

It's time to vote on the Appointment for Susan Garber.

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In this weeks Howard County Times there was an opinion written by Doug Miller which is attached below for your convenience.

I might disagree with Mr. Miller on the point of “nothing wrong in asking”. Mr. Kittleman provided the Council with all that was required for the nomination of Ms. Garber. Asking for more information accomplished nothing other than to delay a the vote. Though that is apparently behind us as an issue.

Mr. Ball, as chair of the Zoning Board, pointed out that he was waiting to hear about the member that was to be replaced and waiting to hear a response from Mr. Kittleman about the additional information he had requested.

Mr. Fox pointed out at the last legislative session that the member of the Planning Board whose term had expired is not required to submit anything to the board and it is the County Executive that nominates replacements to the Planning Board.

The two excuses [and they were excuses] for not voting on the nomination of Susan Garber no longer exist.

Perhaps you were unaware that Ms. Garber has received the President's Lifetime Achievement Award. Here is the link to the story in the Baltimore Sun.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/howard/laurel/ph-ho-n-north-laurel-20150623-story.html>

As a resident of Howard County for over 40 years, I'm having some difficulty in understanding the reason of your delay and/or objections might be to Ms. Garber. Has her support of the residents in and around Savage been not to the Council's liking?

It's time to vote on the Appointment for Susan Garber at the next appropriate meeting of the Council In my opinion, that vote should be to confirm the nomination.

Best Regards.

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Nothing wrong with asking and nothing wrong with 'no'

It never hurts to ask, but the County Council looks unprepared for the answer to be "no."

The council did nothing untoward in its June 8 memo to the county executive's office requesting that the administration's current and future appointments to county boards and commissions come with more supporting documentation than is required by the county charter.

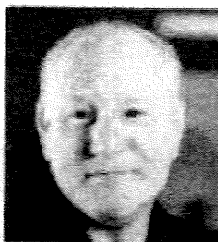
After all, the council has to vote to approve these appointments. If members believe they need more information to make an informed choice, they have every right to ask for it, either in a single case or as a matter of policy.

Likewise, there's nothing wrong with County Executive Allan Kittleman politely telling the council to stuff it.

While the council made a blanket request, the members had one or two proposed appointees in mind when they made it.

Among the written testimony the council is asking for: "if the (board) member proposed to be replaced is eligible for reappointment, the rationale for why the Administration proposes appointing the nominee rather than reappointing the current member proposed to be replaced."

Kittleman wants to replace current Planning Board member Josh Tzucker with Susan Garber, the president of the



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needs, those who voted "no" should explain why.

