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Matt:

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Thanks,

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October 20th, 2022

Dear Health, Environment, and Technology Committee Council Members,

Below this letter is additional testimony, as well as the links for your convenience to simply, "click on." As I hope you continue to see, I offer solutions, not just why something will not work. Choose this not that (like the famous food book). **Please respond so I know you received.**

Sincerely - to Save Baltimore in all respects,  
Shaiyel Seltzer

**Health, Environment, and Technology Hearing - Druid Hill Park October 19th, 2022**

1. Abort entire project, especially the "Bridge to Nowhere," a heat rod for expanding Urban Heat Island and evaporator for Druid Hill Lake. According to Climate Central, Baltimore is the 9<sup>th</sup> hottest heat zone in the entire United States. Use the 290 million dollars to address having to pretty much redo Baltimore City's infrastructure, and focus on getting additional monies. Start with educating yourself by a day field trip in one bus for all council members, Baltimore Transportation, and Mayor Scott to Philadelphia to ride and learn first-hand what a continuous streetcar system (though not what they used to have) consists of, **and please, please invite me.** [I only am allowed where MTA dictates, I can go. [This is why I am fighting for freedom to go where ever, and independence for wheelchair and rollers (carriages and strollers) to simply go on and off, and not take 5 minutes to board and 5 minutes to deboard on busses..... The ramps are dangerous. I know first hand, as my foot was crushed by its folding over....]
2. **Store - Place plans to restore original buildings in a safe place - for future use.** They can be used after Baltimore completely redoes its infrastructure, including need to make some street canals like Venice, in order for people to live in Baltimore in the first place.
3. **Zoo** No one wants to go outside when it continually becomes 90 Degrees Fahrenheit, of which Baltimore City Government stated in a lawsuit case against oil companies, which went to the Supreme Court (and lost). [Seek Part 2 for the quote I was cut off in verbal testimony, or on my website.] This plan exasperates people intentionally not to come to Druid Hill Park.
4. **Face Aesop's Fable** All the Zoo Animals will have to leave too, except some select desert animals due to climate change. Bears cannot live in big plastic boxes. Reality must be ingested. Things can be good - if you turn to Aesop's wisdom: to turn into ants rather than grasshoppers, and truly read and study my website, and work with me. Just because I am financially poor, does not mean God does not use people to journey into great depths of suffering to help people. I have heard Christians have this poor carpenter they pray to and ask for help from....
5. **Endangered Species are present - cannot alter, cannot build.**
6. **Personal Property Destruction** Recreation and Parks **proposed to even take people's apartments and houses south of the park,** which are not part of the park. Overreach of extreme measure.
7. **Able-bodied access only proposed.** Recreation and Parks proposed bicycle and automobile access to the park **only.** Nothing but for able-bodied and sight-eyed seeing people.
8. **Baltimore Citizens and Residents Demand Baltimore City Owned Transit: Dedicated laned quiet streetcars** (much of rails are buried under streets, and easily restored) will drastically reduce noise pollution. ground ozone by returning to this vital transit that people all across the United States are demanding from their governments. No cars should be allowed, returning all the parking next to Zoo for them to expand and become a true Animal Sanctuary. Light rails are too expensive. Streetcars are better and less, allowing many stops on dedicated lanes where people do not, cannot (visually-impaired, children, seniors), or no longer want to; many Generation Y "Millennials" and Generation Z are not even getting drivers licenses, and choose where there are streetcars, especially tech, of where they want to live and bring businesses. Developers love fixed transit, especially Streetcars, with eyeballs on their brick and mortar, not high up seating where business marques cannot often be seen.

Seek: Transport: <http://www.goserenade.org/baltimore/transport.html> especially <http://www.goserenade.org/baltimore/streetcarversusbus.html> and <http://www.goserenade.org/baltimore/transitstatistics.html> and Worldwide Transit: <http://www.goserenade.org/baltimore/worldtransit.html>  
People who take subway and Light Rail come for entertainment, but will and do not shop in Baltimore City. This is why since the streetcar was extinguished, massive stores went out of business, and are still empty for decades.

**STREETCARS = PROSPERITY IN EVERY MANNER:  
Healthy People, Air, Water, Soil, and Peace & Quiet  
BUSSES = POVERTY FOR ALL:**

**Gas Exhaust & Tire erosion carbon emissions continues, with even more cars, increase of air, water, soil, and continued noise pollution (making people deaf, & continued sleep disorders)**

I think what it all boils down is that, all city employees, including elected officials, have forgotten that they are merely public servants, and must serve their true employees, the Citizens of Baltimore.

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October 19th, 2022

## **Druid Hill Park Future - 290 Million Promised....**

1. **My story.** In 1985, when I was 16, I was a non-paid Zookeeper's Aide intern in the Small Mammal House at The National Zoo in Washington D.C. Besides my duties, to the exhibit animals, there were those not or never seen by the public. I tended to their needs too. I was given an education on all stages of life, and scientific advances all over the world. Coming back to Baltimore from the other side of the continent of 15 years, I carefully studied where the best place to live was. Between Druid Hill Park and Mondawmin - a walking and meditative place to commune with nature privately, Zoo where I can volunteer again, subway, grocery store, and more. Living half a block from Druid Hill Park now, I could never imagine all the wildlife that I would be living with - at and around my home. When I was moving in, I soon saw a snakeskin. I continue to see a myriad of plants that surround and grow in my yard that come from the wind and birds. There are wasps, countless varieties of spiders, various crickets, butterflies, and myriad of other insects, vast varieties of birds, from hummingbirds to owls and red-tailed hawks that live in my trees, including woodpeckers that I learned through noise, are voracious during cicada season, to bats, racoons, foxes, snakes, and squirrels galore. This is on the other side of Reisterstown Road no less. There are also Endangered Species Rusty-Patch Bumblebees and this year, Monarch Butterflies went from, "Declining" to "Endangered Species status worldwide. What you are proposing will vastly disrupt mine and fellow citizens who live all around the entire Druid Hill Park, include the zoo animals, as, instead of for us, you want to attempt to make Druid Hill Lake, our drinking water by the way, a tourist amusement attraction. What was once at Druid Hill Park, at the boat lake that is part of the Zoo, is now at Patapsco River's Inner Harbor, where once it was all industrial and shipping ports. So first and for most, there is no use replicating, especially in the same city, just for a few wealthy developers to make money, when it well past due that Baltimore Government, especially Public Works has first and foremost priority to spend money 290 Million and more in order to save itself from the ravages of Greenhouse Effect - an Urban Heat Island, flooding, and drought, **to be livable in the first place. You also cannot build where there are endangered species. I repeat, You**

**cannot build where there are endangered species. You cannot disturb their habitat - their homes.**

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3. **Peace Resolution** A resolution is a decision that a legislative body makes. April 3rd, 2001 .... "efficient land allocation"

4. **Farming versus Hunter-gatherer** Farmers - concern with planting nice neat rows. Hunter-Gathers focus on the lay of the land - the manner of which all effects everything else. A farmer only cares about tree's whom he or she has planted, and has deemed worth to tend to, as it is financial gain. A hunter-gather tends to the entire Forest's well-being, as the hunter-gather understands that it is the steward of the entire eco-system that must be balanced for its and personal survival.

1. **Imagine** Close your eyes. Imagine a Druid Hill Park where people use the current amenities, the tennis courts and newly built swimming pool. Play golf frisbee and run to your heart's delight. The rest of the park is devoted to nature and transformative education. Beautiful bat houses are made by local artists and neighborhood projects, with bragging rights abound. The sheep and goats have returned to full residence on the sweeping hill. The Zoo now uses its original name, but is now, "Druid Hill Sanctuary," with additional grounds added. Beavers now live amicably with the ducks, hawks, Canadian Geese, and other birds, with climbing populations at Druid Hill Lake. Eco-Hot Air Balloons are available to ride; even to the Thurgood Marshall Airport, being able to measure how well the newly planted trees and vegetation are growing, to not only provide shade, but for our mental health, and ability to sleep R.E.M. sleep at night. The Preakness Balloon Festival and Race are back at their rightful place. Working at the eco-balloon factory is, as the newly working middle class of Baltimore put it, "**So much better than those seasonal dead-end jobs the developers wanted us to have!**" The ability to commune with nature at one's doorstep, with the entire ecosystem intact, with our endangered species thriving - gaining numbers so that they will soon be off lists. Streetcars on dedicated lanes bring people to events, even being able to travel completely around the park, never again spend at least an hour via lots of waiting and having to take 2 busses, and be safe instead of hostile walk across Interstate 83 ramp to get to Remington, Hampden, Johns Hopkins, and Charles Village.... Air, water, light, and soil pollutions are waning, as streetcars have taken the place of busses, reaching more territory with half the cost. With learning that tire erosion chemicals, especially the PPD varieties and plastics, creating more carbon emissions than gas exhaust, and kill more than fish, people find that they never wanted an automobile in the first place, with families reducing to one car like 40 years ago, as they know they will be punctual to work on the streetcar like it was 74 years ago. Public Works is busy, doing a great job reducing our use of concrete, cement, asphalt and tar, and uses alternative materials already available today and well in the past. Our streets are all paved white, cooling in summer, and heated in winter, resolving to never dump chemicals that leach into our water system again. It was a major decision to focus on future rather than impulsive "now" things, rather than old buildings that can be renovated even 20 years from now, as Baltimore decided we need a "NOW," as the builders do not care that people cannot use in burning heat, and will always choose to be inside. Incinerator long shut down, as we reduced buying useless disposable things, reusing much, and recycle most, leaving little to gasification system. No longer does Baltimore City accept trash from Baltimore County and other jurisdictions. We can now stare up, and see all the stars and planets, just like previous citizens did, that guided the underground railroad, and all, in the depth of darkness, because we changed and learned how to properly light. We use carbon farming, low enthalpy geothermal, hydropower, and wind energies that allow all citizens

and residents to have free heating and cooling, cooling our urban heat island, while continuous cycling giving back to Planet Earth.

2. At the October 1860 Dedication Opening of 745-acre Druid Hill Park, Mayor Thomas Swann said, **"We are here to proclaim the equality of rights to all, and to dedicate this park, now and forever, to the people of this great city."** Mayor Swann, former CEO of Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and future Governor of Maryland, started horse-drawn streetcars with all able to ride, which then Druid Hill Park and all of Baltimore City size then, were serviced with electric streetcars starting in 1885.
2. - **the quotes 6PPD [Seek Part 2 E-mail]**
3. **Sacrificing our drinking water for, The "Bridge to Nowhere," boats, and swimming.**
4. While it is a novel idea - swimming naturally, Baltimore has extensive pollution issues, especially water, and placing people in harm's way is the worst idea, only to the "Bridge to Nowhere." The entire lake is our drinking water, not just the 2 tanks. The Baltimore destroyed the 400 block, between Mulberry and Franklin, hundreds of houses, and gave us a "Highway to Nowhere" and now, a "Bridge to Nowhere" which is nothing more than a cement and metal bridge, which is a lightning rod, heat absorbent, and at night purges heat, which, being especially in water, a systematic evaporator due to raising the temperature of proposed Druid Hill Lake. This is our drinking water!!!! There is a brand new Druid Hill pool. Urinating and defecating in the lake. Just to be clear, our drinking water is not for bathing.
5. I already addressed the boats. Leave something for the Inner Harbor. The Bridge to Nowhere is a heat absorbing conduit that will make Baltimore not only hotter, as concrete etc purges heat at night, but will evaporate the Lake Water. In the 1860's, creation of a little entertainment was necessary. Today, people are addicted to entertainment, more than ever; and places of restorative nature is not only practical, but necessary.
6. **Not even poor - No Design**
7. A sidewalk between stage and the audience? Hazardous hostile ability to walk safely due to I-83 off ramp bridge from Park to Remington, Hampden, and Johns Hopkins.... No public transit to alleviate further congestion, and hence, puts burden on already abusive parkers of trucks and cars of people who do not live in surrounding neighborhoods, who dump their car trash onto the roads, sidewalks, front and backyards, and even all along house stairs. People play loud music, and hang out - tailgating.
8. **People do not respect parks, because of their disconnect to nature.** Dead-end seasonal jobs. Monopoly on restaurants do not help.
9. VOTE NO to this proposal, and write a new one of what I have dreamt and presented. Voting Yes is ho-hum, nothing special. Voting No is, WOW! Only one like this in the country. An Animal Sanctuary is far superior for Baltimore having a future, and will outperform the National Zoo's attendance, because Baltimore' priority: complete ecosystem **TEACHES COMPASSION**

**Endangered in MD:** [https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Documents/rte\\_Animal\\_List.pdf](https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Documents/rte_Animal_List.pdf)

**Endangered Species Act - USA:** <https://www.fws.gov/law/endangered-species-act>

**Monarch Butterflies were "Declining," and this year, 2022, now "Endangered"**

**Globally:** <https://www.iucn.org/press-release/202207/migratory-monarch-butterfly-now-endangered-iucn-red-list>

**"Gland, Switzerland, 21 July 2022 (IUCN)** – The migratory monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus plexippus*), known for its spectacular annual journey of up to 4,000 kilometres across the Americas, has entered the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species as Endangered, threatened by habitat destruction and climate change. All surviving sturgeon species – also migratory, found across the northern hemisphere – are now at risk of extinction due to dams and poaching, pushing the world's most Critically Endangered group of animals yet closer to the brink."

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Dear Health, Environment, and Technology,

Below are quotes I submitted as part of my testimony. **Please respond so I know you received.** Please go to: <http://www.goserenade.org/baltimore/> to be able to click on the resources from which they come from.

I was in mid reading the first quote, which is what Baltimore City's position, Baltimore City's words are regarding climate to claim that 290 million dollars for especially a, "Bridge to Nowhere" is beyond irresponsible, and violates, "The Peace Resolution." "Efficient land allocation and conservation." I must be blunt. **Having a teaching place where people can learn to respect nature is precisely what it means.** You are offering a Druid Hill where people not only defecate on current grounds, but will do so in Druid Hill Lake, making environment for the ducks, geese, red tail hawks decline their own home, their own habitat with the trash that comes with, "tourist attraction." You are offering, to developers mostly, wasting 290 MILLION DOLLARS!!!! A resolution is a decision that is voted upon, guiding consciousness of a legislative

entity. Resolutions have a place of authority, as it is a template of morals and ethics. If not for peace, then for violence and war. There is no in between - on any manner, topic, or issue. Enclosed is attachment.

Peace,  
Shaiyel Seltzer

## QUOTES

**"Baltimore is already experiencing a climatic and meteorological shift towards winters and springs with more extreme precipitation events contrasted by hotter, dryer, and longer summers. These changes have led to increased property damage, economic injuries, and impacts to public health. The city must spend substantial funds to plan for and respond to these phenomena, and to mitigate their secondary and tertiary impacts. Compounding these environmental impacts are cascading social and economic impacts.... Baltimore is expected to experience a threefold increase in the average number of days exceeding 90 degrees by 2050."**

- Mayor and City Council of Baltimore v. BP P.L.C., a 2018 lawsuit against 26 oil companies that reached the United States Supreme Court

**Baltimore's 2022 {GROUND} OZONE GRADE = F - American Lung Association**

**BALTIMORE IS SECOND WORST - MOST CHALLENGED CITY IN USA TO LIVE WITH ASTHMA (2021) Still #2 "ASTHMA-RELATED MORTALITY" - "Asthma Capitals 2022" Report [Page 13]** - Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA)

**"In Baltimore City, 20% of children have an asthma diagnosis, which is more than double the national prevalence of 9%." - "Pediatric Asthma" - The Abell Foundation (2020)**

**Baltimore is ranked the ninth hottest Urban Hot Zone in America .** - Climate Central

**"There are many neighborhoods that do not have the trees and grass and parks that keep the temperature down, and people who live there often do not have air conditioning, or reliable air conditioning, or they worry about being able to pay their electric bills. A heat wave can be really scary for people with asthma and COPD who can't escape into a cool, indoor environment."**

- Dr. Meredith McCormack, an associate professor of medicine and medical director of Pulmonary Function Laboratory at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

**"This harmful scenario is called the "urban heat Island effect," and it happens when building materials such as concrete and asphalt absorb heat during the day and radiate it back at night. It causes temperatures to rise more dramatically compared to rural and suburban locations, or city areas with ample green spaces, trees, and parks. - "How To Combat Urban Heat Islands" - Johns Hopkins Magazine (2021)**

**Harvard University: Out of 100 Cities, Baltimore City children's well-being is dead last.**

**Baltimore damages its "born and raised" children simply by LIVING - here. "Every extra year spent in the city of Baltimore reduces a child's earnings by 0.86% per year of exposure, generating a total earnings penalty of approximately 17% for children who grow up there from birth." - "The Impacts of Neighborhoods on Intergenerational Mobility" - Harvard University Study**



**"Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, the states with the largest runoff into the Chesapeake Bay, are not on track to meet their goals to restore the nation's largest estuary by 2025. ...."**

**"During the Oct. 11 meeting, members are expected to discuss accelerating efforts to clean up the bay by 2025. Their decisions will directly affect over 18 million people and 3,600 species of plants and animals that live in the watershed's 64,000 square mile expanse." - "Maryland, Bay States Criticized Before Environmental Meeting {with EPA}" - TV 13 WJZ CBS**

**"Peace Resolution"**

**RESOLVED, an exemplary "Peace City" is a city that does not use or promote anyone or product hurting any of its citizens, chooses to concentrate its energy on mentoring, works with the vision that opportunity and prosperity is indeed unlimited for all, integrates efficient land allocation and conservation, and is not afraid to say compassionate love is the central focus of politics;**

## **ANIMAL SANCTUARY**

**About Sanctuaries** [There is consensus from various resources, so I decided to use PETA's description.]

**"Reputable sanctuaries make every effort to replicate an animal's natural habitat. Animals who are members of social species should share their space with suitable partners who can provide companionship and emotional stimulation. Cramped pens with concrete floors or enclosures with pacing paths worn along the perimeter are red flags.**

**Habitats should offer multiple outlets for *physical and psychological stimulation*, such as expansive structures for chimpanzees to climb, ponds or pools for bears to bathe and splash in, and large fields for grazing animals to enjoy. The aim of enrichment is to provide outlets for animals to engage in natural behaviors—not to create an appealing scene for visitors.**

**The *social needs* of the animals must also be a top priority. Members of social species should be placed with compatible companions of the same species, as doing so allows them to use their natural social abilities to form relationships, herds, and packs. In many true sanctuaries, the animal residents act as fellow "rehabilitators" who teach newcomers who have been abused how to get back in touch with their instincts and embrace their new environment.**

**Depending on the specific needs of their species, animals should be provided ample horizontal and vertical space to explore, roam, climb, and forage, among other types of natural behavior. And sanctuaries never take their inhabitants out on the road for public display—instead, animals spend their days in a comfortable and stimulating environment with minimal human interference." - People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)**

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**IUCN Red List of Threatened Species as Endangered, threatened by habitat destruction and climate change. All surviving sturgeon species – also migratory, found across the northern hemisphere – are now at risk of extinction due to dams and poaching, pushing the world’s most Critically Endangered group of animals yet closer to the brink."**

According to Black's Law Dictionary, a Resolution is, "A formal expression, intention, or decision by an official body or assembly (especially a legislature)." Baltimore City Council, the legislative branch of a government entity, legislates Ordinances and Resolutions.

Introduced by Rev. Dr. Kwame Abayomi and Bea Gaddy. Passed with immediate adoption on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2001 by all Baltimore City Council members: John L. Cain, Nicholas C. D'Adamo, Jr., Lois Garey, Paula Johnson Branch, Bea Gaddy, Bernard C. Young, Robert W. Curran, Kenneth N. Harris, Sr., Lisa Joi Stancil, Keiffer J. Mitchell, Jr., Catherine E. Pugh, Agnes Welch, Helen Holton, Stephanie C. Rawlings-Blake, Rochelle "Rikki" Spector, Rev. Dr. Kwame Abayomi, Edward L. Reisinger, and Melvin L. Stukes      Baltimore President: Sheila Dixon      Signed by Baltimore Mayor: Martin O'Malley

## Peace Resolution

**For the purpose of Baltimore becoming the exemplary "Peace City" for the world**

**WHEREAS**, war, threat of war, preparation for war, real or unreal, have seeped into the human psyche in the form of fear causing division through beliefs in imaginary lines and boundaries, and judgmental thoughts of those people living within them;

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America, although stating its policy to be a peaceful nation, seems regularly to be involved in military conflict; offering our youth the example that solving conflicts is through violence;

**WHEREAS**, outrageous cruelty, incomprehensible oppression, torturous slavery, and genocide experienced by Native Americans and African-Americans indeed occurred;

**WHEREAS**, immoral and inhumane economic, educational, emotional, and spiritual injustice - slavery of the modern era continues to thrive;

**WHEREAS**, Baltimore, the once prosperous cultural and industrial powerhouse city of the world now clings to a shadow of its former self due to the decline of democratic education and participation;

**RESOLVED**, the Mayor and City Council offers atonement to all its people, past and present, for any prejudices, misfortunes, and atrocities it has placed, through law, spoken, or unspoken word;

**RESOLVED**, Baltimore becomes the exemplary "Peace City" for the world by the focus and the commitment to uproot, deal with truth, and heal causes to the only problem that truly divides us, the lack of love;

**RESOLVED**, an exemplary "Peace City" is a city that does not use or promote anyone or product hurting any of its citizens, chooses to concentrate its energy on mentoring, works with the vision that opportunity and prosperity is indeed unlimited for all, integrates efficient land allocation and conservation, and is not afraid to say compassionate love is the central focus of politics;

**RESOLVED**, Baltimore, the exemplary "Peace City" for the world participate in the international movement of thoughts and prayers in silence for peace of our planet, Earth, daily at three o'clock Post Meridian for at least three minutes;

**RESOLVED**, the Mayor and City Council keeps this Resolution permanently and prominently displayed in City Hall, free photocopies available to public, and books where its citizens and visitors can pledge becoming part of the peace process.