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2025-01-14 11:56:26	Kurt	Svensen	ARNOLD	MD	21012	Yes		See PDF file attached	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/46721/hip-hop-culture-presentation-announcement-at-county-council-mtg-20250121.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/46721/hip-hop-culture-presentation-announcement-at-county-council-mtg-20250121.pdf</a>
2025-01-15 13:12:51	Catherine	Ray	Edgewater	Md	21037	Yes		It is important for the library to be well supported. For myself, a nurse, the library services were a refuge during covid, during a back injury as well as lots of time with my granddaughters and so much more. It's important to keep materials updated and offer additional community engagement. Reading supports education which supports citizens. It supports mental health! These things take money and people to make it happen. The library has saved my life more than once and that's worth all the money to me and my family! The activities they offer allow young children and teens to have choices outside of drugs to occupy their time. The ease in access gives poverty stricken chances for betterment. As a child I hated Reading. But now with the libby app I read over 125 books a year! I still enjoy going in the library, but injury has affected my ability to hold physical books. The library seems to do everything to include all citizens for access. They do important work and deserve to have their budget approved to continue to keep our citizens having the best opportunities for education, advancement, and entertainment! Thanks!	
2025-01-20 15:04:55	Jennifer	Sell	Severna Park	MD	21146	Yes		<p>To the council members- I am writing today to ask you to take both a stance and an action on a political issue- two things that theoretically every politician should be capable of doing. Specifically, I am asking that you direct that Anne Arundel County divest from Israel and any Israeli companies in response to its' horrific genocide of Palestinian people, to include innocent men, women, and children. While the United States policy to support Israel both financially and through the sharing of weapons is out of your hands, you do get to decide where Anne Arundel Counties money goes to and comes from.</p> <p>To address some arguments against taking this action: this is not an antisemitic request. As a Jewish person, I am able to understand that Judaism is a religion and being Jewish is a culture; Israel is a nation state and should be therefore treated with the same responsibility and consequences as other nation states do when they decide to conduct a mass extermination against innocent people. In addition, too much time and action has passed for us to equate Hamas with the Palestinian people; Israel and the United States are capable of holding Hamas accountable without committing the high numbers of civilian atrocities that we have seen over the last few years.</p> <p>While we are just one county, our actions still matter, and one of those actions is to choose where to put our money. I'm asking you to ensure that our money is not going towards funding or supporting those who commit genocide and apartheid. Please understand that you are taking an action either way- your lack of action also indicates the lack of importance you place upon a topic. The next four years will be full of challenges. You will need to be comfortable with the discomfort of taking stances that are difficult. Today is a great time to start practicing that.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>	

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2025-01-20 21:17:07	Jigna	Patel	Glen Burnie	Md	21060	Yes		<p>The Nixon Property Development &amp; Workforce Housing</p> <p>Firstly, I would like to say that property owners have the right to sell and develop their land. With that said our neighborhood also knew that eventually the Nixon property would be developed. Our area is zoned R5. A previous plan to develop the property included building 35 single family homes. For whatever reason that project never went through. We expected the next time a developer was interested in the property that the plan would be similar, about 35-40 single family homes. Never could we have imaged A.A. County would allow 171 townhouse to packed onto this small plot of land.</p> <p>The Nixon property is located in the middle of a neighborhood of single family homes in an area zoned R5. The only access onto the property is on small streets that only one car can pass at a time.</p> <p>The developer is using workforce housing as a way to circumvent the rezoning process, allowing them to force high density housing on land that is grossly inappropriate for that level of development.</p> <p>Earlier in 2024 other plots of land in our neighborhood asked for rezoning from R5 to R10. The decision by the OPZ and SAC was as follows:            CZ-R3-GBN-0406: The group discussed the property owner's request to change the current R5 designation to R10. OPZ recommends denying the request and maintaining the R5 designation. The SAC unanimously supported OPZ's recommendation to retain the R5 designation. The request for R10 is not consistent with the adapted Plan2040 Planned Land Use or the Neighborhood Preservation Development Policy Area.</p> <p>The developers of the Nixon property state that none of that matters and they can build whatever they want because workforce housing says they can.</p> <p>The over development of the Marley/Sun Valley area has been a problem for many years. However, other new developments have direct access onto main roads like Marley Neck, Jumpers and Mountain Rd. They were not constructed in the middle of existing communities.</p> <p>The Nixon property development crosses a line, defies common sense and cannot be allowed to develop as proposed.</p> <p>There is ZERO community support for this development and a petition with over 130 signatures has been submitted to OPZ in opposition.</p>	