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From: Sheila Schlosser <Sheila_Schlosser@hcpss.org>
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To: CouncilMail
Subject: I oppose the appointment of Susan Garber to the Planning Board

Dear Members of the County Council,

In 2006, I left the Montgomery County School System and took a pay DECREASE to become a part of the Howard County Public School System. At that time, I believed that the Howard County Public School System provides exemplary special education services to our youngest learners. Over the past few years, I have watched our budget decrease and my earnings sputter along while the workload and responsibilities for me have increased. I'm not fairly compensated, and am tired of the purposeful attack on my morals to be paid fairly for my dedication and hard work. Including my work at home, I work an average of 60 hours per week. Why would I support someone who will continue to perpetuate a skewed perception of educators? What have I done to deserve such poor representation of my work in my chosen profession? Why aren't you supporting your county, which includes supporting the people who are helping to shape the future adults of your county? Please carefully consider your actions.

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.

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.

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