

Online Testimony - Invite to Audience - Oct. 5 2020 Meeting

Full Name	Home Address	City	Zip Code	Representing yourself?	Group	Remarks	Attachment
Michael Brown	7651 Timbercross Lane	Glen Burnie	21060	Yes		I want to discuss COVID (data that is inconsistent) and the workgroup that the CE has.	
Charles Dennis	360 Lynwood Drive	Severna Park	21146	Yes		RE: Bill No. 65-20 Oppose The county council needs to address the underlying reasons that affordable housing does not exist, not force denser housing in areas that oppose it. Perhaps there could be tax dis-incentives that would apply to large employers who do not pay their employees a living wage (with benefits), then the workforce may be able to live where they can afford to live, rather than shoehorned in a "special" area. If you choose to pass this bill, you should restrict it to the Davidsonville area on a 10 year test basis. If you do not restrict the bill to just Davidsonville, then you should allow adjustments downward to the appraised property values of the areas surrounding the denser housing (e.g. within 1 mile radius a 50% reduction, between 1-5 miles radius a 30% reduction).	
Charles Dennis	360 Lynwood Drive	Severna Park	21146	Yes		RE: Bill 55-20 Oppose Remarks: This bill provides an excessive a risk free return on benefits paid will still employed. You should either 1) look at making this a floating rate tied to market rates paid on other risk free returned (aka savings accounts) or 2) fix this rate to a reasonable market rate for the current year (i.e. 1% annual interest rate) and adjust 5-1-508 annually, or as needed.	
Tracey Nicole	236 Cypress ridge Drive	Severna Park	21146	No	Cypress Landing Homeowners Association	The Cypress Landing Homeowners Association is writing in opposition to Bill 65-20. This bill seeks to change current zoning in the Severna Park area from the current zoning designations to mixed use and permitting change with little to no requirements, such as no height restrictions. This bill is presented as a "workforce" development bill. Workforce development is an old outdated and failed policy that was put forth in the 80s and 90s. This bill does not have a policy basis and seems to be a bill without a problem to solve. Its sole purpose is to circumvent existing zoning and planning laws and regulations. Such bills normally target areas where there is little to no development, not areas where development is prevalent. In the Severna Park area we are currently dealing with the impacts of over development: over crowding of schools, traffic congestion, cluster development on every available open space of less than 4 acres of land, and lastly environmental impacts of loss of forestation (needed to replenish oxygen and clean air quality) and continued pollution of our waterways. The target areas of this bill are misdirected and should be focused on areas of the county where development is needed such as South County. For these reasons the Cypress Landing Homeowners Association opposes this bill and asks the County Council to vote No on Bill 65-20. Thank you for your consideration.	YES



CYPRESS LANDING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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September 21, 2020

Anne Arundel County Council
44 Calvert Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Anne Arundel County Council Members:

The Cypress Landing Homeowners Association is writing in opposition to bill 65-20. This bill seeks to change current zoning in the Severna Park area from the current zoning designations to mixed use and permitting change with little to no requirements, such as no height restrictions. This bill is presented as a "workforce" development bill. Workforce development is an old outdated and failed policy that was put forth in the 80s and 90s. This bill does not have a policy basis and seems to be a bill without a problem to solve. Its sole purpose is to circumvent existing zoning and planning laws and regulations. Such bills normally target areas where there is little to no development, not areas where development is prevalent. In the Severna Park area, we are currently dealing with the impacts of over development: overcrowding of schools, traffic congestion, cluster development on every available open space of less than 4 acres of land, and lastly environmental impacts of loss of forestation (needed to replenish oxygen and clean air quality) and continued pollution of our waterways. The target areas of this bill are misdirected and should be focused on areas of the county where development is needed such as South County. Lastly, the County is in the mist of doing long-range planning through the General Development Plan 2040 process, this bill flies in the face of this process. A process that allows in fact requires the involvement of the citizens of the County. We believe that Bill 65-20 is premature in light of the General Development Plan 2040 currently underway process.

For these reasons, the Cypress Landing Homeowners Association opposes this bill and asks the County Council to vote No on Bill 65-20. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Tracey Nicole, President
Cypress Landing Homeowners Association