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<b>Bill No. 27-24</b>										
2024-05-23 0:14:55	Meagan	Kelly	Pasadena	MD	21122	Yes	Bill No. 27-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: General Development Plan – Region 4 Plan (As Amended)	Oppose	Absolutely NO more construction!!!!!! Traffic is bad enough. Why can't you have one tiny patch of land. You have to build until nothing is left. GREEDY!!!!!!	
2024-05-24 8:34:38	Cheryl	Turner	Crownsville	MD	21032	Yes	Bill No. 27-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: General Development Plan – Region 4 Plan (As Amended)	Oppose		
2024-05-24 18:24:58	Thomas	Redwine	Pasadena	md	21122	Yes	Bill No. 27-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: General Development Plan – Region 4 Plan (As Amended)	Oppose	We have way to many accidents and traffic already do not need to add more to what is already a mess.	
2024-05-28 15:27:42	John	Stup	Pasadena	MD	21122	Yes	Bill No. 27-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: General Development Plan – Region 4 Plan (As Amended)	Oppose	Enough lives have been lost to Mountain Road. Adding more homes and people will only further increase the overly traveled road leading to more crashes and death. Say no to rezoning to help keep our children safe.	
<b>Bill No. 28-24</b>										
2024-05-23 0:15:45	Meagan	Kelly	Pasadena	MD	21122	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	GREEDY!!!! Stop building. There is nothing left in Pasadena. It's disgusting!	
2024-05-24 9:07:32	Kathleen	Polk	Annapolis	Maryland	21409	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	OPPOSE rezoning for Safe Harbor Podickory Marina. This facility already doesn't not have sufficient parking spaces for current events. Parking flows over into a residential neighborhood with NO sidewalks and LOTS of pedestrians, children on bikes, as well as deer and foxes from the adjacent parks. There have been several boat fires. The volatile combustion is a concern already without allowing a fuel dock. Emergency vehicles have a difficult time in the narrow roads. The service roads are already a major traffic concern for area residents and we don't need additional vehicles in this relatively isolated area.	
2024-05-28 15:29:29	John	Stup	Pasadena	MD	21122	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	Enough lives have been lost to Mountain Road. Adding more homes and people will only further increase the overly traveled road leading to more crashes and death. Say no to rezoning to help keep our children safe.	
2024-05-29 11:31:59	Kathleen	Polk	Annapolis	Maryland	21409-5716	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	I am opposed to Bill 28-24 rezoning classification for Podickory Safe Harbor from an MA3 to an MA2. Safe Harbor has already violated restrictions for MA3 including having rental boats, charter fishing boats, and providing gas for the rental boats. The solution can not be to change the restrictions through rezoning. Parking didn't get any better. Septic and water did not get any better. Proximity to the fragile Chesapeake Bay didn't change. Didn't the County learn from the Daryl Wagner debacle with his non-permitted house on Little Dutchship Island? Forgiveness may be more expedient than permission but doesn't correct the issues. Changing zoning will hardly be a deterrent from not complying with other restrictions. Changing zoning because the county can't enforce its regulations would set a terrible precedent. Protecting the Chesapeake should be a priority and creating additional hazards by introducing the possibility of a restaurant or fuel docks is detrimental to constituents.	
2024-05-30 14:14:50	Mark	Burkhart	Pasadena	MD	21122	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Support	I support a zoning change at 8270 Waterford Road to C4	
2024-05-30 21:08:39	Bob	Heimbuch	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	I oppose the rezoning of the property located at 2116 Bay Front Terrace from MA3 to the proposed MA2. I have lived here in the community for close to 22 years, this is my home. The community is surrounded by state park land on 3 sides and the balance of community is on the Chesapeake Bay. We have 1 (one) road (Log Inn/Tydings) that comes into the community, it's narrow, it's got a hair pin turn near our community entrance and there are no shoulders or sidewalks. Much of the approach road has deep ditches on either side to accommodate the rainwater. I walk this road up to route 50 nearly every day, many of the neighbors are walking, riding bikes, skateboard, etc. on this road. It can be precarious, if cars are coming from both directions, there is nowhere for people to move out of the way, other then stepping off the road which does not have a shoulder, or navigating a drainage ditch. Allowing this zoning change will not only increase the volume of traffic, but also the type of traffic. Our community, Podickory Point, is, and was not designed to accommodate a commercial marina.  Please read the screenshot attachment from the county website, it says "Given it's location in an established neighborhood, it is not recommended to allow heavier maritime uses. MA3 is consistent with the existing development on the site" "SAC agrees with OPZ recommendation"  It appears, overnight, the OPZ has changed its stance on this topic. What changed? The community hasn't changed, the roads are the same, we still have wells and septic systems, still no fire hydrants and still no sidewalks. Fortunately we like it just the way it is. Please provide the facts and reasons that made the OPZ change it's stance.  Again, our community, Podickory Point, is, and was not designed to accommodate a commercial marina.	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_le_gislative_testimony/27139/Screenshot_20240530_210758_Chrome.jpg">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_le_gislative_testimony/27139/Screenshot_20240530_210758_Chrome.jpg</a>

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2024-05-31 22:04:06	Julia	Langfitt	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	<p>I oppose the zoning change for Safe Harbor at Podickory Point from MA3, a nonprofit Community Yacht Club, to MA2, a light commercial private marina. Safe Harbor, a multibillion-dollar company owning 130 marinas worldwide, aims to profit from all their marinas. Every previous owner of Podickory Point Yacht and Beach Club has applied to for a zoning change from MA3 to MA2. All of them have been denied. Why should it be different now? Nothing has changed. Podickory Point remains on septic and well water.</p> <p>On August 1, 2023, Safe Harbor requested an MB (heavy industrial marina) zoning and was also denied. It stayed as an M3. Despite this, they have been operating a for profit marina under MA3 zoning, running fishing charters at 6:30am, renting boats for Freedom Boat Club, and refueling boats with gas tanks driven through our residential community. They also rent the clubhouse for weddings, birthday parties, and other events.</p> <p>This is a community marina and should remain so. When we purchased our home in December of 2023, we were told that the MB request was denied and the MA2 had been denied many times. Nothing has changed. Why is it not being denied this time? We joined Safe Harbor as a Social member and enjoyed meeting new friends there. If Safe Harbor gets an MA2 zoning, they can shut out the neighborhood and refuse social memberships.</p> <p>We will be left to live next to a light industrial marina nestled in the middle of our quiet tranquil neighborhood. We did our due diligence. A public marina isn't supposed to be permitted on septic and well water. The CEO's of Safe Harbor and its parent company, Sun Communities, do not care about us or the Bay. They live in Texas and California. We're hoping you care enough to make this amendment. Please save Podickory Point and the Bay from big business.</p> <p>Watching the Liberty Marina story, I feel as though we've already lost. So disheartened. Attached are scanned documents from the No Discharge Zone; Clean Water Act of May 2021. I have highlighted all of the misrepresentations of Podickory Point Yacht and Beach Club. There is no public sewer here. There are many commercial boats operating out of Safe Harbor. Where are they putting the waste?</p>	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_le_gislative_testimony/27247/NO%20DISCHARGE%20ZONE%20-%20Clean%20Water%20Act%20May%202021%20.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_le_gislative_testimony/27247/NO%20DISCHARGE%20ZONE%20-%20Clean%20Water%20Act%20May%202021%20.pdf</a>
2024-06-01 15:53:12	Leslie	Price	ANNAPOLIS	MD	21409	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	<p>I am opposed to rezoning 2116 Bay Front Terrace from MA3 to MA2. A commercial marina is not appropriate for the area as the County Council determined in 1973 and the zoning Board of Appeals determined in 1980. We are an isolated community with one road, no sidewalks and no streetlights. The property was purchased 2 years ago when the zoning classification was clearly MA3. Nothing has changed since the 1960's except the ownership.</p>	
2024-06-02 11:28:46	Nancy	Watts	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	<p>I am a resident of the Podickory Point neighborhood and oppose the reclassification of Safe Harbor Marina to a MA2 from a MA3. I request that an amendment be drafted to change the Marina back to a MA3. The zoning commission had recommended it REMAIN as a MA3, but it was changed for some reason to a MA2. The neighborhood cannot sustain a MA2. This is a very quiet residential area. There are no traffic lights on Bay Front Terrace -- the street leading directly to the marina. There is no speed control -- there are no side walks. It is already a dangerous traffic situation for the residents with marina traffic speeding up and down the road.</p>	
2024-06-02 13:02:59	andrew	price	Annapolis	Maryland	21409	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	<p>MA-2 rezoning for 2116 Bay Front Terrace is not compatible with surrounding residential communities</p>	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_le_gislative_testimony/27319/MA2%20is%20not%20compatible.docx">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_le_gislative_testimony/27319/MA2%20is%20not%20compatible.docx</a>

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2024-06-02 16:46:22	Charles	Stek	Annapolis	MD	21409-5705	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	<p>I am writing once again to urge you to strike provisions in Bill No.28-24 which would change the zoning for the Safe Harbor Podickory Point Marina from the current MA3 Yacht Club District to MA2 Light Commercial Marina District. This upzoning would have a detrimental impact not only on the safety and livability of our small residential community, but on the broader quality of life, neighborhood protection and other themes and goals envisioned in the County's Plan 2040 General Management Plan.</p> <p>Podickory Point is an oasis in the midst of the extreme traffic volumes and associated noise and pollution from the vehicles on Route 50 and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. There are no commercial enterprises in this community, no water and sewer services, or even fire hydrants. It is a small neighborhood, comprised of less than 50 single family homes, surrounded by Sandy Point State Park and the Corcoran Environmental Study Area. It is a place where kids and adults walk, run and bike safely on the streets. Big selling points in our decision to move here six years ago were its quiet residential nature, the limited one-way in and out traffic into the neighborhood, the green space and virtually no potential for development, and the small, non-commercial yacht and beach club at the end of our street which served historically as a community meeting place. We relied heavily on the county's zoning plans in making our decision to relocate to this community.</p> <p>Rezoning the yacht and beach club for commercial use would greatly diminish the quality of life and safety of our community. It would enable Safe Harbor to provide expanded marina operations such as fuel sales, rentals, and charters, and even food and liquor sales which are completely incompatible with the nature of our residential neighborhood. Since Safe Harbor acquired the yacht and beach club two years ago, it has already been operating the marina -- in violation of its current zoning -- as if it were a commercial marina. We have experienced increased traffic on our local streets, which are unable to safely accommodate this traffic, from the charter boats, rental boats and fuel trucks going to the marina -- again in violation of its current zoning. This will only get worse if the marina is allowed to expand commercial operations. Why would the county now reward Safe Harbor with commercial upzoning rather than take enforcement actions and protect the safety and livability of our community? Just this past fall the Stakeholders Advisory Committee rejected a proposal to rezone the Safe Harbor Podickory Point Marina for commercial use and recommended that the property should remain zoned as an MA-3 Yacht Club District. The Office of Planning and Zoning supported that recommendation. There is no justification to change that recommendation as this bill does.</p> <p>I urge you to reject the proposed upzoning contained in Bill no. 28-24 for Podickory Point, as the county has done in the past.</p>	
2024-06-02 19:42:26	Richard	Brill	ANNAPOLIS	MD	21409	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose		<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_le_gislative_testimony/27342/Safe%20Harbor%20Zoning%20Request%20Response%20-%20min%20-%20version%203.docx">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_le_gislative_testimony/27342/Safe%20Harbor%20Zoning%20Request%20Response%20-%20min%20-%20version%203.docx</a>

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2024-06-02 23:01:51	Debbie	Lodato	ANNAPOLIS	MD	21409-5705	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	<p>I am opposed to Bill 28-24 which would allow Safe Harbor Yacht Club to rezone from an MA-3 residential Yacht Club to a MA-2 commercial marina.</p> <p>Podickory Point is a small quiet community. Rezoning issues at the Yacht Club situated in the community has been an issue that arises every time a new owner wants to commercialize it. Below you will find historical articles to this point. These are facts that can be verified and have been sent to Council woman Fiedler.</p> <p>Anne Arundel County Council fought for Podickory Point residents in the past. We hope you will do the same today. As you read these, keep in mind nothing has changed here. We are all still on septic and well, including Safe Harbor Yacht Club.</p> <p>Annapolis Capital article dated March 8, 1973</p> <p>"I wish to comment on your article on zoning—specifically that portion dealing with the Podickory Yacht Club. The Podickory Yacht Club was not given a higher classification than many of the Podickory Point residents wanted. To the contrary, the overwhelming majority of the residents of Podickory Point, Tydings On-The-Bay, and Log Inn Estates were in favor of MA-3 zoning. We voiced this opinion verbally at the public hearings, and also submitted signed petitions to the County Council."</p> <p>Annapolis Capital article dated August 18, 1980</p> <p>"Following a series of alleged violations the county's recently rewritten yacht club zoning category (MA3), Podickory Corp. President Theodore J. Martens applied for Commercial Marine zoning of (MA2). Last December, a county zoning hearing officer denied that request, and now the case is before the Board of Appeals with hearings beginning last Thursday night."</p> <p>Annapolis Capital article dated August 28, 1980</p> <p>"A proposed marina on Podickory Point would disrupt an established community, of 60 posh homes and overburden public facilities, county officials and local residents told the Board of Appeals yesterday. "We think this proposal would adversely affect the health, welfare and safety of the people of Anne Arundel County," said Sager A. Williams Jr., a county planner, asking that Podickory Point owner Theodore J. Martens' request for Commercial Marine zoning (MA2) be denied."</p> <p>"County officials fear that a commercial marina would greatly strain existing water and sewage facilities. Williams said, adding that the county's development plans call for future marinas to be located at sites other than Podickory Point."</p> <p>Annapolis Capital article dated November 14, 1980</p> <p>"Podickory Point residents have opposed the rezoning that was denied by a zoning officer in December, 1979. They fear a commercial marina would create congestion and noise in the neighborhood and pollute the surrounding waters. County officials claim a marina will overburden water and sewer facilities."</p> <p>Annapolis Capital article dated December 12, 1980</p> <p>"The county zoning Board of Appeals rejected an appeal to rezone a yacht club at Podickory Point to allow a commercial marina."</p>	
2024-06-02 23:06:09	Rosario	Izquierdo	ANNAPOLIS	MD	21409-5704	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	My husband John Kocka and I oppose upzoning Safe Harbor Podickory Point from MA3	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_le_gislative_testimony/27348/Charly%20%26%20Jack%20Testimony.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_le_gislative_testimony/27348/Charly%20%26%20Jack%20Testimony.pdf</a>

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									<p>I live 5 doors down from the Podickory Point Yacht Club, and are a dues paying social member. While I want the current owner Safe Harbor to be successful I strongly oppose the changing of this location from a MA3 Yacht Club to a MA2 Light Commercial Marina.</p> <p>This location does not have the infrastructure to operate as a light commercial marina. The location and our entire neighborhood is on well and septic. Additionally the yacht club is in a quiet residential neighborhood that has only one way in and out. Changing the zoning to a MA2 allows expanded uses that will increase traffic into the site which is a public safety risk. We have no sidewalks or lights on our street.</p> <p>Our neighborhood citizens have been working with our Council member, Amanda Fidler, who has been out to the site and heard our concerns. We appreciate Amanda spending time with us. Our last meeting she recommended we talk with Safe Harbor regional director who she met with recently. We will do this, but based on the history of our interactions with Safe Harbor I am leery. Safe Harbor has never requested any input from the neighborhood residents, and we had to find out about their zoning request through our own diligence.</p> <p>Safe Harbor bought this facility over 2 years ago. One of their first actions was to cut out social memberships for our neighborhood. This yacht club has been part of the community fabric since it's inception in the 1960's. Once we complained they reinstated social memberships but the cost doubled.</p> <p>Safe Harbor has been operating this facility in an unsafe manner, and has not been in compliance with their current MA3 zoning. Some areas (not a comprehensive list) is allowing Freedom Boat Club and fishing charter boats to operate out of the facility and fueling these boats in an unapproved and unsafe manner. The regional director for Safe Harbor says she didn't know this is happening our this site. Finally, we had a serious fire at the yacht club that had fire companies from Anne Arundel and other jurisdictions that lined our entire street. If it wasn't for the wind blowing in the right direction it could have burned down the entire facility.</p> <p>So I ask our elected council members, who are you going to side with in this decision for Podickory Point?</p> <p>Are you going to side with a company who is operating the facility out of compliance with County laws and hoping that you just look the other way?</p> <p>Are you going to be on the side of your citizen's safety or a company that has and will put them and our fragile environment at risk?</p> <p>Lastly, please keep in mind as you make your decision. This is one of 130 locations for a Safe Harbor LLC that is owned by a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT), Sun Communities. To these companies this is just another transaction. Safe Harbor and this location is just another asset that can change hands tomorrow. For us Podickory Point Yacht Club is and has been an integral part of what makes this Annapolis locale special and why we all moved here and want to stay here. It has been the place where our community meets with each other, and where our kids play on the beach and go to the pool.</p> <p>Strongly recommend you leave the Podickory Yacht Club a MA3 Yacht Club and work to see if a future amendment can be put in place that will allow Safe Harbor to make changes to operate in a safe and profitable manner.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Tony Lodato 2106 Bay Front Terrace Annapolis, MD 21409</p>	
2024-06-02 23:12:05	Anthony	Lodato	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose		
2024-06-03 6:18:03	John	Raulin	pasadena	MD	21122	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Support	I am one of the property owners of 8270 waterford and i support the zoning change at 8270 waterford from R1 to C4 as recommended by the OPZ and SAC staff.	
2024-06-03 6:19:23	Brittney	Raulin	pasadena	md	21122	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Support	I am one of the property owners of 8270 waterford and i support the zoning change at 8270 waterford from R1 to C4 as recommended by the OPZ and SAC staff.	
2024-06-03 7:09:30	Geremy	Chelius	annapolis	Maryland	21409	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	I am writing specifically in opposition of the re-zoning for Safe Harbor Podickery Point from MA3 to MA2. We have a small residential neighborhood that is congested with traffic issues. Allowing this rezoning will simply add more commercial and car traffic to already overcrowded streets and roadways. It is not safe or practical to be doing MA2 activities in this enclave.	

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2024-06-03 7:48:05	Frank	Langfitt	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	<p>Dear Councilmembers:</p> <p>My name is Frank Langfitt and I live at 2114 Bay Front Terrace, right next door to the Safe Harbor Podickory Point Yacht Club.</p> <p>We bought our house in 2022. The site was and is zoned MA 3. We believed it would operate as a community marina. I oppose changing it to MA-2. Here is why:</p> <p>In the 18 months we've owned here, Safe Harbor has increasingly run it as a commercial business, violating the zoning and the spirit of the designation by allowing in fuel trucks, hosting charter fishing boats and renting out the club house for big events, including birthday parties and weddings. This Saturday and Sunday, several dozen cars and trucks jammed the lawn. Some of the vehicles parked right up against our fence.</p> <p>Safe Harbor has not been transparent with our quiet, residential community. When we bought here, there was a thick buffer of trees and bamboo that obscured Safe Harbor's boatels. Last month, I came home to find that Safe Harbor – with no warning – had torn out all of the foliage. From our yard and kitchen, we now look directly at the boatels, which are an eye-sore.</p> <p>I do appreciate that Safe Harbor has made improvements to the property, including long overdue renovations to the swimming pool and clubhouse. I want Safe Harbor to succeed as a business, but it is changing its property and – by extension – the neighborhood by stealth.</p> <p>Now, the Anne Arundel government wants to upzone the property. This means that instead of being held accountable for violating the current zoning, the company will be rewarded with even more options to make more money, including opening a tavern, putting in fuel pumps and renting watercraft.</p> <p>If the council upzones to MA-2, it will send a clear message to similar companies: violate zoning, then get the government to change the zoning to make your behavior legal.</p> <p>The second message the council will send is that it cares more about a multi-billion dollar company based in Dallas than it does for its constituents and voters.</p> <p>Can you explain to me why you would want to do this to us?</p> <p>I urge you to keep the zoning of the yacht club to MA-2.</p> <p>Sincerely,  Frank Langfitt  2114 Bay Front Terrace  Annapolis, MD. 21409  1-443-510-9412  flangfitt@gmail.com</p>	
2024-06-03 8:48:02	Richard	Bowders	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	<p>It is my understanding that the marina is zoned MA1 – Community Marina District. In the past, PPYC was granted a 'special exception' to work as an MA3 – Not for profit Yacht Club (Safe Harbor has no such exception and is presently doing business illegally). There is no provision for a Tavern in the present or the previously allowed exception. Additionally, Safe Harbor is allowing Charter businesses and a boat club, which is refueling boats from a truck, which is also illegal. Construction and grading has also taken place with no permits. I oppose all of the illegal and out of zoning operations and any amendments to existing zoning for the marina. The are does not have the infrastructure to support a commercial business with no public sewer or water, no sidewalks, no streetlights, high risk of negative environmental impact, and lack of fire fighting support. No neighbors (that I have spoken to) want any of these proposed changes. There has been no reasonable explanation as to what has changed since Safe Harbor took over as to what justifications have been found to counter or change historic decisions. I strongly oppose any zoning changes to the marina. We may be a small community and Safe Harbor a giant corporation, but the interests of the neighborhood must take precedent over the desire of a large corporation wanting to develop this property they purchased historically zoned correctly.</p>	

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2024-06-03 9:24:41	Ted	Williams	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	I cannot participate in tonight's hearing (6/3/2024), so I am only presenting written comments. I bought my house on Tydings Road, directly across from Bay Front Terrace, in 2019 after returning to the Baltimore/D.C. in 1997. I had been a member of Podickory Point Yacht and Beach Club beginning in 1983 with 13 years living in Chicago in the middle of 1983 and 2024. I bought the house listed after years of braving Washington, DC and Bay Bridge traffic over that time and did so (and returning to the Club) based on the low-key neighborhood lifestyle as well as use of the Club marina. Now, I learn that the Comprehensive Plan will allow commercial MA-2 marina activities under the Plan revisions, which will significantly degrade the neighborhood. I learned unofficially that the Club reclassification as MA-2 is being considered to "bring [the Club] into compliance." Rezoning is an improper means of addressing code violations of the Club under the new and now current management, including refueling of boats and operation of charter boating. But this is only the "camel's nose under the tent" since it would allow the current ownership to add many additional activities that will strain the area's power, septic, and water resources, affecting all of us current property owners in the neighborhood. Also, we already have significant traffic hazards associated with intoxicated Club patrons missing the stop signs at the end of Bay Front Terrace and one day with increasing traffic and party people end up with a car in my living room. Rezoning cannot prevent such accidents perpetually, but it should not be adding to risk. We in the neighborhood will be seeking to accommodate the current Club owners business objectives with changes to its current MA-3 classification without a change to MA-2. This could be done through a well designed, consensus-based system of exceptions to the Club's MA-3 status such as grandfathering out of compliance current physical facilities, allowing for improvements to the Club property as a whole, and eliminating the current MA-3 requirement that the Club needs to be "member owned." This process can be initiated immediately, but it should be done on the basis of retaining the MA-3 classification and adding the few exceptions the Club owners seek, not the through adding prohibitions to a MA-2, which would be potentially numerous and burdensome to resolve, to address the Club owners seek. We ask that the MA-3 status remain in place for the Club so that discussions with the Club ownership can proceed in a constructive way.	
2024-06-03 9:44:23	Jeff	Wilson	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	I do not believe commercial marinas should be allowed to operate in residential neighborhoods. It is bad enough some are grandfathered. Please do not allow NEW commercial services.	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/27375/VOTE%20NO%20on%20bill%2028-24%20AAO%20Zoning%2020240520.docx">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/27375/VOTE%20NO%20on%20bill%2028-24%20AAO%20Zoning%2020240520.docx</a>
2024-06-03 9:46:38	John	Preis	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	The purpose of zoning is to inform property owners and prospective property owners of the allowed uses of the property. A prospective owner is thus informed of allowed uses prior to purchase of a specified property or of a nearby property. We see no reason to allow a change in zoning just to accommodate the whims of new owners who have already purchased a certain property. The owners should have done "due diligence" and found an appropriately-zoned parcel that fit their particular needs or desires. The current zoning in Podickory Point has apparently allowed previous owners of the Safe Harbor property to be financially solvent under the constraints of the current zoning.  We strongly oppose the Safe Harbor Rezoning Bill (Bill 28-24) to MA2. The neighborhood has not changed much in the 50 years we have lived here. It is a completely residential area with no sidewalks, no road shoulders for overflow parking, no trucks going through to replenish restaurants, taverns or gas pumps. It is relatively safe for walkers, children, bikers, birders, family pets, and wildlife, and wish to keep it that way. We see no advantage to the neighborhood and community in allowing this change, which would increase the profits of Safe Harbor while lowering the value of our homes, and we would view it as a breach of trust by the county were it to be approved. Margie and Gerry Preis	
2024-06-03 9:53:22	Margaret	Burkhart	pasadena	md	21122	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Support	I support the zoning change at 8270 waterford rd to C4 zoning	
2024-06-03 9:58:35	Leanna	Prager	orchard beach	md	21226	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Support	I support the zoning change at 8270 waterford rd to C4 zoning	
2024-06-03 10:02:55	Hannah	Ford	pasadena	md	21122	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Support	I support the zoning change at 8270 waterford rd from R1 TO C4	
2024-06-03 10:04:58	Cindy	Orcutt	pasadena	md	21122	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Support	I support the zoning change at 8270 waterford rd from R1 to C4 zoning	
2024-06-03 10:10:54	Joseph	Zimmerman	pasadena	md	21122	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Support	I support the zoning change being done at 8270 waterford rd, going from R1 to C4 zoning	
2024-06-03 10:17:59	Chaz	Ford	pasadena	md	21122	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Support	I support the zoning change on 827p waterford rd, going from R1 to C4 zoning	
2024-06-03 10:23:32	Scott	Orcut	pasadena	md	21122	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Support	I support the zoning change from r1 to c4 at address 8270 waterford rd, pasadena md 21122	

Timestamp	First name	Last name	City	State	Zip Code	Are you representing yourself?	Legislation	Position	Remarks	Attachments
2024-06-03 10:36:06	James	Hanrahan	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	<p>To members of the Anne Arundel County Council, I am writing today to oppose upgrading the zoning of Podickory Safe Harbor from MA3 to MA2, Bill 28-24. Though Safe Harbor is the current owner my concerns are not specifically with them, but with the nature of the location and its surroundings. The marina is located where the Magothy River meets the Chesapeake. It is a superb location for boating with immediate access to bay waters. At the same time its location has significant limitations. It is not far above sea level and is subject to flooding in even modest storms. Podickory is not served by public water or sewer. Septic systems are problematic for the operation of an MA2 facility – MA3 would exceed the capacity. The Podickory Point community is surrounded by park land. There is only one way in and out. Traffic is a major concern and has been for years regardless of who owned the facility. There are no sidewalks and minimal street lighting. People are in a hurry to get to the marina and speed through the neighborhood without regard to walkers, bikers or runners. It can even be worse at the end of the day after boaters have spent a day in the sun enjoying their favorite beverages. The addition of charters and a restaurant (serving alcohol) would increase already problematic traffic. Additional facilities would also require increased fire protection. There are no fire hydrants in Podickory Point. A brief word on Safe Harbor. Safe Harbor has flaunted the current zoning rules. There are charter boats operating out of the marina. They are fueled by pickup trucks with external tanks. There is no fire protection or pollution control. They are also running a boat share club on the marina grounds. A brief tour of Safe Harbor appeared to show they are out of compliance with the Maryland Clean Marina initiative (<a href="https://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Documents/CM_Guidebook.pdf">https://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Documents/CM_Guidebook.pdf</a>). Boat maintenance is being done in the parking lot with minimal controls for run-off and dust containment. Visible fire protection is limited to small fire extinguishers. No spill protection materials are apparent. It is my understanding that the zoning change was opposed in the long-term plan and the County Zoning Department originally opposed it. The County Zoning Department changed their position without notice. As a community we would like to know how that happened and who specifically made the change and why. Councilwoman Fiedler toured the marina with members of the community and observed the current conditions. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.</p> <p>Sincerely, James Hanrahan 2102 Harbor Drive Annapolis, MD 21409 Cell: 410 703 4081</p>	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_le_gislative_testimony/27397/Hanrahan%20Opposition%20to%2028-24.docx">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_le_gislative_testimony/27397/Hanrahan%20Opposition%20to%2028-24.docx</a>
2024-06-03 10:39:55	Elderminio	Boyce	pasadena	md	21122	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Support	<p>I am in support of the zoning change at 8270 waterford rd pasadena md 21122.</p> <p>Zoning from R1 to C4</p>	
2024-06-03 10:52:38	Michael	Charnosky	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes	Bill No. 28-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 (As Amended)	Oppose	<p>CZ-R4-BDN-017 Below is your summary of the opposition to 1637 Orchard Beach Rd going from R1 to MA2 or MA1-B. Please listen to the people that live throughout our community and enjoy what already exist. Thank you. CZ-R4-BDN-017 is the zoning application for the property located at 1637 Orchard Beach Road. The applicant requested a change from R1 to MA2 as this property is owned by a corporation. CZ-R4-BDN-217 refers to the staff-recommended MA2 zoning for neighboring properties that are residences with commercial piers. The comments 6 Summary of Region 4 Comments 7/26/2023 to 8/28/2023 were in opposition to any zoning changes from R1 to MA2. Many respondents noted that Orchard Beach Road is a quiet residential road and that the MA2 designation could allow maritime uses in the area that are not supported by neighbors. Responses listed the lack of infrastructure including limited road capacity and lack of sewer and water, environmental concerns such as increased runoff, and the desire to maintain the residential character as reasons to keep the area zoned for residential use.</p>	
<b>Resolution No. 22-24</b>										
2024-06-03 9:59:24	Kurt	Svensden	ARNOLD	MD	21012	Yes	Resolution No. 22-24: Charter Amendment – County Council – Standing Committees	Oppose	<p>Please see PDF file with 1-page written testimony and a 1-page attachment</p>	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_le_gislative_testimony/27381/Testimony%20-%20Resolution%2022-24.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_le_gislative_testimony/27381/Testimony%20-%20Resolution%2022-24.pdf</a>



3 June 2024

From: Patric S. Enright

To: Anne Arundel County Council

Subject: Recommendations to Alter Resolution No. 20-24

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**Introduction:**

It has come to my attention that the Anne Arundel County Council (Council) would find it necessary, on occasion, to conduct closed meetings or legislative sessions with the sole purpose of addressing sensitive personnel matters. Our current Anne Arundel County Charter (Charter) does not permit closed meetings and legislative sessions (Article III, Sec.307 (a)).

This Council has proposed a change to the Charter through Resolution No. 20-24, addressing the conduct of meetings and legislative sessions.

**Issue:**

In my opinion, Resolution 20-24 presents to Anne Arundel County voters a drastic, surgical change to an otherwise transparent Charter. This change, concerning the conduct of meetings and legislative sessions, eliminates the critical phrase "... be open to the public". This Resolution, substitutes for this phrase one that states "...comply with the Maryland Open Meetings Act (Act)". This vague and ambiguous substitution, I believe, eliminates the perception of transparency in the future conduct of Council meetings and legislative sessions. I also believe this change, as presented now, will cause suspicion in the minds of the voters and will beg the question - What is the Council attempting to do with this subterfuge?

I have examined the relevant Chapters in the Open Meetings Act Manual (12<sup>th</sup> Edition – October 2023), concerning the conduct of closed meetings (Chapters 4 and 5). Chapter 4, Permissibility of Closed Sessions - the Exceptions, sets forth the 15 exceptions to the mandated conduct of open meetings and legislative sessions. A decision by our Council to close meetings or legislative sessions is discretionary and not mandated by the Maryland Open Meetings Act. However, to close any meeting or legislative session, the Council must comport with the rules and protocols affecting each and all of these 15 stated exceptions. The Act requires that only meetings and legislative sessions that have been opened may then be closed. The Act provides

that the public body (e.g. our Council) may meet in closed sessions to discuss only an excepted topic.

**Recommendations:**

I support a change to our Charter to accommodate the necessity to hold, from time to time, closed meetings and legislative sessions. For example, closures may be required to address exception A, the “personnel matters exception” or exception I, the “collective bargaining” exception as well as others listed – but none more!

To promote public confidence in this Charter change, and transparency in the conduct of Council meetings and legislative sessions, I submit the following recommendation to reconfigure Resolution No. 20-24:

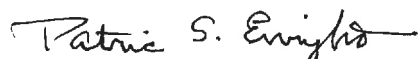
Sec. 307. Legislative Procedure.

(a) Public Meetings. All meetings and legislative sessions of the County Council shall be open to the public. All open and closed sessions shall be conducted strictly in compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act.

The question for submission to the voters should read as follows:

“To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to require that all open and closed meetings and legislative sessions of the County Council comply with the Maryland Open Meetings Act.”

Respectfully submitted,



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## Partnership Support for Bill No. 52-24 - Testimony

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Good afternoon Council,

Please see the message below from Dr. Pam Brown regarding support of Bill No. 52-24. Thank you. - Kaley

Dear Chair Pickard and Council Members:

On behalf of the Partnership for Children, Youth and Families, I am writing in support of Bill 52-24. There are many instances throughout the year when the Partnership receives grant funding based on different grant funding awarding systems. We often do not know these funds will be available until the Notice of Funding appears. When we apply for and receive such funding, it is unlikely to have been appropriated in the previous budget year because we have no prior knowledge of the funding availability or timing.

When the County Council approves new appropriations we have to route the agreement for signatures on both the County's side and the funder's side. This is an arduous process for us and it is only after the agreement is fully executed that services can begin. This can delay the start of a program for months.

A recent example of our dilemma was funding we received through the Department of Juvenile Services. This funding was aimed at two mentoring programs for vulnerable youth. We were at the mercy of the funder to receive the award/documentation to be able to bring forth to the County Council for appropriation. Then we had to wait until the next Council meeting for the Council to approve. In this particular example, the Council delayed the originally scheduled hearing further extending the process. Those delays shorten the time to start the program and expend the funds.

Grass roots organizations we contract with who run these programs cannot function without operating funds. One program, Black Wall Street, founded by longtime Community Advocate Yevola Peters, did not receive their first payment until 1/23/24 - 6 months after the start of the fiscal year. Not only were staff not being paid, but the interruption of services has its own consequences; at-risk youth do not receive the services they need and the data we rely on for future funding is skewed. It's a lose lose situation.

Grant-funded programs are time-sensitive, begin and end on various funding cycles (ie. fiscal year, federal fiscal year, calendar year etc.) and have their own set of compliance rules and regulations. The Partnership brings millions of grant funds into the County every year. We serve the most vulnerable residents in the County. Anything that can be done to ease and expedite grant funds would be greatly appreciated. Thanks so much for your consideration and thank you for all you do.

Best

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