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Bill No. 17-26											
2026-04-14 11:04:42	Pamela	Donahue	Gambrills	Maryland	21054	Yes		Bill No. 17-26: Bill No. 17-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: General Development Plan – Region 5 Plan	Oppose	I have lived in the Four Seasons community for 43 years. Building homes on property that will fall between both Red Fall Ct homes and Blooming Way will play havoc with our property prices, traffic and overall quality of life. What will this zoning change do for the future, taking other open spaces in communities and building until all that is left in Anne Arundel county one gigantic housing development. The home at 2419 Blooming Way has been there since the community was built in 1977 and it should stay as it is. Please do not change the zoning.	
2026-04-19 14:30:51	Josephine	Gorrie	Gambrills	MD	21054	Yes		Bill No. 17-26: Bill No. 17-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: General Development Plan – Region 5 Plan	Oppose	will cause too much dangerous traffic for small area.	
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2026-04-07 8:38:48	Dennis	Westman	Odenton	MD	21113	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Support	I am in favor of the provision to rezone Parcel "O" as Open space.	
2026-04-09 15:10:23	Earl	Wojciechowski	Odenton	MD	21113	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	No position	<p>I am a resident of Two Rivers development located off Conway Road within Odenton, Maryland. I am the former President of the Two Rivers Master Homeowners' Association (HOA) from October 2022 – November 2024. I am writing to highlight that the Two Rivers HOA has not taken a formal position regarding the proposed development of Parcel "O". Further, the HOA has not surveyed the Two Rivers residents/lot owners regarding their position about any future development on Parcel "O".</p> <p>The HOA was and is aware that there is a small group of residents of Two Rivers who have been vocal in their opposition to any development of Parcel "O". These residents do not represent the HOA nor the entirety of the Two Rivers community. These individuals represent a minority of the over 4,000 residents and over 2,000 lot owners of Two Rivers. The only organization that is authorized to speak for the residents and lot owners of Two Rivers is the Two Rivers Master HOA board of directors.</p> <p>Additionally, during my tenure as president of the Two Rivers Master HOA, the developers worked in a collaborative fashion with the HOA Board, to understand the HOA's concerns surrounding any potential future expansion of additional homes in Parcel "O", as well as the impact to existing public utilities, roads, water/sewer, and schools. The developers consistently stated that the developers must and will meet all county requirements regarding public utilities, roads, water/sewer, and schools. The developers also actively sought feedback from the HOA Board regarding proposed new amenities and has presented multiple options to the HOA board for consideration regarding these differing options. During my tenure as president of the HOA, the board appreciated the collaborative relationship between the developers and HOA and witnessed firsthand the multiple times the developers acted in the best interests of the HOA as a whole.</p> <p>As a candidate for the office of Anne Arundel County Executive and as the head of the planning commission for Anne Arundel County, please be cognizant of the above facts when deciding about any changes to the current zoning of Parcel "O". Especially recognize that the Two Rivers Master HOA has not taken any position regarding proposed changes to either the zoning or approval of allowing new building on Parcel "O".</p> <p>Respectfully, Earl Wojciechowski</p>	https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/90271/parcel-o-personal-statement-040926-emw.pdf

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2026-04-11 12:12:09	Peter	Klein	Gambrills	Maryland	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	Rezoning the parcel in question to R5 could lead to 10 units on 2 acres in an area/traffic pattern ill constructed to support that amount of traffic. Entrance/exits would need to be constructed, the existing driveway widened, with infrastructure construction and storm drains needed, disrupting an existing, quiet neighborhood and driving down property values, while leading to unsafe, congested traffic in a small residential area. Without widened existing driveway, development is unsafe as evidenced by a prior fire on that 2419 lot, where AA County fire could not completely access the burning home with it equipment.	
2026-04-11 12:25:02	Renee	Klein	Gambrills	Maryland	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	Rezoning leading to more development would overwhelm existing infrastructure, make the neighborhood unsafe with more vehicle traffic in a residential area where many kids play, walk to school bus stops. Existing access to the 2419 lot is inadequate for the current residence of one home on the lot; Blooming Way is not configured to handle large volume access at its dead end.	
2026-04-11 16:10:29	Sydney	Smith	Gambrills	MD	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	Increase traffic and impact safety in the neighborhood	
2026-04-11 19:25:33	Geoffrey	Schieman	Gambrills	MD	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	The amount of traffic and noise will be ridiculous! Not to mention with more trees removed, the extra noise from Reliable will not be pleasant either.	
2026-04-13 12:42:08	Cynthia	Madsen	Gambrills	Maryland	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	I oppose this bill for several reasons. First, we do not need 20-40 more cars travelling in and out of Blooming Way multiple times daily to get to the site. Second, there is a very narrow access road to the property and would have to be widened considerably. Third, the area is not appropriately serviced by electric, water or sewer lines and would require major renovation. Fourth, there is only one fire hydrant. Fifth, there would be major erosion with soil runoff and loss of trees.	
2026-04-13 17:38:47	Carolyn	Shaeffer	Gambrills	MD	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	Oppose the bill numerous reasons. 1. All surrounding homes would suffer major erosion with soil runoff. 2. Loss of trees would disrupt birds and wildlife. 3. Traffic would increase by 20 to 40 cars. With a very narrow access there will be more chances for accidents. 4. Fire and rescue vehicles have a difficult time getting to the site. There is also only one fire hydrant to cover what homes are there now. 5. If this bill passed, major renovations would have to happen to support gas and electric as well as water and sewer lines.	
2026-04-14 11:06:06	Pamela	Donahue	Gambrills	Maryland	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	I have lived in the Four Seasons community for 43 years. Building homes on property that will fall between both Red Fall Ct homes and Blooming Way will play havoc with our property prices, traffic and overall quality of life. What will this zoning change do for the future, taking other open spaces in communities and building until all that is left in Anne Arundel county one gigantic housing development. The home at 2419 Blooming Way has been there since the community was built in 1977 and it should stay as it is. Please do not change the zoning.	
2026-04-14 15:43:52	Donna	Durm	Gambrills	Md	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	Need to limit traffic on residential street	
2026-04-14 17:13:16	Sean	Sill	Gambrills	MD	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	This would bring a significant amount of traffic to the neighborhood and be a safety issue for children whom walk to school, congest roads further than they already are generally bring down the neighborhood value. This is nothing more than a money grab for a developer, property owner and tax revenue generation. Our schools and streets are already maxed out. Please don't destroy this neighborhood for short term financial gains	
2026-04-14 21:14:00	Tara	Sill	Gambrills	MD	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	This is a total negative for the neighborhood. It poses significant safety concerns and is nothing more than a money grab	

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2026-04-17 12:35:44	Floyd Minor	Floyd Minor	Gambrills	Maryland	21054-1538	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	<p>In Opposition to Rezoning property located at: 2419 Blooming Way, Region 5, Bill 18-26I am opposing the rezoning for region 5 Bill 12-17 for the following reason: Because the owner requests a rezoning for a R10 at the December 3, 2024 PBA meeting. Now she is requesting a rezoning of a R5 at the County Council Meeting held on April 6, 2026. My Opposition is still the same reason.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.The homeowner is requesting R5 rezoning, which will allow 10 additional homes on the 2419 Blooming Way property, approximately 2 cars per home (4 including teenagers), 20 or 40 additional cars traveling on Blooming Way. 2.Will significantly impact the traffic in the neighborhood 3.There is 1 access to the property located on 2419 Blooming Way 4.No access for garbage trucks, fire truck and other large vehicles to go up the hill to the stated property 5.The property owner had plan to sell to developers for townhouses on the property 6.The entry to the property is not part of the lot according to SDAT 7.The potential to worsen traffic in a already in a high traffic area 8.The impact the current neighborhood 9.The slope of the property will lead to storm water problem for the surrounding homes <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>	

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2026-04-17 17:26:54	Gwendolyn	Minor	Gambrills	MD	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	<p>I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed rezoning of the property located at 2419 Blooming Way in Region 5.</p> <p>This property is situated on a hill directly behind my residence. Access to the site requires traveling to the dead end of Blooming Way, passing my home and two neighboring properties, and then making a sharp right turn onto a narrow driveway that leads uphill. This driveway allows for only one-way traffic and is not wide enough to safely accommodate two-way vehicle flow. Vehicles descending from 2419 Blooming Way must come down the hill directly face a residence located at the bottom of the hill. This creates a significant safety hazard already, as it is only a matter of time before a vehicle coming down the hill loses control or misjudges the turn and collides with that home or parked cars in front of the home.</p> <p>Delivery vehicles such as FedEx, UPS, and Amazon trucks already experience difficulty navigating this sharp hill access. The challenges would be even greater for emergency vehicles. In fact, during a previous fire at the property, access for emergency responders had to maneuver their fire trucks etc. to get to the house fire -already a concern. Trash and recycle pick up containers must be brought down the hill to the dead end of blooming way - really no space for current property to sit the containers out.</p> <p>Additionally, further development on this hillside would likely lead to increased stormwater runoff and erosion to properties below the hill due to the removal of existing trees and vegetation. This would negatively impact these properties located below the hill.</p> <p>There is also a Catholic school located in back of the dead-end of Blooming Way. The area already experiences significant traffic congestion during student drop-off and pick-up times. Introducing additional residential development that increases traffic along this narrow and constrained route would heighten the risk of accidents. Because of location of the property, the developer of Washington Homes saw it not fit for more homes on that hill. For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to reconsider the proposed rezoning, as it presents serious concerns regarding safety, traffic, emergency access, and environmental impact.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>	
2026-04-18 12:35:33	Fred	Sierco	Gambrills	Maryland	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	<p>I strongly oppose ANY new building permit on this property. way to many kids on our street!,to much traffic! The homeowner will sell permits to builders and vacate the property!!No nearby hydrants! Grant her ZERO PERMITS TO BUILD!.90degree single driveway!!.VOTE NO PLEASE!!</p>	
2026-04-18 19:10:34	Jarrold	Wilson	Gambrills	MD	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	<p>The R5 request for 2419 Blooming Way, Gambrills will be detrimental to the surrounding properties in many ways. The driveway to the property is not large enough to support the additional ingress/egress additional dwellings would require. As it is the original property in the Four Season's neighborhood, county records recorded it was to remain zoned as RA in perpetuity. An R1 recommendation that was already proposed by the council should be the absolute maximum for this property if the RA cannot remain. The construction effort that would be required for an R5 zone recommendation would be absolutely detrimental to the properties immediately bordering that space, as well as cause undue stress to the neighbors who are on the same and surrounding roads as well.</p>	

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2026-04-19 13:05:48	Gabriela	Lohrmann	Gambrills	Maryland	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	The current proposal to R10 is not consistent with the surrounding neighborhood nor fit the character of the neighborhood. Easement access is limited by the nature of the property. The entrance to the property is not made for additional houses. The requested zone change with the plan to develop the property with townhomes has potential negative consequences to our community and/or substantially reduced property value or remove privacy for adjoining lots and homes. Any additional homes will add to increased traffic congestion already heavily impacted by the neighboring private school.	
2026-04-19 14:33:21	JOHN	GORRIE	Gambrills	MD	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	traffic increase not wanted..too much as is	
2026-04-19 14:34:50	Josephine	Gorrie	Gambrills	MD	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	traffic already difficult don't need more with additional housing	
2026-04-19 15:25:21	Pamela	Sierco	Gambrills	Md	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	I oppose 2419 Blooming Way Gambrills Md . My neighbor is in talks with a developer to sell property for putting 10 homes behind my property. Our neighborhood is already to busy because of the private school that was built . We cannot handle and more traffic on our roads. Emergency vehicles and delivery drivers have issues getting up that driveway now. If she wanted it for family homes she would not be requesting to widen the driveway. She also rents out her downstairs since she has moved in. If she needed extra homes for family as she stated or her elderly parent she could have been staying there instead of renting to strangers. AACO has already approved 1 extra home. We cannot handle anymore traffic in our development. The original owner wanted that property to be zoned RA . That was no mistake as the homeowner stated in last meeting. Please don't approve anymore homes to be squeezed in there. All our homes back up to her property like a U shape and it has a slope. More homes and cars would be over crowed and having traffic and headlights being in every homeowners windows .	
2026-04-19 21:05:13	Kathryn	Schieman	Gambrills	MD	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	I oppose the rezoning of 2419 Blooming Way for several reasons. First, the addition of 10 more houses is expected to increase traffic on Blooming Way by approximately 20 to 30 vehicles per day. This added volume could strain the existing roadway and affect safety and accessibility for current residents. Second, even with proposed road expansions, the area may remain difficult for fire engines and other emergency vehicles to navigate effectively. This raises concerns about emergency response times and overall public safety. Finally, the development is likely to increase stormwater runoff during heavy rains, which could negatively impact properties located downhill. This presents a risk of erosion, flooding, and potential property damage. For these reasons, I believe the rezoning should not be approved.	

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2026-04-19 21:55:57	George K	Schieman	Gambrills	MD	21054	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Oppose	As a longtime resident (41 years) and homeowner in the Four Seasons community, I have serious misgivings over the impact of this zoning change. On the surface, it has the strong potential to alter the existing neighborhood in ways detrimental to the quality of life. The addition of 10 additional housing units will necessarily increase the volume of traffic on Blooming Way, turning what was once a quiet residential street into a major thoroughfare. This increased traffic volume will most certainly have an impact on the safety of the many school age children living here. The property in question lies at a considerably higher elevation than the surrounding area which causes concerns over the potential runoff from rain events. Overflow parking from the new construction and how it can potentially impact the existing neighborhood is also very concerning. The new construction will increase heavy vehicular traffic on Blooming Way for the duration of the project and the removal of trees will have unintended consequences in terms of noise abatement from the land fill adjacent to the community and the race way located further south along route 3. Respectfully, George K. Schieman.	
2026-04-20 8:47:11	Catherine	Fleshman	Odenton	Maryland	21113	Yes		Bill No. 18-26: (As Amended) Bill No. 18-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5	Support	I continue my support for Two Rivers Parcels O and N to remain OPEN SPACE. This immediate area CANNOT handle any additional building, especially 377 more houses. The traffic situation is critical. We need less houses and more recreational space for our residents, especially the children. Our beautiful trees have been destroyed; our wildlife is disappearing, and massive flooding on private property. As a result, most recently there have been many incidents of people trespassing on private property looking for what overdevelopment has not provided.	
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2026-04-07 15:28:04	Jessica	Tiller	Millersville	MD	21108-2177	Yes		Bill No. 23-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Ethics – Definitions – Campaign Contributions – Subdivision and Development – Mandatory Disclosures	Support	As a Millersville resident and someone concerned with the state of our environment, it's a shame Hyatt & Weber was so blatantly and easily able to bend all but two members of the Anne Arundel County Council - with such little money, no less - over the zoning of Parcel 357 at the corner of Rt. 3. Particularly appalling is Councilwoman Allison Pickard switching her stance so abruptly after receiving \$5,500 from Hyatt & Weber. A special thank you to Councilwoman Lisa Rodvien for fighting so hard for her district. We support Bill No. 23-26, which prohibits developers with business before county government from contributing to sitting members of the County Council or County Executive or candidates.	
2026-04-16 10:48:59	David	Demers	Millersville	MD	21108	Yes		Bill No. 23-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Ethics – Definitions – Campaign Contributions – Subdivision and Development – Mandatory Disclosures	Support	I strongly support this Bill. You Council members vote for/against zoning changes that are in communities outside of your District. You allow these developers to influence your vote more than the opinion of the Council member who actually represents that District. Stop allowing the developers to have all of this influence.	

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2026-04-16 22:13:46	Theophilus	Griswold	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes		Bill No. 23-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Ethics – Definitions – Campaign Contributions – Subdivision and Development – Mandatory Disclosures	Support	<p>For pretty much my entire life, Anne Arundel County developers have had the upper hand on enticing officials to get their way on Rezoning and Development applications. This is a deep seated feeling among the citizens of our County, and is a corrosive influence on the perceived legitimacy of these governmental decision.</p> <p>Bill 23-26, now before the County Council, would ban developers with business before the County from making campaign contributions to current members of the County Council, an incumbent County Executive, or candidates for either office. Any donations made in the preceding two years must be returned or the recipient would not be able to vote or take action on the matter, and there are substantial fines for violators. There is still the ability to donate a reasonable \$250 to show support, and a way to return donations if they end up having business come before the County. The Bill also encourages transparency, so the public can see these contribution both before and after votes effecting the donor are taken.</p> <p>Please vote to enact this good government law, which will encourage decision making base on the quality of the proposal and community needs, not the amount of money that can be brought to bare by wealthy companies and individuals.</p>	
2026-04-17 12:08:52	Donald	Weller	Millersville	MD	21108	Yes		Bill No. 23-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Ethics – Definitions – Campaign Contributions – Subdivision and Development – Mandatory Disclosures	Support	<p>I strongly support Bill 23-26, and I urge every Council member to vote for it. Direct contributions and other lobbying from developers and associated industries have impacted county land use decisions for decades. This undue influence has often led to actions that favored developer profits over the public good. In other cases, politicians have reached more balanced decisions, but the existence of large developer contributions still creates the appearance of corruption, especially when decisions are controversial. Either the fact and appearance of corruption undermine the trust of citizens in their government and taint the political process as well as the politicians who receive the contributions. In current and future elections, I would find it difficult to support a candidate who voted against this bill. Your vote for the Bill will represent your commitment to ethical standards and to ensuring that decisions are guided by the needs of citizens not developers. I look forward to the Council passing this Bill.</p>	
2026-04-17 13:57:04	Lisa and Gerald	Stedge	Millersville	MD	21108	Yes		Bill No. 23-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Ethics – Definitions – Campaign Contributions – Subdivision and Development – Mandatory Disclosures	Support	<p>Please support Bill 23-26. It is important for our society, as "well" (pun intended, regarding actual "wells" recently going dry) as for our fragile Bay-centric environment, to listen more closely to the majority of the voting public than to developers, regarding any particular area. We plead with you to vote in favor of this bill. Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Related Note: We understand that cost-wise, builders often prefer building on "new" land, rather than repurposing "failed" or "empty" lots. There can even be hazardous materials that were left behind from previous tenants, which new builders don't really want to handle. Therefore, our local governments need to provide incentives for builders to do more repurposing, or our natural environment will continue to degrade to oblivion.</p> <p>Thank you, again.</p>	
2026-04-19 11:27:32	Stephanie	McLeod-Morrow	Crownsville	Maryland	21032	Yes		Bill No. 23-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Ethics – Definitions – Campaign Contributions – Subdivision and Development – Mandatory Disclosures	Support		https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/91133/bill-26-23.docx
2026-04-19 13:34:19	Jessica	Singeltary	Crownsville	MD	21032	Yes		Bill No. 23-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Ethics – Definitions – Campaign Contributions – Subdivision and Development – Mandatory Disclosures	Support	<p>I support this bill because I want to make sure our representatives are representing the interests of the public. Money should not be able to buy votes or sway. Corporate interests that have business with the county should not be able to buy more of a voice than an average citizen. Our government should represent us all equally, and this bill helps ensure that.</p>	

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2026-04-19 17:02:55	Terry	Halstad	Millersville	Maryland	21108	Yes		Bill No. 23-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Ethics – Definitions – Campaign Contributions – Subdivision and Development – Mandatory Disclosures	Support	Please consider voting for 23-26 so that the council can vote honestly without any future influence by campaign contributions. Thank you!	
2026-04-19 18:47:20	Deborah	Unitus Berezna	Millersville	Maryland	21108	Yes		Bill No. 23-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Ethics – Definitions – Campaign Contributions – Subdivision and Development – Mandatory Disclosures	Support	I am in full support of this legislation which would ban developers with business before the Council from making campaign contributions to current members of the Council, an incumbent County Executive, or candidate for either office. The Millersville, Md. community suffered the negative effects of developer contributions. A parcel on Millersville Road and Rt3 N was upzoned to commercial use after private conversations from a developers lobbyist persuaded five council members to reverse a unanimous vote to preserve rural RLD zoning. Five Council members received large campaign contributions from the lobbyist's firm and related development entities. A horrible, tragic example of the real estate industry's shameful influence over county politics.	

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2026-04-19 20:28:27	Katie	McDermott	Annapolis	MD	21401	Yes		Bill No. 23-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Ethics – Definitions – Campaign Contributions – Subdivision and Development – Mandatory Disclosures	Support	<p>In 2019, the Maryland General Assembly authorized Anne Arundel County to enact laws to regulate contributions from individuals and entities involved in special land use applications-zoning map amendments, zoning ordinance text amendments, special exceptions and modifications or revisions to special exceptions. It is also allowed the County to require disclosures and affidavits while such applications are pending.</p> <p>This reform was supported by the Anne Arundel County State delegation and passed via HB 993 138-0 in the House and 47-0 in the Senate.</p> <p>Prince George’s County has had similar legislative protections for many years and requires disclosures back 36 months, not 24 months. Howard, Montgomery and Frederick Counties have developer contribution regulating provisions to varying degrees.</p> <p>There is no constitutional infirmity to this legislation. Under the 2019 enabling legislation, Bill 23-26 should contain all of the parameters identified in the statute, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An "Applicant" Definition: It covers not just the primary applicant, but also "agents" (attorneys, consultants, engineers) and their immediate family members. •Affidavit : It authorizes the county to require an affidavit filed under oath, disclosing any "qualifying contributions" made within a specific time period. •PAC Transfers: It allows the county to prohibit Political Action Committees (PACs) from making transfers to a candidate if the PAC received funds from a regulated developer. •Enforcement: It explicitly grants the Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission the power to administer and implement these local laws, including the authority to require the return of improper contributions. <p>For all these reasons, I urge the County Council to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm via comparison to the 2019 enabling legislation that Bill 23-26 has captured the full intent of the legislation. 2. Adopt the legislation in full compliance with the enabling legislation. 3. Adopt a change in practice or rules of the County Council to disallow "no-notice" motions for reconsideration of approved actions or legislation unless there are exigent circumstance showing good cause. <p>The coming years will be transformative and confusing to County residents in zoning and land use management issues so embracing enhanced public ethics provisions, authorized years ago, will maintain public confidence and protect County government credibility as an institution.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>	

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2026-04-20 7:45:06	Paul	Christensen	Tracys Landing	Maryland	20779	Yes		Bill No. 23-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Ethics – Definitions – Campaign Contributions – Subdivision and Development – Mandatory Disclosures	Support	<p>There is almost no argument that large campaign contributions can influence access to key decision makers and impact policies. This has been grossly demonstrated in our national politics, but it also carries over to the local level. As you well know, campaigns rely heavily on funding for advertising, staffing, and outreach. Land developers can often provide some of that funding, provided that they see it as a means for improving the value of their land use investment.</p> <p>With campaign funding, large donors can achieve influence that exceeds that of average voters. This gives them unequal political power and deepens perceptions that they are favored by the political system. It also raises issues of trust and legitimacy for those candidates who are known to be significantly funded by land use donors. How often have we in Anne Arundel County heard an elected legislator or administrator described as “being in the pocket of developers”? Even if the elected official hasn’t done anything wrong, the suspicion remains and is difficult to remove. Public trust of the system is damaged.</p> <p>Several of the Council members are running election campaigns that are considering or have already accepted donations from persons or organizations that are likely to have future land use business coming before the Council. Please avoid being tainted by this money. We’d like to know that we can trust you. It is important that you vote in support of Bill 23-36.</p>	
2026-04-20 9:33:06	Jasmine	Wilding	CROWNSVILLE	MD	21032-1054	Yes		Bill No. 23-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Ethics – Definitions – Campaign Contributions – Subdivision and Development – Mandatory Disclosures	Support		
2026-04-20 10:57:55	George	Gallagher	Annapolis	MD	21403	Yes		Bill No. 23-26: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Ethics – Definitions – Campaign Contributions – Subdivision and Development – Mandatory Disclosures	Support		



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Bill 23-26

1 message

Jamie Loftis

Sat, Apr 18, 2026 at 7:26 PM

To: ccschu24@aacounty.org

Dear Council Members,

- > I am writing you as a county resident in support of AACO Bill 23-26.
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- > This legislation is long overdue and will help to assure that development in the county is conducted with transparency in the interests of the broad population rather than that of narrow special interests.
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- > I applaud Councilwoman Rodvien for introducing this much needed legislation and urge all Council Members to support it.
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- > Thank you.
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- > Sincerely yours,
- > James Loftis
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- > Annapolis, MD 21401