

Date: 15 October 2018

**Subject: The Howard County Citizens Association (HCCA) is Against CB73-2018**

Good evening. My name is Stu Kohn and I am the President of the Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA.

We are vehemently against CB73-2018. We have some questions which need to be answered. They are – What is the vision of Snowden River Parkway. How many more Fueling Stations and with 20 pumps, a Car Wash and a Convenience Store does one need? What is the compelling need for CB73? We ask because the content of the Bill has no explanation as to the rationale. All it states is “AN ACT amending Section 2 of Council Bill 46-2016 to correct for and accommodate an interpretation of the original legislation which did not reflect the Council’s original intent.” What is the so-called “interpretation?” Why was the original Bill, CB68-2018 withdrawn? Why has part of the contents of the Introduction of CB73 been eliminated when comparing CB68? What was eliminated is “which specified the application of certain provisions to certain properties for which any site development plan or Conditional Use applications for a Gasoline Service Station?” We are curious as to the rationale of the change?

Why doesn’t our testimony, the testimonies of many others and the passage of CB46-2016, and the approval by the County Executive in August 2016 count? Why wasn’t a ZRA filed as a preamble to create CB73 as was done regarding CB46-2018 under ZRA159?

These are important questions which the public should have the opportunity to hear your answers. If nothing else with the most persuasive testimony of the Columbia Association and others you should not in any way pass this Bill.

What has changed since CB46 was passed? The Bill included Amendment 3 introduced by Dr. Ball and passed by the entire Council with the specified date of June 27, 2016. Oh – By the Way – It should in no way matter that Royal Farms decided not to protest regarding the established date. We heard this at the County Executive Forum held in Savage this past Saturday by Dr. Ball. With this thinking if any concerned citizen didn’t protest does this mean the Council will permit a redo? Have there been any deals made with Royal Farms since the passage of CB46-2016 that the public should have knowledge?

Hopefully you will just say “NO” to a Bill that should not in any way be before you or us. How about ending your tenure on a positive note by showing us that the passage of previous Bills and the voices of your constituents matter?

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