

Date: 18 June 2018

Subject: Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA Testimony on CB44 an 45-2018

Good evening. My name is Stu Kohn and I am the President of the Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA which we are testifying in favor of these Bills as long as our questions are answered to our satisfaction.

In reviewing CB44 the following are comments relating to our concerns:

1. Why is this Bill being introduced at this time and please explain the rationale for this Bill?
2. Referring to page 2 -- line 28 thru page 3 – line 15 – Why are these Boards and Commissions being deleted?
3. Referring to Page 3 – lines 16 thru 24 – Why are these Boards and Commissions being added? Why are 13 Boards and Commission being eliminated? There should at a minimum be an explanation so the public can understand the rationale of the Ethics Commission.
4. Refer to Page 3 – line 31 – What is the definition of the word “reasonable fees. Where are “administrative procedures” found in this case?
5. Refer to Page 4 – line 33 – Please consider changing the word “may” to “shall.”
6. Refer to Page 5 – lines 6 thru 8 – When will Title 4 be amended, by whom, and when will it go into effect?

In Reviewing CB45 the following are comments:

1. Why is this Bill being introduced at this time and please explain the rationale for this Bill?
2. Refer to Page 2 – lines 11 and 14 – Please consider changing the word “may” to “shall.”
3. Refer to Page 2 – lines 14 thru 16 – How is this documented and how can the public be informed of such established exemptions by the County Purchasing Agent?

Thank you for listening.

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