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Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 2:32 PM
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.

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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