



Map Amendment : 50.005 and 50.003 -- AGAINST

Concerning Parcels :

10051 North Second Street	10061 North Second Street	10065 North Second Street
10071 & 10075 North Second Street	10081 North Second Street	10091 North Second Street
10095 North Second Street	10117 North Second Street	10127 North Second Street
10135 North Second Street	10113 North Second Street	

Testimony from :

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I am testifying for HCCA as a Board Member and with their support.

We are AGAINST the proposed changes to the above parcels.

As our VP of HCCA spoke to you on Monday about the amount of units in the pipeline without changing the current zoning in Howard County, I want to elaborate on it more.

When a property owner wants to develop or let go of the land they hold, when a community is already established, you have to look at the current infrastructure and ask “How can we improve before we allow this type of development to go in? It is not wise to allow a development to go in then try to improve the roads, schools, quality of life that is already impacted and wait to improve a year, 5 years, 10 years or so down the road.

All one has to do is stop & assess what they have. You can't keep running at a high pace and see that all things are being taken care of in a proper manner (ie...schools with trailer's, roads over capacity, deer that have to live in-between the off ramps). When these things happen, which they already are, its time to STOP AND ASSESS.

Because if you don't before you know it, people will be spending 2 hours in traffic to go to work or home or even just to do a shopping trip, the health of your citizens will decline with the poor air quality, citizen's will exhibit hostility and crime will be on the rise. You will create an environment that the wildlife won't be able to sustain in & die.



You may think this isn't happening right now, but it is. You have sign's on Rt 29, Rt 175 – that say "CONGESTED AREA AHEAD". The air quality around I-95 is the poorest in the country. You have a mandate from the EPA to clean up your act on the water quality.

So now is the time to STOP AND ASSESS the situation. We ask you to take off the rose color glasses and blinders and really look at what is being created.

Someone the other night stated that he may die tomorrow. But here the thing we – anyone of us – had only a year or 5 or 10 – should it always be that the roads are torn up, the streets crowded, buildings going in left & right or should there be moments to just sit back & enjoy the view.

Just look at Virginia – they have been working on their roads for a decade, maybe longer. When is enough – enough?

Stop creating the problem in hopes it will go away.

We can't believe that there isn't a way for Howard County to sustain its self without building & building. There got to be a point when you have to relie on your Laurels.