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Good evening my name is Stu Kohn and I'm the President of the Howard County Citizens Association (HCCA). I want to thank the Council for allowing me to testify to prevent me from being home and watching American Ninja Warrior. Believe me this experience is a lot better.

The HCCA has a few major concerns that we hope will also be your concerns. The first is that the Planning Board recommendations for CB36 are no longer posted as "Related Documents" on the County website. Approximately a week-in-a-half ago it was resulting for me to be able to testify on this subject tonight. Why is it no longer available to the public? I see the Planning Board recommendations are included in both CB35 and 37 as they should be. Just like CR-49, the Susan Garber nomination not all the documents are available. If the Council insists on posting applicable documents or pre-testimony then it is incumbent to ensure that it is all inclusive.

We also are concerned with the issued date of May 15 on the Technical Staff Report and the date of the Planning Board meeting of May 21. Thus only 6 days had occurred. As you all know HCCA worked extremely hard with several of you to have CB6-2015 passed which called for a two-week notification of Technical Staff Reports being issued to give time for the public to review prior to being heard by a legislative or judicial body. In this case it looks like this was not satisfied. The question is why? If we are going to approve Bills or Resolutions they need to be enforced.

Lastly, looking at the Planning Board recommendations of this Bill it clearly states in the "Motion" that this ZRA should be addressed in the next comprehensive zoning plan. Please refer to lines 29 to 33 on page 1 and lines 1 thru 6 on page 2. It reads as follows: -----

So the question is how after Planning Board members cited concerns could the three out of 5 members in attendance even think about recommending approval.

Thank You,



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