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**From:** Katie MacLaughlin <katie.maclaughlin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2015 12:01 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I oppose the appointment of Susan Garber to the Planning Board

To the Howard County Council:

My name is Kathleen MacLaughlin. I am a teacher for Howard County Public Schools and a resident in Columbia. I am disappointed to discover that our County Executive has recommended Susan Garber for the Planning Board.

Garber regularly criticizes Howard County, the elected officials, and the County Council's decisions in her letters to The Baltimore Sun. Her claims are not fact-checked because she writes under an "editorial" headline. I do not support the appointment of a woman who thinks I am "greedy" and "manipulative" because I want a 4% Cost of Living Adjustment to offset the 3% increase each year in the cost of daycare for my children.

I believe in the privilege and power of our first amendment right to voice our opinions, but don't understand her rationale. If she is so disgusted with our community, our education system, and our elected officials why does she want to volunteer five years of unpaid service for this county? I do not trust her and feel the opinions she's expressed do not display the conduct of someone who should plan the growth and development of our community.

I respectfully ask that you do not approve Susan Garber's appointment to the Planning Board.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen MacLaughlin  
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