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Howard County Housing Affordability Coalition

August 6, 2019

Dr. Michael J. Martirano, Superintendent Howard County Public School System 10910 Clarksville Pike Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

Re: School Boundary Adjustments and Housing Affordability

Dear Dr. Martirano,

The Howard County Housing Affordability Coalition is a broad-based and growing group of organizations and individuals who have come together to work toward community understanding, policymaking and regulatory decisions that will lead to an increase in, and equitable access to, housing opportunities. The growing housing deficit and the imbalance between household incomes, housing costs and accessibility continue to demonstrably impact County residents, particularly families with limited incomes, people with disabilities, seniors, and those facing situational circumstances such as domestic and sexual violence, health crises, or job loss. And as you know, hundreds of children in the school system are homeless and many others deal with housing insecurity on a daily basis.

Among our Coalition's underlying premises is that housing and education policy are inextricably linked. As stated in the Enterprise Community Partners' 2017 *Creating Equitable Student Outcomes: How Housing and Education Policy are Intertwined* Report:

A healthy and affordable home, combined with a solid education, can determine whether a child grows up to truly thrive and achieve his or her potential. It is critical for all stakeholders to work together to help raise academic achievement and create strong neighborhoods and opportunities for all children.

We understand that Board of Education Policy 6010-School Attendance Areas requires the Board to consider, among other factors, student population demographic characteristics, including racial/ethnic composition, socioeconomic composition as measured by FARMs program participation and other "reliable demographic and diversity indicators, where feasible." We believe that the Board of Education's current effort to adjust school boundaries is a determinate that can have a direct and significant impact on the County's continuing ability to address the affordable housing needs of its diverse population. This is particularly relevant within the context of Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) development limits in areas where schools are, or are projected to be, over-capacity.

The recently completed 2018 Rental Survey found that only 10% of the County rental stock served households at 60% of the Howard County median income or below and that there is a need for more than 5,000 units to address housing affordability needs in the County. Additionally, most affordable housing development is multifamily apartment complexes.

As you may know, the development of multi-family apartment complexes is limited to certain areas of the County. It is also true that the schools serving these areas tend to be over-capacity with higher FARMS populations than schools in areas without the option for multifamily development. While this may be an expected consequence of current land use decisions, it is also important that these results be considered as part of the school boundary adjustment decisions so that our county is proactive in ensuring quality education for the current and new students likely to reside in these rental communities, and throughout the county.

As you know, school test scores are correlated with the percentage of FARM students. A statewide survey produced by the Maryland Equity Project shows that this correlation is stronger In Howard County than anywhere else in the State. In addition, the decrease in school test scores for every percent increase in the FARM student ratio is higher than anywhere else in the State.

It has been shown numerous times that poor children do better in areas of opportunity with higher performing schools and that the wealthier children do not suffer any harm as a consequence. As it stands now, and as proposed in the feasibility studies, there are a relatively small number of schools with very high percentages of FARM students. This does a major disservice to the children attending those schools and fails to achieve the diversity and inclusiveness to which this County aspires.

We appreciate that you and the Board are in a difficult position. Balancing out school capacity will involve reassigning students, never an easy task. However, as you go through this process, we believe that it is critical that you also work to balance socio-economic factors. Such balance will also support HAC's effort to increase affordable housing opportunities throughout the County. We therefore both encourage and will support the Board's actions to balance school demographic make-up to the end result that all Howard County schools reflect the County's racial and socioeconomic diversity.

Thank you for your consideration of the issues we have raised. We would welcome the opportunity to have two or three representatives of our Coalition meet with you to share more detailed information that might be helpful as you prepare your recommendations. We look forward to hearing from you and to learning more about plans for addressing the varying demographics in our schools.

Respectfully,

Jacquelíne Eng

Jacqueline Eng, Coalition Coordinator Howard County Housing Affordability Coalition Jleng1747@gmail.com;

Attachment: Howard County Housing Affordability Coalition Purpose and Membership

Cc: Ms. Mavis Ellis, Chair, Howard County Board of Education Members, Howard County Board of Education

> Howard County Affordable Housing Coalition 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 301, Columbia MD 21046

Howard County Housing Affordability Coalition

Purpose

Achieve community understanding, policymaking and regulatory decisions that will lead to an increase in and equitable access to Howard County housing affordability.

Create a community-wide recognition that Howard County's economic vitality is dependent upon access to jobs, resident mobility, quality education and housing affordability.

Members

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County Executive Ball Releases Community Development Corporation (CDC) Exploration Committee Report, Resumes Master Plan for Ellicott City

These announcements continue to make Ball's Ellicott City 'Safe and Sound' Plan more inclusive of community input

ELLICOTT CITY – Today, Howard County Executive Calvin Ball made several announcements regarding his Ellicott City Safe and Sound Plan. One, his Community Development Corporation (CDC) Exploration Committee <u>released their report</u>, unanimously calling for the creation of a Community Development Organization (CDO), "that puts its full and undivided attention on revitalizing, preserving and sustaining the watershed district of Ellicott City as soon as feasible." Two, the Ellicott City Watershed Master Plan was resumed on June 1st, to develop a comprehensive, community-driven vision for rebuilding a stronger and more resilient Ellicott City. Three, by <u>executive order</u>, Ball created the Ellicott City Master Plan Advisory Team to advise the master plan process, provide input at key intervals during the process, and serve as a liaison to the community. More details on Ellicott City Safe and Sound can be found at <u>ECSafeandSound.org</u>

"I want to thank every member of my Exploration Committee for their thorough report. Their recommendations will help guide us toward a future of economic development, revitalization, and job creation. We will be moving with a sense of urgency to create the Community Development Organization that will best serve the needs of Ellicott City," said Ball. "I am also pleased to report that the Ellicott City Master Plan has been re-started, giving the community a stronger voice in their long-term future and bringing innovative ideas to the table, with the help of the Ellicott City Master Plan Advisory Team."

Ellicott City CDC Exploration Committee Report

Over the past several months, the Ellicott City Community Development Corporation (CDC) Exploration Committee has been evaluating the feasibility of a CDC for Ellicott City. The committee was comprised of community representatives, business leaders, and residents committed to the future economic vitality of Historic Ellicott City. Over the course of the committee's work, the members spent significant hours discussing the challenges faced by Ellicott City, the needs of businesses and residents in Ellicott City and the West End, and how different existing entities currently serve the needs of these communities.

Ultimately, the committee unanimously decided that Ellicott City would benefit from the creation of the more socially driven, Community Development Organization (CDO) focused on the unique economic development and revitalization challenges of the Ellicott City Watershed area.

A CDO, is a locally based, tax-exempt, non-profit corporation that helps rehabilitate neighborhoods, create jobs and promote physical and social improvements in communities. This CDO, which would be inclusive of all of Ellicott City's residents and stakeholders, would foster a sustainable, vibrant, and diverse community in the Ellicott City area through reinvestment, revitalization, and use of partnerships within the area defined by the Ellicott City Master Plan.

The report recommends that the CDO should:

- Collaborate with all pertinent government agencies, existing business organizations, and community groups;
- In partnership with existing organizations, help to implement the strategic revitalization of the watershed area, which supports the storm water management recommendations in the Ellicott City Watershed Master Plan;
- Form as a non-profit 501 C-3, with the ability to negotiate, sell, lease, lease-back and purchase both public and private property, accept ownership of property, prepare plans, solicit bids, select developers / builders to implement projects, oversee projects, assess the results and pursue grant opportunities;
- Coordinate with all pertinent county public works, transportation, and planning initiatives in the area;
- Bring creative financing solutions and managerial oversight to the infrastructure, building preservation and historic district revitalization challenges confronting the watershed area;
- Create and implement public/private partnerships; and
- Explore inter-county opportunities with Baltimore County to explore the commercial area along the Patapsco and Frederick road areas.

The report also recommends that, "the County Executive and Council Member from District One nominate an 11-member Board of Directors for County Council consideration and that the members hire an experienced Executive Director to oversee the organization... We strongly encourage the CDO to work cooperatively with existing organizations, non-profits and community groups in and around Ellicott City and recommend creation of an Advisory Committee to the Board of Directors consisting of these groups to ensure wide-spread engagement and partnership in the CDO's mission."

Ellicott City Watershed Master Plan

As of June 1st, Ball has resumed The Ellicott City Watershed Master Plan. The Master Plan was initially created with the goal of developing a comprehensive, community-driven vision for rebuilding a stronger and more resilient Ellicott City. Triggered by the devastating July 30, 2016 flood, the master plan effort was designed to take a fresh and creative look at potential long-term flood solutions and rebuilding strategies. By May of 2018, the master plan consulting team had developed a vision for a model, resilient community that thrives by protecting its people, commerce, history, culture and natural environment. The consultants developed concepts and ideas for flood alleviation, resilient urban design, and comprehensive long-term rebuilding.

Following the May 2018 flood, the master plan process was paused and the previous fiveyear plan for flood mitigation developed. Master plan concepts were then developed in response. However, the master plan was again paused in November 2018, prior to Ball taking office. Now, the master plan is restarting so that new and refined concepts can be developed.

The master plan consultant team, led by Mahan Rykiel & Associates, will be working with the Department of Planning and Zoning and other county agencies over the month of June to prepare for these summer activities:

- The launch of a new Master Plan Advisory Team, including a mix of returning and new members. An orientation meeting will be held to acquaint and reacquaint the team.
- A multi-week online input option in July so everyone can get up to speed on what master plan concepts will be changing, given the 'Safe and Sound' flood mitigation strategy. The purpose of this online engagement will be to gather additional input to help shape recommendations for amenity space, parking, infill development, circulation, placemaking, etc. as impacted by the flood mitigation strategy.
- Input gathered in July will inform the development of new and refined concepts for public review this fall.

The Ellicott City Master Plan Advisory Team will provide a local understanding of the broader issues concerning the Ellicott City watershed and will promote public involvement during the development of the plan and share information with their community groups and networks. The team will be comprised of Ben Barlow, Rob Brennan, Tom Coale, Simon Cortes, Barry Gibson, Alicia Jones-McLeod, Debbie Slack Katz, W. Edward Lilley, Lori Lilly, Gary Maule, and Beth Woodruff.

Please visit <u>www.howardcountymd.gov/ecmp</u> to view the master plan schedule, review information presented at prior public workshops, and join the master plan email list.

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May is a t Asian Am Congress first Japai	May 6, 2019 nds, ational Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! time for us to celebrate the historic and contemporary contributions of ericans and Pacific Islanders to our community. The month was chosen by because two important anniversaries fall during this time: the arrival of the nese immigrants in the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion nscontinental railroad by many Chinese laborers on May 10, 1869.

Our Asian American and Pacific Islander brothers and sisters have persevered through prejudice and exploitation, all while playing a vital role in our growth, our culture, and our society as a whole. This month we remember their past, listen to their stories, and honor their contributions.



This Week in HoCo

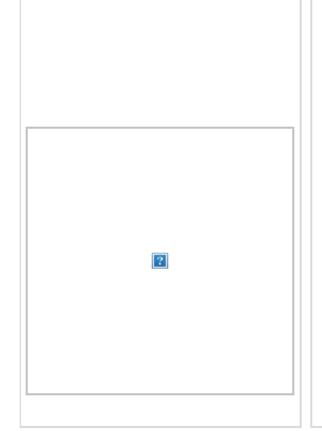
Howard House Opens

	Last year in our county, we recorded 188 non-fatal overdoses, and tragically we lost 38 lives to opioids. Since 2016, over 130 people have died in Howard County from the totally preventable cause of opioid
?	overdose. This fact is tragic, it is painful, and it is unacceptable.
	I was honored to join <u>Howard County</u> <u>Health Department</u> for the ribbon cutting of Howard House – the first Howard County-owned service
work together to persevere. Howard (provision for substance abuse treatment in the county. No matter what challenges we face, no matter how difficult the road ahead, we will

work together to persevere. Howard County is committed to prevention, enforcement, treatment, and recovery.

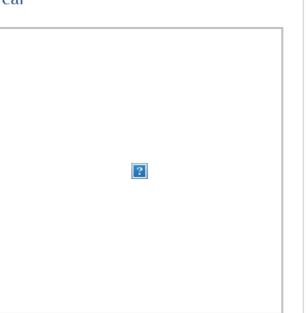
Police Chief Myers

I'm honored to have a Police Chief who is inspiring in every way. Chief Myers is known as Howard County's first African American and first female Police Chief. Here are some <u>interesting facts</u> about Chief Myers that you might not have known.



2019 Assistant Principal of the Year

Please, join me in congratulating Ms. Connie Stahler for her recognition as the Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals 2019 Assistant Principal of the Year! Ms. Stahler is an innovative leader who consistently creates the best opportunities for all our students to succeed. I was honored to stop by Laurel Woods Elementary to personally thank Ms. Stahler for her dedication to our students.



"Soak It Up" Campaign Winners

Elevate Maryland Podcast

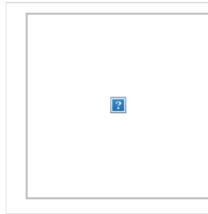
Elevate Maryland podcast explores the policies, people, and stories that affect the state of Maryland. I was thankful to join Tom Coale and Candace Dodson Reed for the taping of a podcast where we discussed budgets, bond ratings, and the importance of diversifying leadership in local government. You can watch the podcast <u>here</u> and listen to it <u>here</u>. Please, join me in congratulating <u>Howard EcoWorks</u> along with their partners <u>Howard County Government</u>, <u>National Fish and Wildlife</u> <u>Foundation</u>, <u>Ellicott City Partnership</u>, <u>Chesapeake Bay Trust</u>, and <u>St. Peter's</u> <u>Episcopal Church Ellicott City</u> for their second place win in the <u>Chesapeake</u> <u>Stormwater Network</u> Best Urban BMP in the Bay contest for their Soak It Up Campaign!

This campaign engages residents and businesses in Ellicott City's Tiber Hudson Watershed to reduce stormwater runoff from their properties through on-site solutions such as the installation of small best management practices (BMPs) such as conservation landscapes, rain gardens, tree planting, berm/swale systems and stream buffers.

Thank you for your hard work and diligence in making Howard County more sustainable for us all. Learn more about their work <u>here</u>.

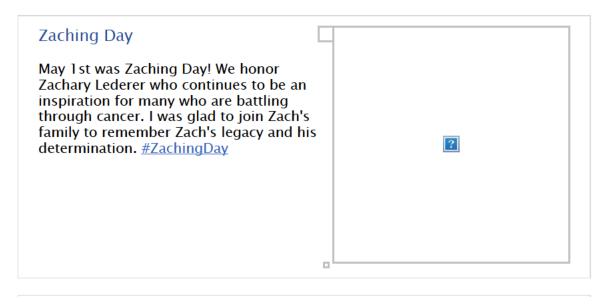
Congratulations, Allison Alston

Please, join me in congratulating <u>Reservoir High School</u> Junior, Allison Alston, for being elected as the next <u>Student Member</u> of the Howard County Board of Education. We are excited and grateful for your leadership. Thank you for your voice and advocacy. We wish you the best!



Student Award Winners

I was honored to recognize Howard County students for their achievements of excellence in political science and government. This award recognizes one graduating senior from each of the 12 Howard County High Schools, and one student from the Homewood Center. Congratulations on your success and good luck on your future endeavors! Check out all the pictures from the event <u>here</u>.



FireOps 101

As a former Emergency Medical Technician and Firefighter, FireOps is one of my favorite events where my colleagues and friends experience what it's like to be a firefighter. Thank you Lihn Bui of WJZ-TV | CBS Baltimore for coming to Howard County to experience what it's like to be a firefighter.

Special thank you to all the brave men and women of the <u>Howard County</u> <u>Department of Fire and Rescue Services</u> who ensure that our community is safe every day.

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In the State

I want to offer my sincerest congratulations to our new Speaker of the House, Delegate <u>Adrienne Jones</u>. A trailblazer in her own right, she was elected with unanimous, bi-partisan support of her peers to serve as the 107th Speaker of the House. She is the first woman and first African American in Maryland history to do so.



As Speaker Pro Tem, Jones demonstrated strong leadership skills and an ability to build bi-partisan consensus to do what's best for our state. For several sessions, she presided over the House chamber during difficult, uncertain times and I believe her decades of leadership has prepared her for this incredible honor.

Over the course of her career in public service, she has championed higher education, expanding social supports for families and advocated for our public schools. While she has graciously served her constituents of District 10 in Baltimore County, I am certain she will continue to do so as Speaker of the House for all residents of Maryland. I look forward to working with her as we build upon the success we had during the recent legislative session to increase funding for education, protect our environment, and strengthen economic resilience throughout Howard County.

As a personal friend to Speaker Jones, I am confident that she will lead the Maryland House of Delegates with integrity, transparency, and fairness for all Marylanders.

Departmental News

Department of Community Resources and Services

May is Older Americans Month (OAM). Since 1963, OAM has been celebrated as a way to recognized the contributions of this growing population. This year's theme "CONNECT, CREATE, CONTRIBUTE" encourages older adults and their communities to:

- CONNECT with friends, family and local services and resources;
- CREATE through activities that promote learning, health and personal enrichment; and
- CONTRIBUTE time, talent and life experience to benefit others.

Communities that encourage the contributions of older adults are stronger! By engaging and supporting all community members, we recognize that older adults play a key role in the vitality of our neighborhoods, networks and lives.

In this month's <u>The 50+ Connection</u> newsletter, the county's Office of Aging and Independence highlights ways some of Howard County's older adults have connected, created and contributed to the quality of life in our community. You'll also find a list of events and activities available this month to help you connect, create and contribute to your community.

With warmer weather finally here, the Office of Aging and Independence's Cycle2Health Howard County (C2H) first casual ride is set to take off tomorrow, May 7, with moderate and advance rides beginning this Thursday, May 9. C2H is a a non-competitive, peer-led, bicycling club for adults of all ages and riding abilities. The program offers three ride options each week for new or experienced cyclists to explore the beauty of Howard County from a new perspective and meet new people. Cost to participate is \$15. To learn more and/or to register, visit www.howardcountymd.gov/C2H or stop by your nearest 50+ Center.

Department of Fire and Rescue Services' Office of Emergency Management

Preparedness begins with understanding your local hazards. As Howard County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) works to update the county's <u>Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) plan</u>, OEM needs your help. OEM has developed a <u>17-question survey</u> to help the county gauge how natural disasters may impact you, your family, your business and even your pets. The HIRA plan analyzes man-made and natural hazards that have impacted Howard County and our region in the past, as well as hazards that could impact us in the future, and serves as a foundation for OEM and the county's future emergency preparedness and planning efforts. We thank you in advance for your help as we work towards ensuring that our community is prepared for future disasters, should they strike.

Howard County Health Department

Are you an environmental health professional with an interest in the health and sanitary needs of the people of Howard County? If yes, consider applying today for the county's Board of Health. To be eligible for consideration, candidates must be Howard County residents, 18 years of age or older, have an interest in public health and be able to attend the Board's meetings. With the exception of December, July and August, Board meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. To learn more and for information on how to apply click <u>HERE</u>. DEADLINE to apply is Friday, May 24.

Department of Public Works Construction Report

Below are details regarding new Capital Projects. For a full list of previously announced projects, please refer to the <u>April 29, 2019</u> newsletter.

Ellicott City

• <u>Main Street Water Main Improvements</u> (Capital Project W-8600) Project to repair a water main located along eastbound and westbound Main Street, near Merriman Street, that was damaged by the May 27, 2018 flood. To limit the impact to local businesses and for safety reasons, work will take place Monday through Friday, 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Lane shifts can be expected during construction hours. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed by early June.

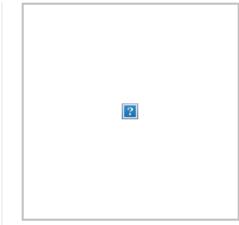
To learn more about DPW Capital Projects currently underway, visit <u>https://bit.ly/2V6K5B6</u>. Searchable by project category and street name, from this site you'll find additional project details, including news releases about the project. You can also contact DPW's Customer Service Office at 410-313-3440 or email <u>publicworks@howardcountymd.gov</u> for further assistance.

If you have questions or are interested in finding out about a State road (numbered roadway) project in your area, visit the Maryland State Highway Administration's <u>website</u> and search by "County" to learn more about State road projects.

Also, be sure to follow the county's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> pages every Monday morning for upcoming maintenance projects happening that week, weather permitting. On these social media pages, you'll also find information regarding the county's <u>street sweeping</u> schedule, which generally begin in the months of January, April, July and September.

Department of Recreation & Parks

This year's Wine in the Woods is less than



four weeks away! Howard County's Department of Recreation & Parks and I are pleased to present the 27th year of this annual wine festival, featuring wines from more than 20 of Maryland's finest vineyards, live entertainment on two stages, juried artisans, gourmet food, wine education and a souvenir glass. Tickets are on sale now for this year's event, set to take place Saturday, May 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 19 from 11:00

a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Symphony Woods in Columbia. Advance purchase ticket holders may enter the grounds each day at 10:30 a.m. For more information about the event, ticket prices, the designated driver program and more, visit <u>www.wineinthewoods.com</u> or call 410-313-1668.

Office of Transportation

In case you missed it, *major* service route changes to Regional Transportation Agency of Central Maryland (RTA) went into effect yesterday, May 5. Routes have been restructured to shorten wait times between buses, with all buses now running on 30-minute or one-hour intervals. Ride times were also shortened, weekend service expanded and connections improved. These changes will make riding RTA more convenient, more reliable and more efficient. Visit <u>www.transitrta.com/NewRoutes</u> to learn more.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

May 7 - Using Medicare's Plan Finder

Hosted by Howard County's Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS), participants will learn how to use the 'Plan Finder' tool on the <u>www.medicare.gov</u> website. The 'Plan Finder' tool is a powerful aid that helps users compare and review the various Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available to them. The 'Plan Finder' can also be used to compare Medicare health plans, such as HMOs, PPOs and Cost Plans. The workshop will take place on Tuesday, May 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at DCRS headquarters, 9830 Patuxent Woods Drive in Columbia. Interested individuals who are not familiar with the structure of Part D plans, however, are encouraged to first attend the department's "Understanding Medicare's Drug Coverage" presentation before participating in this workshop. For questions and/or more information, call 410–313–7389.

May 7 - Howard County Police Department Fallen Heroes Memorial Service

In recognition of National Police Week, Howard County Police Department (HCPD) will hold a memorial service on May 7 at 11:30 a.m. at HCPD's Memorial Courtyard and Garden, located at 3410 Court House Drive in Ellicott City, to honor the <u>seven law</u> <u>enforcement officers</u> who have died in the line of duty in Howard County.

May 7 - 2019 District 9B Legislative Session Wrap Up!

Join Delegate Courtney Watson for a <u>wrap up for District 9B 2019 Legislative Session</u>, with special guest Senator Katie Fry Hester, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Howard County Library System's Miller Branch, 9421 Frederick Road in Ellicott City. Delegate Watson and Senator Hester will provide a summary of the session including legislation that impacts Ellicott City, as well as selected state-wide legislation. The meeting will end with a question and answer session.

May 8 - Howard County Farmer's Market Opening Day for Ellicott City

Come kick-off the <u>Ellicott City's Farmer's Market</u> 2019 season at opening day on Wednesday, May 8 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Howard County Library System's Miller Branch, 9421 Frederick Road in Ellicott City. From May 8 to November 20, Howard County farmers and producers will gather every Wednesday at the Miller branch library to sell their locally grown products. Buy local and support Howard County farmers.

May 10 through May 12 – Preakness Festival

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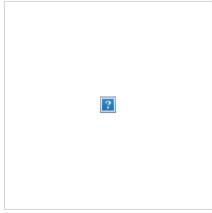
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Our Asian American and Pacific Islander brothers and sisters have persevered through prejudice and exploitation, all while playing a vital role in our growth, our culture, and our society as a whole. This month we remember their past, listen to their stories, and honor their contributions.



This Week in HoCo

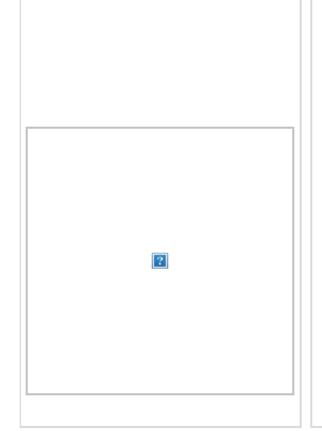
Howard House Opens

	Last year in our county, we recorded 188 non-fatal overdoses, and tragically we lost 38 lives to opioids. Since 2016, over 130 people have died in Howard County from the totally preventable cause of opioid
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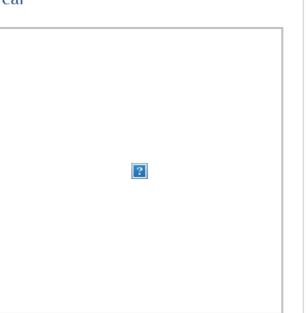
Police Chief Myers

I'm honored to have a Police Chief who is inspiring in every way. Chief Myers is known as Howard County's first African American and first female Police Chief. Here are some <u>interesting facts</u> about Chief Myers that you might not have known.



2019 Assistant Principal of the Year

Please, join me in congratulating Ms. Connie Stahler for her recognition as the Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals 2019 Assistant Principal of the Year! Ms. Stahler is an innovative leader who consistently creates the best opportunities for all our students to succeed. I was honored to stop by Laurel Woods Elementary to personally thank Ms. Stahler for her dedication to our students.



"Soak It Up" Campaign Winners

Elevate Maryland Podcast

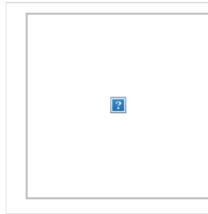
Elevate Maryland podcast explores the policies, people, and stories that affect the state of Maryland. I was thankful to join Tom Coale and Candace Dodson Reed for the taping of a podcast where we discussed budgets, bond ratings, and the importance of diversifying leadership in local government. You can watch the podcast <u>here</u> and listen to it <u>here</u>. Please, join me in congratulating <u>Howard EcoWorks</u> along with their partners <u>Howard County Government</u>, <u>National Fish and Wildlife</u> <u>Foundation</u>, <u>Ellicott City Partnership</u>, <u>Chesapeake Bay Trust</u>, and <u>St. Peter's</u> <u>Episcopal Church Ellicott City</u> for their second place win in the <u>Chesapeake</u> <u>Stormwater Network</u> Best Urban BMP in the Bay contest for their Soak It Up Campaign!

This campaign engages residents and businesses in Ellicott City's Tiber Hudson Watershed to reduce stormwater runoff from their properties through on-site solutions such as the installation of small best management practices (BMPs) such as conservation landscapes, rain gardens, tree planting, berm/swale systems and stream buffers.

Thank you for your hard work and diligence in making Howard County more sustainable for us all. Learn more about their work <u>here</u>.

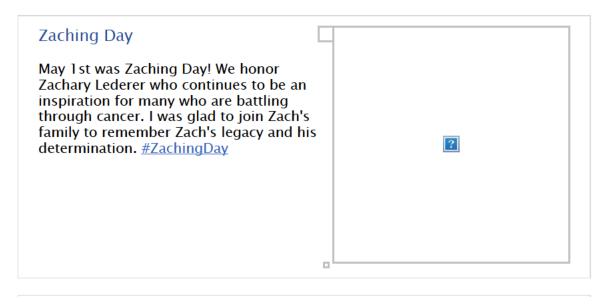
Congratulations, Allison Alston

Please, join me in congratulating <u>Reservoir High School</u> Junior, Allison Alston, for being elected as the next <u>Student Member</u> of the Howard County Board of Education. We are excited and grateful for your leadership. Thank you for your voice and advocacy. We wish you the best!



Student Award Winners

I was honored to recognize Howard County students for their achievements of excellence in political science and government. This award recognizes one graduating senior from each of the 12 Howard County High Schools, and one student from the Homewood Center. Congratulations on your success and good luck on your future endeavors! Check out all the pictures from the event <u>here</u>.



FireOps 101

As a former Emergency Medical Technician and Firefighter, FireOps is one of my favorite events where my colleagues and friends experience what it's like to be a firefighter. Thank you Lihn Bui of WJZ-TV | CBS Baltimore for coming to Howard County to experience what it's like to be a firefighter.

Special thank you to all the brave men and women of the <u>Howard County</u> <u>Department of Fire and Rescue Services</u> who ensure that our community is safe every day.

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In the State

I want to offer my sincerest congratulations to our new Speaker of the House, Delegate <u>Adrienne Jones</u>. A trailblazer in her own right, she was elected with unanimous, bi-partisan support of her peers to serve as the 107th Speaker of the House. She is the first woman and first African American in Maryland history to do so.



As Speaker Pro Tem, Jones demonstrated strong leadership skills and an ability to build bi-partisan consensus to do what's best for our state. For several sessions, she presided over the House chamber during difficult, uncertain times and I believe her decades of leadership has prepared her for this incredible honor.

Over the course of her career in public service, she has championed higher education, expanding social supports for families and advocated for our public schools. While she has graciously served her constituents of District 10 in Baltimore County, I am certain she will continue to do so as Speaker of the House for all residents of Maryland. I look forward to working with her as we build upon the success we had during the recent legislative session to increase funding for education, protect our environment, and strengthen economic resilience throughout Howard County.

As a personal friend to Speaker Jones, I am confident that she will lead the Maryland House of Delegates with integrity, transparency, and fairness for all Marylanders.

Departmental News

Department of Community Resources and Services

May is Older Americans Month (OAM). Since 1963, OAM has been celebrated as a way to recognized the contributions of this growing population. This year's theme "CONNECT, CREATE, CONTRIBUTE" encourages older adults and their communities to:

- CONNECT with friends, family and local services and resources;
- CREATE through activities that promote learning, health and personal enrichment; and
- CONTRIBUTE time, talent and life experience to benefit others.

Communities that encourage the contributions of older adults are stronger! By engaging and supporting all community members, we recognize that older adults play a key role in the vitality of our neighborhoods, networks and lives.

In this month's <u>The 50+ Connection</u> newsletter, the county's Office of Aging and Independence highlights ways some of Howard County's older adults have connected, created and contributed to the quality of life in our community. You'll also find a list of events and activities available this month to help you connect, create and contribute to your community.

With warmer weather finally here, the Office of Aging and Independence's Cycle2Health Howard County (C2H) first casual ride is set to take off tomorrow, May 7, with moderate and advance rides beginning this Thursday, May 9. C2H is a a non-competitive, peer-led, bicycling club for adults of all ages and riding abilities. The program offers three ride options each week for new or experienced cyclists to explore the beauty of Howard County from a new perspective and meet new people. Cost to participate is \$15. To learn more and/or to register, visit www.howardcountymd.gov/C2H or stop by your nearest 50+ Center.

Department of Fire and Rescue Services' Office of Emergency Management

Preparedness begins with understanding your local hazards. As Howard County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) works to update the county's <u>Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) plan</u>, OEM needs your help. OEM has developed a <u>17-question survey</u> to help the county gauge how natural disasters may impact you, your family, your business and even your pets. The HIRA plan analyzes man-made and natural hazards that have impacted Howard County and our region in the past, as well as hazards that could impact us in the future, and serves as a foundation for OEM and the county's future emergency preparedness and planning efforts. We thank you in advance for your help as we work towards ensuring that our community is prepared for future disasters, should they strike.

Howard County Health Department

Are you an environmental health professional with an interest in the health and sanitary needs of the people of Howard County? If yes, consider applying today for the county's Board of Health. To be eligible for consideration, candidates must be Howard County residents, 18 years of age or older, have an interest in public health and be able to attend the Board's meetings. With the exception of December, July and August, Board meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. To learn more and for information on how to apply click <u>HERE</u>. DEADLINE to apply is Friday, May 24.

Department of Public Works Construction Report

Below are details regarding new Capital Projects. For a full list of previously announced projects, please refer to the <u>April 29, 2019</u> newsletter.

Ellicott City

• <u>Main Street Water Main Improvements</u> (Capital Project W-8600) Project to repair a water main located along eastbound and westbound Main Street, near Merriman Street, that was damaged by the May 27, 2018 flood. To limit the impact to local businesses and for safety reasons, work will take place Monday through Friday, 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Lane shifts can be expected during construction hours. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed by early June.

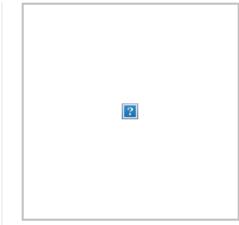
To learn more about DPW Capital Projects currently underway, visit <u>https://bit.ly/2V6K5B6</u>. Searchable by project category and street name, from this site you'll find additional project details, including news releases about the project. You can also contact DPW's Customer Service Office at 410-313-3440 or email <u>publicworks@howardcountymd.gov</u> for further assistance.

If you have questions or are interested in finding out about a State road (numbered roadway) project in your area, visit the Maryland State Highway Administration's <u>website</u> and search by "County" to learn more about State road projects.

Also, be sure to follow the county's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> pages every Monday morning for upcoming maintenance projects happening that week, weather permitting. On these social media pages, you'll also find information regarding the county's <u>street sweeping</u> schedule, which generally begin in the months of January, April, July and September.

Department of Recreation & Parks

This year's Wine in the Woods is less than



four weeks away! Howard County's Department of Recreation & Parks and I are pleased to present the 27th year of this annual wine festival, featuring wines from more than 20 of Maryland's finest vineyards, live entertainment on two stages, juried artisans, gourmet food, wine education and a souvenir glass. Tickets are on sale now for this year's event, set to take place Saturday, May 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 19 from 11:00

a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Symphony Woods in Columbia. Advance purchase ticket holders may enter the grounds each day at 10:30 a.m. For more information about the event, ticket prices, the designated driver program and more, visit <u>www.wineinthewoods.com</u> or call 410-313-1668.

Office of Transportation

In case you missed it, *major* service route changes to Regional Transportation Agency of Central Maryland (RTA) went into effect yesterday, May 5. Routes have been restructured to shorten wait times between buses, with all buses now running on 30-minute or one-hour intervals. Ride times were also shortened, weekend service expanded and connections improved. These changes will make riding RTA more convenient, more reliable and more efficient. Visit <u>www.transitrta.com/NewRoutes</u> to learn more.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

May 7 - Using Medicare's Plan Finder

Hosted by Howard County's Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS), participants will learn how to use the 'Plan Finder' tool on the <u>www.medicare.gov</u> website. The 'Plan Finder' tool is a powerful aid that helps users compare and review the various Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available to them. The 'Plan Finder' can also be used to compare Medicare health plans, such as HMOs, PPOs and Cost Plans. The workshop will take place on Tuesday, May 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at DCRS headquarters, 9830 Patuxent Woods Drive in Columbia. Interested individuals who are not familiar with the structure of Part D plans, however, are encouraged to first attend the department's "Understanding Medicare's Drug Coverage" presentation before participating in this workshop. For questions and/or more information, call 410–313–7389.

May 7 - Howard County Police Department Fallen Heroes Memorial Service

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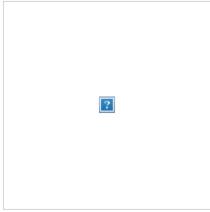
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Guntry Club of Maryland to open shooting range, cigar lounge

The Guntry Club of Maryland plans to open a 63,625-square-foot indoor shooting range, training facility and cigar lounge in the fall.

Debora Johnson-Ross | BCCC

appointed director of the Mayor's Scholars Program at Baltimore City Community College.

Eric T. Rebbert | Chesapeake Bank of Md.

Chesapeake Bank of Maryland appointed Eric T. Rebbert, a veteran C-suite executive, as vice president/business development officer.

Thomas G. Coale | Talkin & Oh

Thomas G. Coale, partner at Talkin & Oh LLP in Ellicott City, was elected to the board of trustees for the Maryland Science Center.

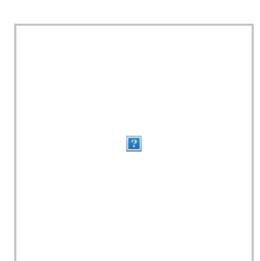
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S. Craig Holden, a shareholder with Baker Donelson, was recognized in BTI Consulting Group's 2019 Client Service All-Stars list.

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Maryland wireless technology firm has new distribution deal

Tessco Technologies Inc., a wireless technology distributor and manufacturer in Hunt Valley, has a deal to distribute products from an "internet of things" company based in Minnesota.

Audit: County liquor board didn't properly inspect licensees

A Maryland state audit says the liquor board of Prince George's County didn't properly inspect licensees or adequately respond to complaints.

Man who dug secret tunnels faces trial over deadly fire

A trial opens this week for a wealthy stock trader charged with murder in the death of a man who was helping him dig a network of tunnels beneath his Maryland home when a fire erupted.

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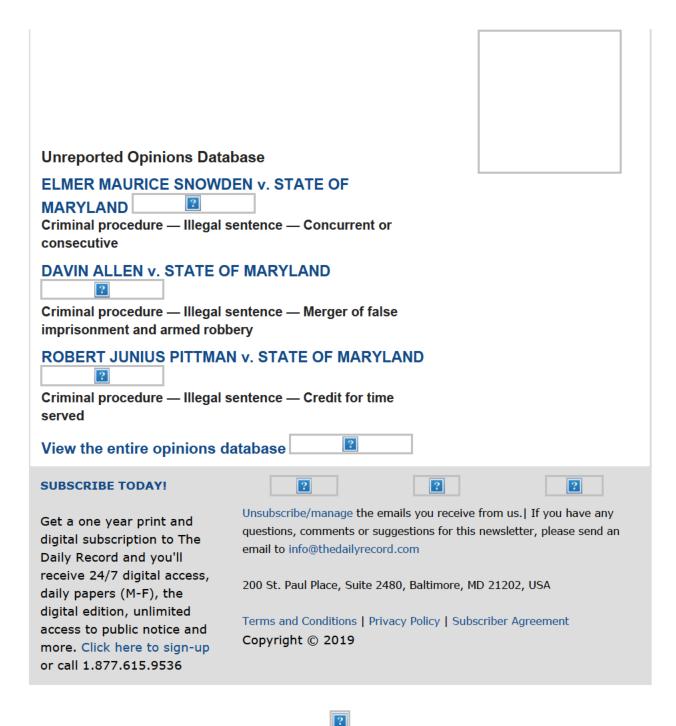
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County Executive Ball Provides Update on First Phase of Ellicott City Safe and Sound Plan

ELLICOTT CITY – Howard County Executive Calvin Ball today provided an update on progress in the first phase of his Ellicott City Safe and Sound plan at a news conference at the Visit Howard County Welcome Center in Historic Ellicott City. Ball unveiled the new Safe and Sound website, launched the Flood Mitigation Assistance Pilot Program application, announced an upgraded emergency alert plan and introduced the members of an exploratory committee to examine the potential for creating a Community Development Corporation (CDC) for Ellicott City.

Additionally, Ball provided a status report on ongoing repairs as upstream projects included in the previous flood mitigation plan are still moving forward as scheduled and updated current Ellicott City related legislation in the Maryland General Assembly. To see video of this event, please click <u>https://youtu.be/UQJJxr3KYnQ</u>. To access photos, please click <u>https://flic.kr/s/aHsmAu9z6s</u>. For all Ellicott City Safe and Sound information, updates, and prior reports/studies, please visit <u>www.ecsafeandsound.org</u>

"Substantial progress has been made on our Safe and Sound plan as part of our commitment to be open and transparent about our public safety, flood mitigation, and resiliency efforts in Ellicott City," said Ball. "I am proud to unveil our new website for Safe and Sound that can be found at ecsafeandsound.org and encourage all residents to visit that site for the latest news, updates, as well as past reports and studies. I am also pleased to launch our flood mitigation grant program and announce our newly created exploratory committee to examine the potential for creating a Community Development Corporation (CDC) for Ellicott City. Finally, the safety and security of the residents, businesses, and visitors to Ellicott City is our top priority. Our Office of Emergency Management has purchased two temporary speaker arrays that will be placed at the Colored School and the Welcome Center to bolster the county's Emergency Public Alert System, with new technology to enhance capabilities during extreme weather situations."

ELLICOTT CITY SAFE AND SOUND - PHASE 1 UPDATES

Ongoing Repairs and Upstream Projects

The Howard County Department of Public Works (DPW) installation of a new culvert on Ellicott Mills Drive in Ellicott City will begin tomorrow, Friday, February 8. While installation is underway, parking lot "F" will be closed. Parking lot "G" will be available with limited pedestrian access to Main Street. The new culvert replaces an aluminum arch pipe installed in 1970 that was washed out during last year's flood. While work is underway, visitors to Historic Ellicott City are encouraged to use parking lots "D" and "E", which are both west of Old Columbia Pike. Combined, those two lots provide more than 260 parking spaces. Additionally, nearly 200 more spaces are available in the Circuit Courthouse parking lot. Following completion of the culvert installation, in about four weeks, DPW will begin work to backfill, rebuild and pave the section of Ellicott Mills Drive that was destroyed in the 2018 flood. Weather-permitting, DPW hopes to have Ellicott Mills Drive reopened by the Ellicott City Partnership's SpringFest scheduled for April 27, 2019.

Additionally, DPW continues repair work to stabilize the stone retaining wall near Hi Ho Silver behind Old Columbia Pike. The wall's foundation was damaged initially last May and by other rain events since then. Part of this project involves placing large stones along the base of the wall to prevent future erosion.

Emergency Public Alert System

The Office of Emergency Management has purchased two temporary speaker arrays that will be placed at the Colored School and the Welcome Center. These speaker systems emit a tone that can be heard at 120 decibels from 100 feet away (If you were 100 feet away from the system, it would sound like you were standing right next to the wailing siren of an ambulance). The speakers only emit tone, not voice, and are meant to be the last line of defense against a flood. The system will be hooked into the weather service's alert system so it is triggered automatically anytime there is a Flash Flood Warning. The system can also be triggered manually by our local public safety professionals. This temporary system is meant to be a pilot for a permanent system that we plan to install next year. There will be a series of public meetings held over the next few months to educate people about the system and to get feedback that will be used as OEM works to build the permanent system. In addition to the speakers, the county has upgraded the variable message sign boards, so the messages can be changed remotely and those will be back in place before the spring storm season.

Clearing the Waterways

At the county executive's direction, the Department of Public Works will be developing a program to increase the frequency of inspection and debris removal along nine waterways that experience a heavy debris load during significant weather events. Within three business days of any severe weather event (defined as rainfall greater than 2 inches over a 24-hour period or a storm with sustained winds greater than 30 mph), the county will inspect the nine waterways included in the pilot. Any debris that accumulated during the storm will be removed within 14 business days. Residents will be able to track inspections and see pictures of debris that was removed on a public dashboard on the ecsafeandsound.org website.

Flood Mitigation Assistance Pilot Program

The new "Flood Mitigation Assistance Pilot Program" is a matching grant program that will provide funding for flood mitigation projects in certain areas. After a year, the pilot program will be evaluated, and a determination will be made regarding the feasibility of expanding the program to other areas of the county. Applications are due by March 29th and awards will be made by April 29th. There will be two public meetings in advance of the application's due date to provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions about the program and get help with

applying, as needed. Those meetings will be held on February 19th and February 28th at the George Howard Building. This is a 50% matching grant program (meaning the property owner has to pay for half of the project cost) and the maximum amount per project is \$5,000. To apply for Flood Mitigation Assistance Pilot Program, please visit ecsafeandsound.org.

Working with State Partners

Delegate Courtney Watson has introduced House Bill 428 – Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program – Awards for Flood Damage and Mandatory Funding. The crossfile bill, Senate Bill 269, has been filed by Senator Katie Fry Hester. House Bill 428/Senate Bill 269 alters the policy and purpose of provisions of law governing flood control and watershed management to include establishing a grant program to assist local jurisdictions with infrastructure repairs, debris removal, and emergency protection work associated with a flood event; authorizing the Department of the Environment to use the comprehensive flood management grant program to award grants to subdivisions that incurred infrastructure damage of a certain monetary amount caused by a flood event on or after January 1, 2009.

Supporting Main Street Businesses

To assist Main Street businesses, County Executive Ball has directed the county's Economic Development Authority to support one full-time staffer to act as an ombudsman for Main Street businesses. This individual will help promote tourism on Main Street and will assist business owners with any aspect of their business, including connecting them to available resources at the local, state, and federal level. We will be posting an application for this position next week.

Creation of a Community Development Corporation Exploration Committee

To examine the feasibility of creating a CDC for Ellicott City, County Executive Ball is launching the "Ellicott City CDC Exploration Committee." This representative and diverse group of stakeholders will examine what a CDC for Ellicott City would look like, what its role would be, and how it would interact with other existing organizations already doing great work for the residents and businesses owners of Ellicott City. The Chair will be Mike Smith. The committee members are made up of individuals nominated by the county executive, as well as five individuals that were nominated by each Howard County Councilmember. There were also two spots that were selected by public application.

Members of the Ellicott City Community Development Corporation Exploration Committee: Mike Smith (Chair) **Brooke Abercrombie** Nathaniel Alston Tom Coale Simon Cortes Chris Gallant Matt Fleming LaTonja Belches Charles Kyler Tim Lattimer **Bia Lewis** Kerri Li Ed Lillev Gary Maule Leonardo McClarty

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Transition Team Delivers Report to County Executive Ball

ELLICOTT CITY – The Transition Team appointed by Howard County Executive Calvin Ball delivered its transition report today. The 67-page document, prepared by more than 100 talented and forward-thinking leaders, studied and evaluated areas of county government with a focus on innovative opportunities to move the County forward. The Transition Team's report can be found at https://bit.ly/2Hz5AZe. Video of the event is available at https://bit.ly/2Hz5AZe. Video of the event is available at https://bit.ly/2FT0Rjr.

"In a month and a half, more than 100 people came together in ten committees, reached out to departments, had meetings and dug deeply into what is going on in this county," said Senator Guy Guzzone, who chaired the Team. "Howard County is a great place, but greatness requires continual attention."

The Team identified more than 60 issue areas and offered suggestions for improving performance and services in many, including mental health, behavioral health, consumer affairs, land use, adequate public facilities, Ellicott City, and equity in education.

"The bottom line is an extraordinary breadth of work in an extraordinary short amount of time," said Guzzone.

"As your newly elected county executive, it was comforting to have so many respected community leaders come to help in this transition process," said Ball. "Each of these leaders put their best into drafting a report that provides some thoughtful considerations for making a great county even better. I don't recall a time when, in a month and a half, you have a transition team report to be able to move forward and help chart the course for the next chapter in our history."

MEMBERS OF TRANSITION TEAM:

CHAIR

Guy Guzzone, Senator, Maryland General Assembly

STEERING COMMITTEE

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Charley Sung, Esg.

Josh Tzuker, Esq.

Courtney Watson, Maryland State Delegate and Former Howard County Council Member

William Woodcock, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory

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Laura Howell, Executive Director, MD Association of Community Services

Lou Hutt, CPA, Esq., Managing Member and CEO, The Hutt Company Deeba Jafri, Community Activist Andrew Kanicki, Community Activist Ying Matties, Community Activist Niti Srivastava, Community Activist Rev. Robert Turner, Senior Pastor, St Johns Baptist Church and Community Organizer

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Lisa Davis, Director, Program Innovation and Student Well-Being, HCPSS

Maura Dunnigan, Former Rouse Scholars Advisor, HCC and Legislative Director, Maryland General Assembly

Frank Eastham, Retired Chief Officer of School Management and Instructional Leadership, HCPSS

Karina Fisher, Community Member

Laura Johnson, VP of Communications, National Summer Learning Association Rick Kohn, Community Member

Julia McCready, Former Music Teacher, HCPSS

Thais Moreira, Ph.D., Medical Science Liaison, Allergan, Latin American Council, C Community Action Council

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Nat Turner, President, NBT Consulting, LLC. and BOE Operating Budget Review Committee Member

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Brooke A. Abercrombie, Workforce Manager, Howard EcoWorks
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Josh Feldmark, Executive Director, Bike Maryland
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Lori Doyle, Public Policy Director, Community Behavioral Health Association of Maryland
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Hannah Lee, Student
Laurie Lundy, Addiction Recovery Advocate
Audra Nixon, MPH, Health Advocate
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Elizabeth Bobo, Former County Executive
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Keith Gillan, President, Murn Properties
Sherman Howell, VP, African American Coalition of Howard County
Stacy Spann, Executive Director, Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission and Former Director, Howard County Housing Commission

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Chair - Tom Coale, Esq., Former VP, Ellicott City Partnership

- Dale Chase, President, Local 3085 of AFSCME Council 67 Department of Public Works
- Mary Catherine Cochran, Former Director, Patapsco Heritage Greenway and Founder, Preservation Howard County
- Fred Ducca, Ph.D., Director, Transportation Policy Group, National Center for Smart Growth at UMD

Anwar Hasan, Engineer, SVP, Louis Berger and Chairman, Maryland Higher Education Committee

Kimberly Kepnes, Resident, property and business owner on Main Street Ellicott City Tony McGuffin, Resident of Ellicott City, former Main Street business owner, and community advocate.

Sharonlee Vogel, Vice-chair, Maryland Commission on Aging and Chairwoman, Senior Advisory Committee, Columbia Association

Natalie Ziegler, Owner, Carroll Mill Farm

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Kirsten Coombs Sent from my Board iPhone

On Jul 16, 2018, at 6:03 AM, Michael Martirano <<u>Michael Martirano@hcpss.org</u>> wrote:

Seriously???? I think their perspective is wrong. It shows my child centered approach and it has spawned many conversations to support my values. Ridiculous and I am VERY aware of appearances. Thank you.

MJM

Dr. Michael J. Martirano Superintendent Howard County Public School System

"Be kind ALWAYS! Everyone is fighting a hard battle."

On Jul 16, 2018, at 1:10 AM, Kirsten Coombs <<u>Kirsten_Coombs@hcpss.org</u>> wrote:

Just listened to the latest Tom Coale/Candace Dodson Reed podcast and they were discussing the fact that the Kids are not Polygons sign is on Mike's door. Please be more thoughtful about this. Appearances are everything. They're saying that you don't care that Howard is incredibly overcrowded and that people who can pay money for signs and shirts can sway you. Be conscious of this.

Regards,

Kirsten Coombs

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Good Afternoon,

I hope that you all be able to come to the Board Meeting May 18th. We felt it was best not to meet the Friday before Memorial Day. We have lots of important and exciting things to discuss. Please see attached:

Volunteer Flyer. Under the Leadership of Karen Douglas we held a highly successful and energetic Volunteer Launch Party. We have had many people sign up for specific jobs and shifts, but we ask that you share this flyer with your workplaces, friends, organizations and everyone you know who might be interested in serving.

Summer Festival Encore Party: This is our Fundraising Opportunity at the NEW 18th and 21st. We have less than 100 tickets to sell, and a few sponsorships available and so PLEASE send this to all of your contacts a well. The restaurant is scheduled to open on May 21st, so this will be the first opportunity for many folks to try it out. There will be a Silent Auction as well. If you have ideas about donations please let us know. Many, many thanks to Alison Hickman for all of her work so far in Chairing this committee and to Lee and Steve Sachs for being Our Honorary Chairs.

CF ALE Manor Hill brewed our "Pale Wheat Ale". It will be ready at the beginning of June. It is a limited release, and will be sold in local stores and restaurant. We are currently working with stores and restaurants around the county to donate a percent of their proceeds for this beer to CFA. Please provide me any contacts you have for the owners or manager of these establishments in HO Co. Please save June 5th form 4- 7 pm for our CF ALE and Festival Launch Party at Manor Hill Brewery.

Ticket Sales: As you can see from the attached Rack card, we have a fabulous lineup for this year. Please buy tickets, encourage other to do so and share our events on all of your social media. As you know, selling seats is vital for our mission.

We know it is a very busy time for all of us, However we STILL need your help. It is important as the time for CFA 21078 approaches that we close the gap and reach profitability. Attached is the current Sponsorship Progress Report. Please review this and let us know if you have contacts at any of the companies/ organizations who have not yet donated. We also want to connect with any potential new sponsors and donors.

A very special word of gratitude to Michelle Miller who worked to help us get an increased amount from CA this year! Thank you Michelle!

Thanks for all that you are doing to ensure **The Columbia Festival of The Arts** have a successful season, Looking forward to bringing all of this to our community and to having lots of fun together! Have a great weekend! Suzi

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"Whatever ought to be, could be, can be." - Jim Rouse

The Columbia Festival of the Arts has produced a wonderful Festival for 31 years because our community supports world class arts and entertainment that we can share and enjoy together, regardless of our individual differences.

Event sponsorships in many communities often include only one bank, one realtor, one restaurant, and one whatever because sharing dilutes marketing advantage. Columbia's Festival is made possible by our joining together in the spirit of egalitarianism and sharing. Jim Rouse said, "We can, we really can find new answers" and his spirit and goals live on as these civic minded organizations selflessly provide this annual Festival as a gift to our community.

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Arts Organizations

Candlelight Concert Society Columbia Orchestra Downtown Columbia Arts and Culture Commission HorseSpirit Arts Gallery James Ferry Photography Jordon Kitt's Music Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation

Civic Organizations

Columbia Association Community Foundation of Howard County Howard County Arts Council Howard County Recreation and Parks Howard County Economic Development Authority Maryland State Arts Council Visit Howard County

Miscellaneous

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Steve - thanks for the update and continued leadership around communication and education to the broader Howard County Community.

Drew Clark

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Subject: Update - SAAC Committee Importance: High

SAAC Committee:

An update on a couple of presentations and other items, etc.

- The press Conference went well (Steve Poynot and I from the Committee) and articles have appeared in last Sunday's Howard Sun and in the Flier and Times this Thursday. The article in the Flier and Times is more extensive and I emailed the reporter to thank her for the story, which included an interview with Dr. Clinch. FYI, the County Executive accepted our recommendation on the APFO Financial Impact Study.
- 2. I presented at the Budget Hearing Thursday evening and Ellen Giles was present. I communicated that our Committee was willing to meet with any group or organization to listen, answer questions, and discuss/explain any of our recommendations. (attached is a copy of my written comments). I presented comments after reviewing a draft of my remarks with our Council prep team of Alicyn DelZoppo, Steve Poynot, Josh Tzuker, Ellen Giles, Milton Matthews, Richard Clinch and Holly Sun. It takes a village! We met Wednesday evening at the Sheraton to prepare for the Council Meeting which is 8:30 AM on Monday, March 12 in the Vernon Gray Conference Room in the George Howard Building. Alicyn, Milton, Richard, Steve P, and me with Holly's support with meet with the Council.
- 3. On March 9, I presented to the Chamber Board of Directors, only one of whom (other than Leonardo and Milton Matthews) had read it. I was very direct communicating to them about their responsibility as leaders to be aware of the County finances issues and the reading our "an easy read" report was a great starting point.. Leonardo has forwarded the report and he will continue to coach them to success. Despite having lost most of my voice, I think that the presentation was very well received. FYI, when your voice is gone, it means that I am close to getting well.
- 4. Ms. Watson under her Facebook (Courtney Watson Howard County has two misleading post this week)
 - a. The first one touted the Board Chair's statement that the County has reduced the School budget to 52+% and had been reducing it each year. I have attached a chart that the County Executive presented

at the Budget hearing. The Board chair did not include the debt service on the school construction or the County contribution for HCPSS's OPEB as if they were not real money. The notes on that slide are at the bottom of this page.

- b. In a second post, Ms. Watson chastised the Committee for under estimating revenues, for FY 16 and FY 17. While Holly is preparing a more formal accounting for the Committee, remember first that we make our estimates based upon:
 - i. Moody's estimates
 - ii. State's estimates
 - iii. Dr. Clinch's report

c. A few things need to pointed out when trying to compare our committee's projections and actual.

i. Our report did not include PAYGO or use of fund balance, which county budget typically included \$0-\$10 million a year for CIP cash payment or one-time initiatives

ii. Our report was based on data received at one point of time. The County developed its budget based on additional information available afterwards, including latest income tax data, transfer-in for debt services, etc. For example, in FY 2016 the budget included \$9.5 million property sales proceeds which the committee had no knowledge of when developing our own committee report.

iii. There is no way for the committee to anticipate in advance a potential significant overpayment form the State on income taxes (over \$26 million in FY 2016), which actually resulted in 0% growth in income tax the following year due to the needs to pay back, and even if we did have a crystal ball, it wouldn't be prudent for us to ask the County to develop its on-going budget based on such one-time spike

iv. In 2 of the last 4 years, final revenues have been lower than estimates. It is adequate for the committee to be fiscally prudent and take a conservative approach in revenue forecasting. In fact, such a record may suggest we are not even "conservative enough"

It is unfortunate that this un-researched information goes out into the Community. The process used by the Committee is appropriate and was discussed with Richard, Holly, Steve Poynot and others when we met on Wednesday. If you hear any noise, please invite them to call me or better yet, ask if they would like to meet with members of the Committee so that we can discuss the report, methodology, and recommendations in detail.

5. Josh Tzuker did a pod cast where he was interviewed by Tom Coale and Candace Dotson. He said that it well and will be aired in the next 2-3 days. They told him that their viewership is around 150. They asked questions about our process which he described. They also asked him about the Board of Ed Chairperson's comments on budget and Josh provided our neutral position and indicated that we did not get into policy and if citizens wanted to advocate for more money, that was not an area where the Committee opined. Thanks Josh.

From Holly REGARDIN (4.a.) above:

Here it is. I also attached bullets from the slide shown last night (Budget Hearing).

\$ in milli	ons					
				County	County Total Funding	HCPSS Direct
	County Total	HCPSS Direct	HCPSS	General Fund	to HCPSS as a % of	Appropriation as a %
Fiscal	Funding to HCPSS	Appropriation	Debt/OPEB	Budget	County Budget	of County Budget
Year	(A = B+C)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A/D)	(B / D)
2008	459.6	427.2	32.4	812.5	56.6%	52.6%
2009	493.3	454.8	38.5	854.5	57.7%	53.2%
2010	493.0	457.6	35.5	822.3	60.0%	55.6%
2011	503.8	464.7	39.1	824.4	61.1%	56.4%
2012	512.6	467.6	45.0	870.8	58.9%	53.7%
2013	526.0	482.4	43.6	898.7	58.5%	53.7%
2014	544.1	497.5	46.6	969.8	56.1%	51.3%
2015	581.7	530.4	51.2	1027.6	56.6%	51.6%
2016	595.4	544.1	51.3	1012.3	58.8%	53.8%
2017	626.6	562.2	64.3	1060.6	59.1%	53.0%
2018	639.4	572.9	66.6	1098.7	58.2%	52.1%
		Kit	ttleman Admi	inistration Avg	58.7 %	53.0%

- Funding to HCPSS as a percentage of County budget averaged 58.7% under current administration
 - higher than the 56.6% in FY15 budget inherited from prior administration
 - higher than the 11-year average of 58.3%
- County funding to HCPSS includes direct HCPSS appropriation, funding to support school retiree health benefit (OPEB) and debt service payments for school projects.
- The current administration has provided above MOE funding to HCPSS each year.

Thanks to everybody for their incredible support. Have a great weekend.

Steve

Steven W Sachs

Executive Vice President, Director Real Estate, Hotel and Gaming Practice

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	<u>Mary Kay"; mclay@howardcountymd.gov; "Twele, Larry"; "Karen Douglas"; "Dave Simmons"; Madera, Matt</u>
Subject:	Board Meeting this Friday morning
Date:	Tuesday, January 23, 2018 4:51:34 PM
Attachments:	2018.1.26 Board Meeting Agenda.docx
	FY18 Dec 31, 2017 Director"s Financial Report.xlsx
	Van Hoose bio for CFA Spring 2018.docx
	2017.11.17 MINUTES Board Meeting.docx
	2017.12.15 Exec Comm Meeting MINUTES.docx
	2018 SPONSOR SHEET for 1-26-18 Board Meeting.xlsx

Good afternoon, everyone –

Attached are materials for the board meeting this Friday, January 26, 8 am, at HCPSS on Rt. 108.

I've heard from one board member who cannot be with us. See you then!

David Phillips, Director

Columbia Festival of the Arts 9190-G Red Branch Road Columbia, Md 21045 410-715-0344 phillips@columbiafestival.com

2018 SPONSOR SHEET for 1-26-18 Board Meeting In-Kind Prospects

FY17 IN-KIND PROSPECTS

Contact	Sponsor	Sponsor Contact	FY16 Donation	FY16 Value	FY17 Request	FY17 Value	FY17 RECEIVED	Notes	
Briggs	ABC Rental		N/A		Generator				
	Whole Foods	Katie Davison	Food for Family Fielsta	\$ 500	Food for free weekend				
	Comcast		N/A	N/A	Free weekend Hotspot				
	Verizon		N/A	N/A	Free weekend Hotspot				
Padgett	Aplus Carpet & Flooring	Rosemary Angeli Swenson	N/A	N/A	Carpet for A of A!	\$2,000		Carpet for Architects of Air - CONFIRMED!	
Melisa Applied	Royal Farms	Online Application	N/A	N/A	Pallet of water for Free Weekend				
	Mall in Columbia	Barb Nicklas	Festival poster/flyers	?					
Padgett	BGE	Chima	N/A	N/A	Generator				
	ATT		N/A	N/A	Free weekend Hotspot				
Mel	Corner Bakery	Justin , Manager	Brkfst for Free Weekend	\$	Food donation				
Tom Coale	Allview Liquors	Justin Jarvis	Case of Wine	\$200				-	
Mel	Bagel Bin		Brkfts for Free Weekend	\$36					
Dave S.	Clyde's of Columbia	Steve, Manager	Dinner for Koresh	\$400					
Mel	Cuba de Ayer	Guillermo, Manager	Apps fpr Cuba Cinema	\$75					
Dorthea	David's Natural Market	Greg Resch	Food for free weekend	\$75					
Ron	Decantur Wine		Wine						
Online	Giant	APPLY ONLINE	Gift Card	\$100					
	La Palapa		Food for performance	\$150					
Mel	Mango Grove	Rohit, Owner/Manager	Disc. Catering/3-course dinner	\$600					
	Portelli's		Food for performance	\$150					
Online	Shopper's	APPLY ONLINE	Gift Card	\$25					
Online/Store	Safeway	APPLY ONLINE	Gift Card	\$20					
Deane	Turf Valley	Pete Mangione	N/A		Rooms for Manual Cinema				
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	TOTALS			\$ 2,331		\$ 2,000			

From:	Cynthia Williams
То:	Anne Elixhauser
Cc:	Katie Hester; Katie Fry Hester; Ann Neale; Barbara Day; Barbara Winter Watson; Beverly Cihan; Buffy Beaudoin-Schwartz;
	Calvin Ball; Camille Cruse West; Caroline Ruggieri; cath s; Charlotte Churchill; Cheryl Ludwig; Courtney Watson 2018;
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	lkgraham61@gmail.com; Elyse DeVries; Eric Ebersole; Frank Hazzard; Hannah Whitney; Jake Weissmann; Jim; James Scott;
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	Rich Corkran; Rusty Toler; Ryan Frederic; Sara Love; Susan Beck; Ecrats@verizon.net; Ted Stewart; Tom Coale; Willie
	Flowers; Yvette C. Hayes; Sue Kunkel; Melinda Frost; Sue Hughen; Cynthia Williams; Cheryl Ludwig; Guzzone Guy; China
	<u>Williams; Natalie Ziegler; team@katiefryhester.com; Research & Comms Team; Nzinga Turner-Linton</u>
Subject:	Re: Happy Holidays!
Date:	Tuesday, December 26, 2017 5:02:08 PM

Thank you!! You, too!

On Mon, Dec 25, 2017 at 8:25 PM, Anne Elixhauser <<u>anne.elixhauser@gmail.com</u>> wrote: | Thanks and same to you!

"When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won." - Mahatma Gandhi

On Dec 25, 2017 6:30 PM, "Katie Hester" <<u>katiefryhester@gmail.com</u>> wrote:

Merry Christmas to those celebrating and a happy holiday to all! May you be surrounded by love and carry the joy of the season into the New Year. Thank you for all you do to make the world a better place! The Hester Family

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	<u>Coale; Ian Kennedy; nina@innerarbortrust.org; execdir@columbiaorchestra.org;</u>
	exec.dir@caandlelightconcerts.org; "Karen Douglas"
Subject:	RE:
Date:	Monday, December 18, 2017 2:16:46 PM

Thx, Dave.

Kevin J. Kelehan

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From: David Phillips [mailto:phillips@columbiafestival.com] Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 2:14 PM To: 'Wooten, Ronnie'; 'Wetherald, Laura'; Kevin Kelehan; 'Gary J. Stacharowski, CPA'; Steve.Sachs@willis.com; 'Ron Nicodemus'; 'Chijioke, Chimaobi C:(BGE)'; Tony Cordo; ryan@applieddefense.com; 'Alison Hickman'; Michael_Martirano@hcpss.org; Kathy Agans; michelle.miller@columbiaassociation.org; 'Sigaty, Mary Kay'; mclay@howardcountymd.gov; LTwele@hceda.org; mwesthaver@howardcc.edu; 'Martha Rose'; 'Dave Simmons'; Janet.dabu@howardautism.org; 'Melissa Rosenberg'; 'Ken Mays'; 'K.C. Mays'; 'Ken Lundeen'; Tom Coale; Ian Kennedy; nina@innerarbortrust.org; execdir@columbiaorchestra.org; exec.dir@caandlelightconcerts.org; 'Karen Douglas' Cc: 'SUZI PADGETT' Subject:

Festival friends -

I am sorry to let you know that passed away Friday.

Please join me in keeping

in your thoughts and prayers.

David Phillips Director Columbia Festival of the Arts

From:	Anissa BrownDennis
То:	Michael Martirano
Cc:	Mary Schiller
Subject:	Columbia Festival of the Arts
Date:	Tuesday, June 27, 2017 9:19:35 AM
Attachments:	JRT Letter to Dr Foose1.docx
	Response to CFA letter re 2016-17 111016-1.docx

Good morning, Dr. Martirano,

I have attached two letters regarding the Jim Rouse Theatre and rental/production fees for the Columbia Festival of the Arts. Specifically, last year, Dr. Foose served on the Board for the Columbia Festival of the Arts.

I his year, we have incurred fees out of Community Use of \$16,500. It will be difficult to incur these fees in the future (out of Community Use) as paying for them this year is quite difficult.

I wanted to provide you with this information as I know you may be receiving an invitation to serve on their Board soon.

Thank you,

Nessa

Anissa Brown Dennis Acting Chief Operating Officer Howard County Public School System 410-313-1550

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October 18, 2016

Dr. Renee Foose, Superintendent Howard County Public School System 10910 Clarksville Pike Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Dr. Foose:

I am writing to you as a follow-up to our recent conversation about the rising costs at the James Rouse Theatre (JRT) and their impact to the Columbia Festival of the Arts' ability to use the facility.

As you well know, the Columbia Festival of the Arts has recently undergone some significant changes following the departure last June of executive director Todd Olson. Those changes are impacting our programming frequency and schedule, the nature of our service to the community and our financial well being. We are in the process of redefining the Festival to be more viable and sustainable in the future.

As you also know, the JRT is the largest venue available to the Festival in Howard County and its larger compliment of seating provides us the greatest opportunity to even break-even in the cost of presenting the type of touring acts that have defined our brand over the past 30 years. The rising costs, which are significant in our current fragile budget, are causing us some hardships, even with the small subsidy we have gotten from the Howard County Arts Council over the past few years. Last year, for example, our rental and production costs at the JRT for five performances (9 rental days) totaled \$20,552. Currently, we are scheduled for just four performances at the JRT this year, but have been informed that costs are rising again.

The Festival would appreciate your consideration of reducing or waiving our rental and production fees at the JRT for this 2016-2017 year as we try to get back on our feet financially.

With appreciation and best regards,

Ron Nicodemus, President CFA Board of Trustees

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Cc:	Karalee Turner-Little
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Dear Mr. Story:

Thank you for sending Dr. Martirano the contacts from last Wednesday's breakfast meeting.

Kind regards,

Valerie C. Gist | Executive Assistant Office of the Superintendent | 410-313-6677 Howard County Public School System

From: Richard Story [mailto:rstory@howardbank.com]
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Cc: Kevin Kelehan; John Scaldara; Mary Schiller; Priscilla Reaver
Subject: RE: Connecting the Dots

Oops. Forgot to include Shelley. See attached.

Dick

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From: Richard Story

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If I have any incorrect information on your V-Card, please let me know.

Best,

Dick

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Thanks so much for putting this together.

My loss, but I

stand ready, as I'm sure all of you do, to help Dr. Martirano succeed.

Best to all.

Kevin J. Kelehan

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