

FW: Disposition of Bill No. 37-2015(ZRA-155)

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Ms. Sigaty:

Our association was taken off guard by the July 20, 2015 hearing on Bill 37-2015(ZRA-155). We were not aware that the Council was hearing testimony on that date, only learning of the hearing a hour before it commenced. We are disappointed about the lack of notification, especially given the fact that we are on record as opposing changing the Zoning Regulations to allow home-based contractors in R-20 districts.

We feel that the lack of notification may contribute to significantly biasing the Council into favoring the change. We feel that the issue relates to sound land use, and is not a matter of personal character or private interests. Shifting the issue into this realm does not promote good policy analysis, and does not adequately consider the interests of all County residents.

Again, we agree with the April 17, 2015 Technical Staff Report supporting our position. Arguments to the contrary suggesting "location inefficiencies," jobs, and the health of business in Howard County are simply not supported—empirically or in theory.

We ask that you inform us of the disposition of the bill, and to please let us know when future actions are pending.

Douglas Isokait,
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