

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** L C <speechgirln@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2015 1:06 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I oppose the appointment of Susan Garber to the Planning Board

To the Esteemed member of the County Council,

Please take into serious consideration the appointment of this polarizing individual. She is clearly not going to come to the table with an open mind and the true spirit of collaboration which is desperately needed in this time of such political animosity. The Board of Education and the teacher's union need to start working toward the common goal of maintaining and developing a highly respected school district. Adding Ms. Garber to the mess will only continue to incite hostility and mistrust on both sides of the table. I feel the County Council can facilitate the closing of this divide by remaining neutral and supportive of both sides of the issue. By allowing this appointment to go through, you will be setting your cards on the side of the BOE. Is this the right thing to do? The County Council's mission is to act as the county's Legislative branch. To stand true to such an immense task, you must take into consideration your constituents and the other branches of government with which you must work. I urge you to vote against the assignment of a person known to look so poorly on one whole arm of those which you represent, namely teachers and employees of the Howard County Public School System. For the sake of impartial and fair engagement in the process of government, please refuse this appointment.

Sincerely,

Laurie Chin