

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Shelby Merritt <shelbylmerritt@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 5, 2025 4:02 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Opposition to Sisson St. trash facility relocation to Falls Rd.

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed move of the Sisson Street trash drop-off center to Falls Road. Please find my concerns highlighted below.

- Vehicular traffic
 - Closing a portion of Falls Road will significantly increase vehicular traffic on the lower end. The traffic shift would also be a major inconvenience for the residents of Hampden and surrounding neighborhoods accessing Station North and Mount Vernon.
 - Requests for new site proposals in 2023 preferred two points of access, not one
- Adjacency to floodplain
 - Requests for new site proposals in 2023 prohibited sites that were in a floodplain as it increases the risk of pollution. The Potts & Callahan site is very close to a known floodplain, and considering increasingly unpredictable weather patterns, is likely to be at severe risk of flooding.
 - Would this even be in compliance with State of Maryland floodplain management regulations?
 - High risk of environmental pollution resulting from flooding
- Significant noise pollution from trucks, equipment and vehicular traffic will negatively impact native wildlife around Jones Falls
- Undermines the recently publicized Street Car Museum Master Plan
 - Significantly increased traffic on lower Falls Road will discourage museum visitors
- Undermines Midtown Falls Gateway Project
 - Why would city residents and visitors want to use public outdoor spaces directly next to a loud, smelly trash facility with high vehicular traffic?

While I understand that the Sisson Street location may no longer be serving the needs of DPW sanitation workers or the community, I see this as a blatant grab at a valuable piece of property by a powerful private developer, Seawall. The City cannot sacrifice the health of the Jones Falls environmental area or the surrounding infrastructure, both of which are delicate as it is.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Shelby Merritt, Baltimore City Resident (District 6)

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: exsquizzit6500@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joe G <exsquizzit6500@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, September 5, 2025 10:53 AM
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Subject: Oppose the Jones Falls Transfer Station proposal, especially without safety improvements

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Mr. Joe G

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From: suebeebailey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Suzanne Bailey
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This area is a popular area for recreation and needs to be protected not have the Sisson street facility moved to it. Consider another location to make a better facility for the workers.

There needs to be a much better process to make this work for DPW staff.

Sincerely,
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From: arianna.koudounas@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Arianna Koudounas
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Sincerely,

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Dorian Holliday <dorian02061984@gmail.com>
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Subject: Sisson St Dump Relocation

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Hello Councilmembers,

I wanted to express my deep disappointment in the proposal to have the Sisson Street Dump relocated to Falls Road. I live in the Mill No 1 apts and work at MICA. The move would be a disaster in terms of commute, health, and quality of living, to my fellow neighbors and people in business as well as the people who run, walk, and bike in the area. Just as important are the environmental consequences with regards to the Jones Falls and the Inner Harbor. I'm also concerned about how this will affect my fellow MICA students, faculty, and staff, some of whom work in the Lazarus building on Falls Road. I don't understand why you would want a trash facility in the middle of the city! Surely there is an alternate location and I urge that you consider that as more people have expressed their dissatisfaction with this proposed move. I hope you, especially Odette Ramos, my city rep, will make the right decision and propose a new location for the facility.

Best,
Dorian Holliday

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jesskkell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessie Keller
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Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 1:49 PM
To: Testimony
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Sincerely,

Ms Jessie Keller

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From: Emily Breiter <emilyebreiter@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 1:25 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Fwd: Oppose the Jones Falls Transfer Station proposal, especially without safety improvements

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Hello,

I am resending my below opposition to the Jones Falls Transfer Station proposal for review by the committee.

Thank you!
Emily

From: emilyebreiter@everyactionadvocacy.com <emilyebreiter@everyactionadvocacy.com> on behalf of Emily Breiter <emilyebreiter@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 5:48 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Oppose the Jones Falls Transfer Station proposal, especially without safety improvements

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Sincerely,
Ms. Emily Breiter
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From: morah129@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tracy Barnes-Malone <morah129@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Tracy Barnes-Malone

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From: mystereogotmono@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elyce Bloomfield
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Ms. Elyce Bloomfield

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From: sydneyelizabeth16@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sydney Broadwell
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Mx. Cecilia Pessoa Gingerich

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From: dmoore78@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Drew Moore <dmoore78@everyactioncustom.com>
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: emilyebreiter@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emily Breiter
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Subject: Oppose the Jones Falls Transfer Station proposal, especially without safety improvements

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From: Anne Rosenthal <anne.c.rosenthal@gmail.com>
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To: Testimony
Subject: Please oppose proposal to relocate Sisson St Transfer Facility to Jones Falls Valley

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Mariayne Brodnicki <mariayne.brodnicki@gmail.com>
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Subject: Jones Falls

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Mariayne Brodnicki <mariayne.brodnicki@gmail.com>
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I think it shortsighted to move the Transfer Station to Jones Falls. This tiny valley has been allowed to blossom in the last few years. Let's support it's growth to a beautiful entree to our park system, a system I know the Mayor is interested in growing.

Thanks for your time and attention.

Kind regards,

Mariayne Brodnicki
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