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From: Susan C. Hudson <Susan_Hudson@hcpss.org>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 11:11 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I oppose the appointment of Susan Garber to the Planning Board

Dear Members of the County Council,

On behalf of the 5500 members of the Howard County Education Association, we strongly oppose the appointment of Susan Garber to the Planning Board.

Ms. Garber's rhetoric describing educators' negotiations as "greedy, manipulative, and rather like blackmail" is inflammatory and unfair. Her "not in my backyard" attacks on efforts to protect the homeless are indicative of a troubling absence of sympathy and concern for our most unfortunate neighbors. In short, the Association has serious doubts that Ms. Garber will treat the people of our county with the kindness, dignity, and respect they deserve. I also have to add that as a "former teacher" Ms. Garber knows full well that teachers, while being paid for 192 days of work, work far more than the days they are paid for. It is expected (but not mandated) that we read books, rework curriculum, and prepare for the new school year in the summer. We do this because we strive to be better teachers. We do this because we care and although the curriculum has changed dramatically in the last 5 years, we are not given extra time/payment for learning a new curriculum and making the necessary materials to teach it. We do this on our own time, often during our 8 weeks off in the summer.

Howard County has more than enough residents with the skills and temperament for public service. Regardless of the post, it is imperative that we find and support the people who are willing to lead by example. The Howard County Education Association stands ready to assist.

Sincerely,

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