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Howard County Council  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Re: CR49-2015

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to express my support for the appointment of Susan Garber to the Planning Board for several reasons.

First, I have had numerous occasions to hear Ms. Garber speak about issues that impact our County. She has always been extremely knowledgeable about complex issues. She is thoughtful, well-spoken and respectful as she relays her opinions and data.

Second, as the owner of a business that helps individuals with disabilities, she will bring unique and vast knowledge of issues impacting the disabled to the Planning Board.

Third, she has sometimes agreed with the County Executive and sometimes, she has not. She has sometimes agreed with the County Council and sometimes, she has not. It is important to have intelligent, independent thinkers on the Planning Board who are not swayed by political agendas or special interests that seek to have greater influence in our County.

Fourth, Ms. Garber has been a hard working volunteer in Howard County, striving for the greater good of our community. As president of the Savage Community Association, a member of Planning and Zoning workgroups, a committee member on senior issues, and a 2015 County Executive transition team member reviewing DPZ and Inspections, Licenses and Permits, she has proven her commitment to improving the lives of all Howard County citizens.

I urge the County Council to work with our new County Executive, who has pledged his commitment to transparency in government and giving citizens a voice, and confirm his appointment of Susan Garber to the Planning Board. Her appointment would be a good faith effort by the County Council to prove the Planning Board has an independent voice related to development in our County.

Sincerely,

Barbara Krupiarz

Cc: Allan Kittleman, County Executive