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County Council – HCCA Positions on Resolutions 72,73,74,86,89 2021

Resolutions 72/73 – These fees have been stagnant for far too long and need to be reviewed for a rational increase. Adding a purely inflationary clause to increase automatically is warranted.

Resolution 74 – the ZRA petitioner fee should be increased to follow the County Code and have the Council set the appropriate cost to the County to be reimbursed by petitioners who stand to profit immensely from these measures. Individuals who petition for these changes also benefit very much, and should have to weigh investing in a change carefully, since the changes affect others.

Resolutions 86/89- The HCCA has argued for a long time to raise or eliminate the fee-in-lieu of providing MIHU's to get them more spread out, and/or get more County funds closer to the cost of the units. These fees are artificially capped by the building industry which is entirely inappropriate and not done by other jurisdictions. The cap has to be removed. While it is in place, the Council should be told the maximum that can be chosen to raise the fee in the legislative financial impact information.

The Howard County Citizens Association (HCCA) agrees with the testimony provided by The People's Voice (TPV) on these resolutions.

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