



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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POSITION STATEMENT

SB 832
Senator Charles

Prince George's County - District Council Zoning
Laws - Override by Municipal Corporation

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SB 832 – Prince George's County - District Council Zoning Laws - Override by Municipal Corporation. The Prince George's County Council strongly opposes Maryland SB 832, which authorizes a municipal corporation in Prince George's County to override a zoning law made by the district council if the zoning law affects land within the jurisdiction of the municipal corporation. This override would require a majority vote of the governing body of the municipal corporation.

This legislation would diminish the zoning authority of the district council and allow local jurisdictions to override county government decisions, undermining comprehensive and strategic countywide planning efforts. The district council plays a critical role in ensuring that zoning decisions align with the broader goals and interests of the entire county, rather than being determined by localized pressures that may not consider long-term regional impacts.

SB 832 threatens to create a fragmented zoning process where municipal corporations can make decisions that conflict with countywide initiatives. This loss of district council authority could lead to inconsistent and potentially conflicting zoning regulations, ultimately disrupting balanced growth and development within Prince George's County. Additionally, allowing municipal corporations to bypass district council oversight weakens the county's ability to implement cohesive policies that benefit all residents.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **OPPOSES** SB 832 and respectfully requests the Committee's unfavorable consideration of its position.

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