

Date: 18 March 2018

Subject: Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA CB17-2018 Testimony before the Council

Good evening. My name is Stu Kohn and my address is 8709 Yellow Bird Court, Laurel, MD. 20723. Tonight, I am testifying on behalf of the Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA. We are in favor of CB17 with consideration for amendments.

We want to once again congratulate both Councilwomen Terrasa and Sigaty for introducing these Bills and the other Council Members for your co-sponsorship. The passage of this Bill is a no brainer.

The following are suggested comments:

We don't understand why in the synopsis of the proposed Bill there is no mention of the phrase "Development Plan Approvals"? We say this because the intent of the Bill is to amend Section 16.204 – Piecemeal Map Amendments and Development Plan Approvals as stated on Page 1, line 3 and lines 10 thru 32. We request you consider revisions as follows:

Refer to Page 1, line 16 – change the wording “Development Plan Petition” to “Development Plan Approvals.” This change would allow consistency regarding the terminology used in CB16-2018.

Refer to Page 1, line 19 – after the word “case” add “or Development Plan Approvals.”

Refer to Page 1, line 24 – after the word “Amendment” add “or Development Plan Approvals.”

Refer to Page 1, line 28 – after the word “Petition” add “or Development Plan Approvals.”

Refer to Page 1, line 30 -- after the word “Amendment” add “or Development Plan Approvals.”

With these suggested amendments the Bill will be more compatible with the wording of CB16 and be in sync with the proposed revision of the Howard County Code under Title 16 Planning, Zoning, and Subdivisions and Land Development Regulations.

Thank You,

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