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## Subject: CB 61-2017APFO Testimony to County Council

Good evening my name is Stu Kohn and I reside at 8709 Yellow Bird Court Laurel, MD. 20723. I am the President of the Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA and was a member of the APFO Task Force where we met 22 times. HCCA's position is that we are in no way satisfied with the contents of CB61 as it is not ready for prime time. We cannot and should not continue to do business as usual. It is time we take the necessary measurements to include categories relating to Quality of Life issues such as Fire, Police, EMS, and the Hospital. If APFO was really working in its current state then why do we see road signs which state, "Stay Alert – Traffic Congestion next 3 to 4 miles?" Why is it that a Level of Service of an "E" used to measure the safety of our roads is passing? Why is it that about 9000 students might be redistricted to other schools? Something is drastically wrong to the point where the acronym of APFO should be changed to ALPO – A Lousy Protective Ordinance that no one in the County should be proud.

We cannot get this wrong especially with the vast number of units in the future. All one has to do is refer to the Development Monitoring System Report from DPZ, dated April 2017 on pages 27 and 28 which you now have. It lists projects that have 50 or more units. This comprises a total of 8,537 additional units. Which equates to approximately an additional 20,500 individuals and over 15,000 more vehicles? In PlanHoward2030 - Figure 6-10 in the APFO Allocations Chart shows that by 2030 there will be an additional 33,350 units starting in 2015. This means almost 100,000 additional residents and over 60,000 more vehicles. So -- Are we really prepared for the future?

Infrastructure includes the aforementioned Quality of Life issues found in PlanHoward2030, Chapter 8 – Public Facilities and Services. The question is why aren't they included as part of our APFO? All one has to do is look at the document titled, "APFO Inventory for Maryland Jurisdictions" that I have provided you. It is a chart of the 14 Counties in Maryland who use APFO as their tests for development. The major question from this chart is why of the 14 counties does 8 of them have Fire as an APFO category and Howard County does not. This includes Anne Arundel, Montgomery, and Prince George's. Why are the Police being measured in Carroll, Montgomery, and Prince George's? In 2014 the annual Police Report showed we had 188,000 "911" calls. Why is Health Care measured in Montgomery, why is Stormwater Drainage being measured in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's?

Chief Butler, for whom I have the utmost respect, was so concerned with Cisterns in western Howard County that on several occasions he attended our APFO Task Force on his own to voice his concerns. He even introduced a couple of motions suggested by the developers in our Task Force, but unfortunately failed to pass. Perhaps if his voice was really heard the concern of

citizens regarding CB60 would be less regarding safety. You can go to the video to see his testimony.

Howard County General Hospital reports they average 78,000 plus patients going to the Emergency Department (ED) on a yearly basis as displayed on their website. All one has to do is go to the ED and experience the wait time and the number of patients lined-up on gurneys. We too often hear from our elected officials there is nothing we can do regarding the hospital's situation because it is a private entity. If this is the case then why is our County providing \$1.2 million dollars over the next four years to the hospital. It isn't enough.

It is high time to take the necessary action whereby Quality of Life issues are included and our Roads and School measurements are drastically improved before thinking about passing this Bill. You are responsible for the safety, health and welfare of your constituents. Let's do something worthwhile to once and for all ensure that APFO stands for not "Adequate" but an "Awesome" Protective Facilities Ordinance! How about once and for all making the appropriate revisions to APFO where it would be a major part of your legacy. I am sure your constituents would appreciate this effort.

Thank You.

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