



Howard County Citizens Association

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Date: March 5, 2015

The Howard County Council
George Howard Building
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Subject: Howard County Fueling Station Task Force Report

Dear Council Members,

On behalf of the Howard County Citizen Association, HCCA I am writing to let you know that the HCCA Board voted unanimously to support the recommendations submitted to you by the Howard County Fueling Station Task Force. We are very encouraged by the report because it addresses many of the issues that are most important to us, our members, and the community.

First, the issue of blight, such as seeing a gas station lot empty for years on St. Johns Road or in the Oakland Mills Village Center has been a major concern. We do not want to see this spread any further to other Village Centers, and areas along Route 1 and Route 40. We agree that placing large gas stations near major highway intersections is a good solution as it will have a much less impact on the Columbia Villages.

We are pleased that the Task Force made recommendations concerning the health of citizens and the protection of the environment. As all the issues addressed transcend the entire County, we are in strong support of adopting these throughout the County including New Town (NT). The one exception to the report is that we recommend consideration that the distance between gas stations in NT be a distance of one mile between gas stations. This means that a newly constructed station could be no closer than one mile to an existing gas station or another new gas station.

We commend you for your vision to study this complex issue. The Task Force Report and the excellent recommendations, speaks for the work you do and the citizens whom you selected to be involved in the study.

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn
HCCA, President