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Howard County Citizens Association

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Date: 17 November 2025

Subject: HCCA Testimony Regarding CR215-2025 - Appointment of Andrea LeWinter to the Board of Appeals

Good evening,

I am Stu Kohn from the land of pleasant living, Scaggsville.

It should be a good evening because thanks to Council Member, Deb Jung's nominee for the Board of Appeals, Andrea LeWinter when all of you cast your votes in Approval. Her qualifications are phenomenal. It's exactly what the Board of Appeals requires. Thanks to Council-member Jung's outstanding nominee selection, your unanimous approval will have an individual with impeccable credentials. All you have to do is reference her resume as you have it in your hand. Yes - what an outstanding asset as this nominee deserves your full support.

It would have been very beneficial for the public to have resumes of not only this nominee, but all nominees under "Related Documents" as we stated when we last testified this was available to the public in 2022, for example, see CR55-2022. However, because of this omission I Googled Ms. LeWinter's resume which is proudly displayed as it should be. Part of her resume states, under "Legal Experience" the following: "Law Officer of Andrea LeWinter, Columbia MD., Attorney, July 2008 to present. Individually and collaboratively advise and litigate on a range of land use — including Zoning, Variances, Conditional Uses, Covenants, Waivers, and Appeals, as well as Easements, HOA, Private Land Disputes and Administrative Employment and Business Law issues, Numerous cases before Administrative Law Adjudicators and the Circuit Court." Yes - Ms. LeWinter is more than qualified based on her education and experience.

Your unanimous Approval will make the song written in 1945 and sung by Johnny Mercer become reality. It says and the good news is I won't be singing it to you this evening. I'm saving it when I try out for "America's Got Talent." It goes - "You gotta accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative." This will hopefully assist in bringing order to the Board of Appeals.

In 2017, I had the pleasure of working briefly with Ms. LeWinter regarding the complaints concerning major violations of mulching in western Howard County. The issue was so bad a Mulching Task Force was established by the County Executive and Council of which I was a member. Ms. LeWinter was representing the Protestants.

We are appealing to you, because as you all know the Board of Appeals desperately requires new blood as its present state needs an immediate transfusion. Hopefully life can be restored by the appointment of Ms. LeWinter. Time is the greatest healer and its high time we do something positive.

Tonight, some are missing the television program, "The Voice." We only hope our voices will indeed matter. We ask you to please do something Positive to improve upon the Negative. It is incumbent of you to do so! Ms. LeWinter's resume speaks for itself as she is an asset which cannot be denied.

The HCCA looks forward for all of you to vote in **FAVOR** of Ms. Andrea LeWinter because it's no doubt in our best interest. It's a prudent choice we have for any chance for the future of the Board of Appeals to succeed. Hopefully help is on its way!

Thank you,

Stu Kohn
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