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From: Carol Poundstone <carol_poundstone@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 9:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: CR 49-2015

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Dear County Council Members,

I am writing in support of Susan Garber's appointment to the Planning Board. I have known Susan since 1970 when we were both students at the University of Maryland studying to become teachers. We met again in 1971 when we began our teaching careers together in Prince George's County, MD. I continued my 35 years of teaching in Prince George's County and I lived in Howard County, MD from 1987 to 2006. Susan went on to have an amazing career in a different way and she has always shown the greatest integrity, leadership and professionalism in all her endeavors.

Underlying all of her endeavors has been a passion devoted to making positive changes for students, adults and seniors. She is meticulous in her study of issues and she doesn't hesitate to ask questions to achieve a greater understanding of topics to generate multiple possible solutions to problems. She is willing to listen to all sides of issues and is honest while being considerate and respectful of differing opinions.

In her career she established a non-profit, AT:LAST, Inc. Howard County saved tens of thousands of dollars on assistive technology for individual students as well as software and special equipment for classrooms through the co-operative purchasing component. While at Johns Hopkins University she arranged partial scholarships for 5 Howard County teachers and provided numerous hours of in-service training and consultation on students. This is the kind of person you should want for a volunteer position with the county.

Howard County needs someone on the Planning Board with Susan's specific skill set. She has authored several book chapters and served as proofreader for several technical books, demonstrating both knowledge and attention to detail. She will work to balance developer's desires with that of residents to continue to make Howard County the desirable place to live that it has become. Susan can be counted on to study staff reports, confer with her fellow board members and apply all the regulations and applicable laws. She has no conflicts of interest, no hidden political agenda, is an independent thinker and will work hard for all the communities of Howard County.

I urge you to separate any letters you receive into two piles: those letters written from people who actually know Susan well vs those generated in response to some political call to action using a "form letter".

I strongly urge you to confirm her appointment.

Sincerely,

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