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**Cc:** Elizabeth Walsh <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** HCCA Asks for Your Approval to CR40-2026 Amendment 1

Dear Council-members,

The Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA supports Amendment 1 regarding CR40-2026 introduced by Council-member Liz Walsh to ensure the limitation of the Housing Opportunity Trust Fund for only projects having units for sales vice rent.

There are many financial needs the County has to juggle with its limited amount of bond funding. We should prioritize enabling homebuyers lower prices to get affordable owned housing with this new financing opportunity. It is commendable the Resolution has requirements of income restriction to make some really needed supply of lower priced homes to own.

The Trust Fund is partly funded by the fee-in-lieu program. If funded more by bonds, which would help potential homeowners, could possibly lead to more funds in their current funding sources, to be used for individuals in rental programs. Thus, those in need of assistance could benefit by this Resolution with your approval of this amendment. We ask you to please consider APPROVAL.

Thank you,

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