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I'm writing to highly recommend that Susan Garber be approved for the appointment to the Howard County Planning Board.

Susan Garber is an avid member and supporter of the North Laurel 50+ Center.

She champions the North Laurel Community Center partners in their work especially the health and wellness programs of the North Laurel 50+ Center.

Susan has been keeping herself engaged in a variety of health, social and lifelong learning programs at the center such as Enhanced Fitness Exercise Class, Older American Month Celebrations and Master Gardener Series.

As a full-time member of the **North Laurel Senior Council**, she keeps the North Laurel 50+ members and staff informed about issues of importance in our Southern Region of the County and beyond.

Susan has spearheaded the campaign for an indoor pool at the North Laurel Community Center and gently encouraged advocacy in others in this campaign.

She is a wealth of information on County concerns especially impacting the older citizens.

Susan serves as an advocate and liaison for older adults in the community.

She connects members and staff with vital information in and around the community such as local housing developments that would impact transportation for seniors.

She also shares with us current ideas, discussions and developments taking place in the community such as annual government plans and budgets so Senior Council Members are aware and able to contribute in the decision making process.

Susan has always taken a leadership role regarding older adult issues which has strengthened partnerships with local government, community partners and the overall camaraderie among older adults.

Above all else, Susan is the kindest, most compassionate and most sincere person I have ever met!

Her approach and attentiveness is always professional, considerate and fair.

These attributes and her community advocacy experience would make her a fine member on the Howard County Planning Board.

I've recently learned that HCEA is against Susan's approval for Planning Board and have asked members to speak against her. I'm appalled that the HCEA would do such a thing since they don't know Susan and her work in the county. Positions taken by the union don't necessarily reflect the opinions of the individual members.

I'm retired from the Howard County School System and find the union, as witnessed in 23 years in the county, to be overstepping their bounds once again!

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