



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Derrick Leon Davis
Council Member, District 6

The Hon. Bobby A. Zirkin, Chair
Senate Judicial Proceedings
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Hon. Kumar P. Barve, Chair
House Environment and Transportation
Lowe House Office Building, Room 251
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Re: **Bill Position** - HB 41 – Real Property – Common Ownership Communities –
Statewide Registration – **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Zirkin & Delegate Barve:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Prince George's County Council, to transmit our position on HB 41 – Real Property – Common Ownership Communities – Statewide Registration, which is before you this 2017 General Assembly Session. The Council met on March 7, 2017. The enclosed statement reflects our position as the bill is currently drafted.

The Council appreciates the opportunity to work together with you and your colleagues to address issues important to Maryland citizens and the operation of Prince George's County. Should you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me. For your convenience my office phone number is (301) 952-3426. Thanks again, for favorable consideration of the Council's position.

Sincerely,

Derrick L. Davis
Chair

Enclosure

cc:

Hon. Marvin E. Holmes, Jr., District 23B
Hon. Rushern L. Baker, III, County Executive

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POSITION STATEMENT

(HB 41-2017)
Delegate
Marvin Holmes

Real Property - Common Ownership Communities -
Statewide Registration

POSITION:

SUPPORT

HB 41-2017 – Real Property - Common Ownership Communities - Statewide Registration establishes a Common Ownership Community (COC) Registry within the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) and requires the governing body of specified cooperative housing corporations, condominiums, and homeowners associations to register with SDAT by January 1 each year.

Registration of COCs is not required statewide and the exact number of COCs in Maryland is unknown. This bill is intended to provide an accurate accounting of Common Ownership Communities throughout the state. Currently, only Montgomery and Prince George's counties require COC registration. This bill does not apply to a COC that is located in a county that maintains a registry and regularly shares information from the county registry with SDAT. Because of this registry, we know that approximately 700 COCs are registered annually. As local representatives it is helpful to monitor the exact number of constituents governed by Common Ownership Communities, and impacted by our public policy decisions related to them.

Therefore, the County Council **SUPPORTS** HB 41 and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of our position.

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On behalf of Prince George's County Council