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Subject: HCCA Testimony CB71

My name is Stu Kohn and I am the President of the Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA. I am extremely pleased to state we are by all means definitely in favor of CB71-2018. Thank you both Councilpersons Terrasa and Ball. This Bill is simply correcting an oversight regarding CB16-2018 which was introduced by Councilpersons Sigaty and Terrasa and passed unanimously on 2 April. I am proud to say that HCCA brought this oversight to the attention of Councilwoman Terrasa. She not only listened, but took the necessary action to do the right thing. Thank you Councilman Ball for being a part of this Bill.

The oversight is that CB16-2018 did not include the Department of Planning and Zoning designees to appear at quasi-judicial hearings with the Planning Board for the opportunity of audience members to ask questions after their presentation. It only addressed the Zoning Board. Now under CB71 on page 4, lines 22 thru 27 corrects this most important matter. This enables interested parties to have the Director of Planning and Zoning or a representative to answer questions and to be subject to cross-examination.

Like CB70 to obtain a Zoning Counsel, CB71 is an extremely important step in the right direction to perhaps provide a more level playing field for all concerned parties.

Thank You,

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