

## **Vote to Support Susan Garber!**

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Dear Howard Council Members:

As you are well aware, long time Howard County resident Susan Garber of Savage was recently appointed by County Executive Allan Kittleman to serve on the County's Planning Board.

Mrs. Garber is well qualified to serve in this position. I encourage you to 1) vote on, and 2) support her appointment when the Council meets this Monday evening.

In addition to serving as the Savage Community Association President, Mrs. Garber is one of the most hard working volunteers in Howard County. She has been active in the preservation of the Patuxent River and surrounding parkland, maintaining historic sites, community engagement, and making Howard County a desirable place to live for seniors, parents, and young people alike.

Susan's volunteer efforts have been recognized both locally and nationally.

In 2009, Susan was granted the Outstanding Service Provider Award by County Executive Ken Ulman and the Howard County Commission on Disability Issues.

Earlier this year, President Barack Obama awarded Susan with the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for Lifelong Commitment to Building a Stronger Nation Through Volunteer Service.

Professionally, Susan's 40+ year career centered on special education and rehabilitation, both as a teacher and as a program director responsible for the creation of new innovative special education and rehabilitation technology programs. Susan holds two advanced degrees from the Johns Hopkins University and, on several occasions, presented on her work internationally.

Susan also founded and directed a non-profit organization, AT:LAST, Inc., headquartered in Howard County which served families in Maryland, Tennessee, and Georgia as a cooperative buying service for assistive technology. Under a grant from the Governor's Office for Individuals with Disabilities' Maryland Technology Assistance Program, Susan operated an AT Demonstration Center in Columbia and a satellite office in Garrett County.

Susan Garber is exactly the type of individual we need to serve on the County's Planning Board. Her appointment has been delayed long enough. Please vote to confirm Susan Garber this Monday evening.

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