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## HCCA Already Committed to be Involved in 2025

### **A Joyous New Year to ALL,**

The Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA is already committed to be involved with the following items for 2025.

- Ensuring the Office of Inspector General is as sound as possible by being involved in the process whenever Legislative Testimony is introduced.
- To be active by testifying to the County Council to approve a Zoning Regulation Amendment increasing the Setback distance to mitigate residents who reside near any PEC zoning district shall have their health and safety not placed in jeopardy. Case in point is the Grace Company's pilot plan for the production of petroleum chemical transportation fuel which affects the Cress Creek community.
- To ensure violations of zoning laws are enforced and in particular testifying if heard by the Hearing Examiner that a Go Kart facility is illegal on a property located in Highland.
- To do all we can to strengthen the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) measurements in the areas of schools, roads, health and safety via a HCCA Board Member on the Committee and through testimony.
- To continue to attempt to curtail Airplane Noise in Residential Areas by having a HCCA Board Member on the BWI Roundtable Committee.
- To communicate policy concerns regarding the Board of Education by attending Board meetings and testifying.
- To ensure that Columbia, the New Town and Gateway boundaries is a better planned community especially in the area of enforcing covenants and policy.
- To keep a watchful eye on gas and electricity with the Public Service Commission.
- To ensure the Howard County Executive funds and implements its recently approved AARP Age Friendly Plan for the 70,000 Older Adults in the county.
- To reconsider what housing design would actually be affordable to build and buy."

- To contribute by ensuring the Board of Appeals Rules of Procedure are clearly stated and followed.
- To testify at County Council's Legislative Public Hearings on Bills and Resolutions.

We will do our best to execute the aforementioned items in an attempt to better our County. We will be conducting an informal meeting on 11 January with our members. There are no openings because the number of registrations was limited to those who first signed up to voice their suggestions and concerns.

We hope 2025 will be a prosperous New Year for ALL of YOU and that our activism will have positive results.

For 2025, please consider [renewing your HCCA membership](#) or [becoming a new member](#).

Your support is always appreciated.

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