's support for the proposed Indoor track facility at Troy Park. The area is in dire need for such facility as there is really only one indoor track (in PG Complex) for all the schools in the state (high school, college and amateur youth teams). Area high school, college and youth teams desperately need at least one more facility in the area and this proposed track would be ideal for all.

Please consider this very valuable project.

Kind regards
Rementelas Family

From: [Steve Cratin](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor Track Facility - Howard County
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 8:12:51 AM

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Good morning Councilmembers,

I am writing regarding the proposed indoor track facility at Troy Park. My family and I have lived in Howard County for fifteen years and our kids have grown up playing youth sports here. We are believers in the power of sport. My son runs for the Columbia based Bullseye team coached by Mr. Phil Lang. The need for an indoor facility is real in our area. There is only one indoor track in the state (located in Prince George's County). This facility is used by high school, college and youth teams. Our local running families desperately need another indoor facility to support this wonderful sport that can be enjoyed by all.

The economic benefit of such a facility would be tremendous. Families from the State (and beyond) will visit our wonderful community for single and multi-day events, filling restaurants, hotels, and entertainment venues in Columbia and Ellicott City.

Thank you for your consideration and support for this new indoor track facility.

Sincerely,
Steve Cratin
Howard County Resident

From: [Erica Murphy](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor Track at Troy Park
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:59:20 PM

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Good day all.

I am writing this e-mail today to pledge my support for an indoor track facility in Howard County. I have been a coach in both Howard County on the club level and in Anne Arundel County at the High school level for Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor track for the past 12 years I am currently a coach for the Howard County Striders running club. I am a retired supervisor from Howard County Recreation and Parks and am currently employed as a part time childcare assistant director at HCRP RLC before/aftercare program.

I am involved on a daily basis with child athletics for various age groups for many years. I see the need for this type of facility. The only other indoor facility is located in Prince Georges County.

The amount of running clubs and high schools in the area are growing along with the number of athletes that need this type of facility in our area. I have experienced the problems trying to book time for the use of the PGC track because of the number of programs that wish to use the track for both practices as well as indoor meets. Let alone the travel time to and from the facility.

I would strongly urge the council to consider voting for this facility to help with the advancement of the sport of track and field in our area as well as an additional opportunity to promote a healthy lifestyle among our young people of Howard County.

Yours Truly
Brian Murphy
USTF Level 1 Coach

From: John Wheatland <jawheatland@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:00 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: The Need fo an Indoor Track in Howard County

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Howard County Council,

I am writing this email in support of Howard County (HC) building an indoor track at Troy Park near the intersection of I-100 and I-95. As 35+ year member of the Howard County Striders, I am familiar with the HC running community and its efforts to support junior runners, I agree with the need to have indoor track in the county. There is really only one indoor track (PG Complex) for all the schools in the state. High school, college and youth teams in Maryland desperately need at least one more indoor track. In addition, Howard County's central location in the high population area of the state makes it a good location for an indoor track. Thank you!

Dr. John A. Wheatland, Jr.
jawheatland@yahoo.com

From: Jordan Sterner <Jordan_Sterner@hcpss.org>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 9:04 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Indoor Track Facility

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I wanted to reach out to provide a voice for those that need it. Those that need it are the thousands of students involved in Indoor Track. I have known that talk of building a indoor track facility has been going on for a while. But it has been passed over for addition of more field space. I cannot tell you how important this could be to the country. This could not only serve our kids but be a beautiful facility that puts HoCo on the map.

Like I said above the indoor track program serves thousands of kids, with each high school usually having an initial roster of over 100 boys and girls. The problem is that sharing the PG complex with every other school in the tri state area limits entries and makes it so half of our student athletes never get a chance to compete. So, every year, I have to tell around 50 kids that they could not compete or justify my kids with better times why they wouldn't be running in the next meet. Either way, a group of kids, from our own county will be left out in the cold.

I have always said that our county is in a unique position where we could develop a facility and have the opportunity to make money, while serving the community it is in. First, we have an amazing location with 95, 70, and 29 being amazing highways that could handle all of the additional traffic. Second location of facilities could be a easy on and off from most of these locations. Third, if our county put in real money to create a real-world class facility, it could become multiuse and a hub for mid-Atlantic athletics. If we go cheap, then we can only support and lure in local meets and use after the track season. If we go big and make it a world class facility then we can generate income from all over the east coast, use the facility during summer/fall for camps etc., host other large tournaments for things like field hockey, LAX, etc. The biggest large, nice, facilities positioned where we are located are VA beach and NYC. HoCo would bring an intermediate top-notch facility. Like I said if the money was spent on doing it correctly (there are many firms that have these designs) then the facility could continue to make money not during indoor track season.

Please consider this. I have been a head coach for 5 years in HoCo and I know the huge influence track and field has on our students. More kids come through our programs than any other in the county. This is the feather in our cap that solidifies our spot as a top athletic area. Everyone has field space, but none have the indoor track space. We have an opportunity to put ourselves above everyone else.

Jordan Sterner

Physical Education Teacher
Northfield Elementary School

Head Coach: Cross Country, Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field
Mount Hebron High School

From: [Max Wilson](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Indoor Track Facility
Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024 7:46:14 PM

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I'm writing to voice my support for the development of an indoor track facility in Howard County. My family and I like in neighboring Montgomery County and routinely travel within the region for indoor and outdoor track meets. There is a significant number of people in the region passionate about youth running. There are also increasing numbers of adults who are taking up running and who are interested in races of all distances. The existing indoor facilities in this region aren't sufficient to meet the current demand for space. I hope that Howard County develops a new indoor track to help meet the local and regional need. If you do, we will be spending even more of our time and income in the county.

Thank you,
Max Wilson
Potomac, MD

From: Nick Kohout <njkohout@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2024 11:41 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: New Indoor Track

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I just heard that Howard County has proposed building an indoor track at Troy Park. As a runner, the father of a runner at Howard High School, and former Track/Cross Country coach, I'd like to express my excitement over the prospect of this new indoor track. We don't currently have one (that I'm aware of) in Howard County and I hope this gets approved.

Thanks,
Nick Kohout

From: Ashley Roe <aroe@ratcliffearchitects.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 10:46 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Indoor Track Facility at Troy Park

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed indoor track facility at Troy Park, near the intersection of 100 and 95. As a fellow runner and resident of southern Baltimore County, I am deeply passionate about the potential benefits that such a facility would bring to our community.

Allow me to provide some context about my background. I am a former MD public high school runner who also competed as a collegiate athlete at a Division I university. Returning to Maryland, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by local athletes due to the limited availability of indoor track facilities. In recent years, I traveled with groups to New York City to participate in open-to-the-public indoor track races (because none previously existed in MD). While there, I observed several groups of high school and middle school students utilizing the facility for their training. It was inspiring to see how such a facility can encourage after-school activities and foster a sense of achievement and camaraderie among young athletes. By establishing an indoor track facility at Troy Park, we can provide a convenient and accessible venue for athletes of all levels to train and compete, thereby enhancing our community's overall health and well-being. Moreover, it would address the pressing need for additional indoor track facilities in Howard County, which currently relies solely on the PG Complex to serve all schools in the state.

In light of this, I urge you to consider the immense benefits that an indoor track facility would bring to Howard County. Not only would it provide a much-needed resource for community members, but it would also empower our students and encourage participation in after-school activities.

Additionally, I am proud to mention that I work at a local architecture firm that is looking to expand its focus into the rehabilitation and new construction of sporting facilities. We would be more than willing to offer our expertise and assistance in the planning and development of the indoor track facility at Troy Park, should the Council determine that there is indeed a need within our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to seeing this project come to fruition.

Thank you,

Ashley Roe, AIA, LEED AP



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