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HCCA Letter to the Editor

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Is there any possibility the Howard County Times and Columbia Flier would consider coverage of major newsworthy articles regarding zoning cases in Howard County? Such cases are pivotal to educate the public concerning the future impact. Some current examples which are before the Zoning Board include Hickory Ridge located in Columbia for an apartment building consisting of 230 units and the Erickson Senior Living in Clarksville of 1440 units. Additionally, the Planning Board recently voted to advise the Zoning Board to deny Maple Lawn West's request of 505 units.

It would also be advantageous to include articles relating to the ongoing Howard County General Plan update known as HoCo by Design which is to provide a long-term vision for the next 20 years in the County. Lastly, it would be beneficial to report on any major cases before the Hearing Examiner and the Board of Appeals.

Zoning issues should be today's news which affects our Quality of Life comprised of Roads, Schools, the Hospital, Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Service, Utilities such as Electricity, Gas, Water, and Sewer, etc., and is of utmost importance to the public -- your readers.

Hopefully you will consider to zone in regarding the aforementioned suggestion. The reporting of our future is in your hands.

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