



Office of the Chairman
Prince George's County Planning Board

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September 15, 2022

The Honorable Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair
Prince George's County Council
Wayne K. Curry Administration Building
1301 McCormick Drive
Largo, MD 20772

Re: CB-91-2022 and CB-92-2022

Dear Chairman Hawkins:

Thank you for providing the Planning Board an opportunity to review and comment on proposed District Council legislation. During the September 15, 2022, Planning Board meeting, the following positions were adopted in accordance with the Planning Department staff's recommendations on the proposed legislation. **A Planning Board Analysis of each bill is attached for your consideration and a brief excerpt from each report is provided below:**

***CB-91-2022** A bill for the purpose of amending the voting requirements for adoption of legislative amendments to local zoning laws.*

Planning Board Recommendation: No position.

(See Attachment 1 for full analysis)

Requiring a supermajority vote in legislative amendments is a policy decision to be made by the District Council.

***CB-92-2022** A bill to revise the application review procedures for zoning applications decided by the District Council.*

Planning Board Recommendation: Support with Amendments.

(See Attachment 2 for full analysis)

The elimination of election to review will do more to facilitate the type of high-quality development the County demands and deserves. The new state-of-the-art Zoning Ordinance contains objective development regulations and standards to guide the development review approval process. The Planning Board would like to offer for District Council consideration amendments to the proposed legislation.

The Planning Board commends the District Council as this bill, with amendments, is a step in the right direction.

As always, Planning Department staff members are available to work with the Council and your legislative staff on any pertinent legislative matters. Please let us know if we may be of further assistance.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Planning Director at 301-952-3595. Thank you, again, for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter A. Shapiro". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Peter A. Shapiro
Chairman

Attachments