

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2017 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CB-73-2017

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**Committee:** TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**Date:** October 17, 2017

**Action:** FAV

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### **REPORT: October 17, 2017**

Committee Vote: Favorable 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Lehman, Patterson, Franklin and Taveras)

CB-73-2017 will require the disclosure of a recorded scenic easement from the National Park Service for a contract for sale of residential real property located within the Mount Vernon Historic Viewshed. A contract for sale may be rescinded for failure to disclose a recorded scenic easement.

Sarah Cavitt, President of the Indian Head Highway Area Action Council, Inc. spoke in support of the legislation. She indicated that it makes buyers aware of the easements, thus avoiding misunderstandings after the properties are purchased.

Michael Leventhal, an area resident, spoke in support of the bill. He indicated that GIS has agreed to put a scenic easement overlay in the PG Atlas.

The Office of Law determined that CB-73-2017 was in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated that enactment of CB-73-2017 should not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County.