

Baltimore City Council



Legislative Investigations

Committee

Bill: 25-0064

**Title: Zoning – Bulk and Yard Requirements
- Amendments**

Public Testimony

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: View Mail <maronick@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 5:50 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Testimony
Subject: Council Bill #25-0064

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Dear Council President Cohen:

The purpose of my letter is to underscore my objection to bill #25-0064 as its passage will greatly affect my trust in the commitment of the City government to protect my investment of having purchased property in the City of Baltimore.

As I have written previously, in 1983 living in a row house development in Baltimore County, my husband and I wanted more open and green space for our family to enjoy. We purchased property that was zoned R-1 E with 10-foot setbacks in a single-family community. Those zoning requirements assured us that the zoning meant that not only our property had 10-foot setbacks with a restricted percentage of lot coverage, but that our neighbors' properties did as well. The R -1 E zoning assured us of the open and green space that we had sought and was the reason for our purchase

We trusted the City of Baltimore to live up to those zoning requirements. Bill # 25-0064 along with Bill # 25-0066 will destroy that assurance of the open and green space environment that we thought we had attained in the purchase of the property. The Bill represents a betrayal of that trust that the City of Baltimore will live up to what our contract said we had purchased --- a single-family home zoned R-1-E with 10-foot setbacks. Passage of these bills does not reflect the trust that people placed in the City of Baltimore that their legislators would protect their investment of purchasing a home in the City.

Passage of the bills puts our investment at risk. Setbacks and lot coverage maximums have value which were reflected in the premium price we paid for the property to acquire them for the assurance of the open and green space we desired. The City should live up to the commitment that the zoning code provided.

Not only is our investment and the investments of all who bought property in R-1-E zones put at risk by passage of these bills, but their passage will put single-family communities at risk as well. How many of the 12,000 vacant buildings and 22,000 vacant lots in Baltimore are in R zones? Please do not put what is going right in Baltimore at risk in trying to achieve affordable housing. There are other solutions that will achieve that goal without jeopardizing what is already a wonderful success of which the City government should be proud--- its single-family communities. Once passed, the bills will put at risk those wonderful successes. Please provide a set aside to preserve the open and green space of the R zoned single-family communities.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns. Please do not pass these harmful bills.

Yours truly,

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Please place the attached in the record/file of Bill 25-0064.

Thank you.

- Joan Floyd

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25-0064 - Zoning – Bulk and Yard Requirements - Amendments

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Please enter our opposition into the record for bill #25-0064.

Thank you.

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June 21, 2025

To: Baltimore City Councilman Ryan Dorsey,

We are still very much opposed to your Harford Rd Overlay bill. Just as important we are opposed to your secretive moves to present bills that we, your constituents, don't want. We, your constituents, are represented by you, our elected official, and have the right to voice our opinions, and expect you to act on our behalf. But if you don't inform us of these bills, you have no way of knowing how we feel about them. Therefore, presenting bills that we are uninformed about violates what you were hired to do.

In regard to the following bills:

#25-0062 – Changing the regulations from 2 staircases to a single staircase for over 3 stories is courting disaster which could injury many people who could have been saved if there were 2 staircases. DO NOT VOTE FOR THIS BILL.

#25-0063 – Turning over zoning issues to the Dept of Planning is a mistake. We need the Dept. of Housing and Community Dev. to have control of Housing issues. Planning does not have the expertise of the Housing Dept. to handle this type of legislation. DO NOT VOTE FOR THIS BILL.

#25-0064 – Reducing these yard requirements will destroy our neighborhood. We moved here for single family homes, yards, trees, parking, etc. Reducing these setbacks will invade our privacy. Those of us who have older homes have side windows so the current setbacks of 10' is still invasive. Changing these setbacks to 5' will cause an invasion of our privacy even more. Even if they don't have side windows, we do, and the intrusion and encroachment will greatly intrude on our privacy. The reduction of open green space by allowing 40% of the lot to be covered will also greatly affect our

neighborhood. The City isn't planting big trees like they used to and a lot of the older trees at the curb line are gone; therefore, maintaining the green spaces is more important than ever to maintain our quality of life in our neighborhood. DO NOT VOTE FOR THIS BILL.

#25-0065 – If you eliminate off-street parking requirements WHERE IS EVERYONE GOING TO PARK? In all our neighborhoods there is never enough parking. It has even caused neighbor fights over parking. And, since the bill 25-0066 permits any lot to contain up to 4 units with no off-street parking requirements, where is everyone going to park? The current regulation requires at least one off-street parking space, which isn't enough. Removing the requirement for one space then setting a maximum is more harmful. Due to the small street widths, the juvenile car incidents and the trying car door handles while walking by impacts the value and safety of our cars if not parked off the street. Off-street parking is very important to our neighborhood. We moved to this neighborhood because of the ample parking but even now struggle because more families have several cars. DO NOT VOTE FOR THIS BILL.

#25-066 – A blanket change to multi-family dwellings will ruin the charm of the single-family dwelling neighborhood we moved into here. We moved here for the single family, yard space, trees, parking and the ambiance of living and struggling together with open space around us. The need to maintain the value of our property can only be achieved by maintaining its charm. My property in the Overlay won't be worth two cents if a 6 story multi-family building is built right up against my property line. This will destroy what we put all our hard-earned money into and leave us up the creek without a paddle! DO NOT VOTE FOR THIS BILL.

We live in a very diverse neighborhood of over 70% homeowners and the Harford Rd Overlay in addition to these new bills will greatly deteriorate that percentage. That will lead to instability which we cannot afford.

We urge you to recognize the deep concerns and practical realities faced by those who reside in these neighborhoods. Decisions that alter the very nature of our community should not be made in haste or without the transparent engagement of the people most affected. Our voices deserve respect, and our lived experiences should inform the direction of our city. As our elected Councilman, we are expecting you to let us know about upcoming bills you or others are proposing, listen to what your constituents want and vote accordingly.

We ask for openness, honest dialogue, and above all, representation that truly reflects the wishes and well-being of your constituents.

Please let us know when the City Council hearing will occur about these bills and any future hearings about the Harford Road Overlay.

Thank you for your attention to these critical matters, and we look forward to your thoughtful response.

Sincerely,


Francis J Galczynski Sr

Josephine C Galczynski

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cc: Mayor Brandon Scott

cc: City Council President Zeke Cohen

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Tiso, Eric (DOP)
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 12:56 PM
To: Leva, Anthony F (City Council); Jemmott, Julianne (City Council)
Subject: FW: CITY COUNCIL BILL #25-0064/ ZONING - BULK AND YARD REQUIREMENTS - AMENDMENTS (Citywide)
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For the Council bill file...

-Eric

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Eric – Please include this letter, attached and below, into the testimony for the upcoming discussion tomorrow.

I am writing as a concerned resident of Baltimore to express my strong opposition to City Council Bill 25-0064, which is scheduled for discussion at the Planning Commission hearing on September 11th.

This proposal, if enacted, would significantly alter the character of our neighborhoods and erode the quality of life for many residents. Bill 25-0064, which seeks to reduce bulk and yard requirements in all residential zones, threatens the very essence of what makes our communities livable. The proposed reduction of required yard space, by up to 50% in some zones, would eliminate critical green space, reduce tree canopy, and diminish the sense of openness that contributes to mental and physical health, especially in urban settings.

As a longtime resident, I value the balance between housing and open space. Front and side yards are more than visual buffers; they are where children play, neighbors connect, and gardens grow. Stripping away these buffers to allow for more construction will worsen stormwater runoff, reduce air quality, and increase the urban heat island effect. Within Marble Hill, we have maintained community green spaces on our own for years!

This bill prioritize density at the expense of equity, environment, and community cohesion. Baltimore needs thoughtful, inclusive planning, not one-size-fits-all deregulation that disproportionately impacts stable residential communities.

I respectfully urge the Planning Commission to recommend against the passage of Bill 25-0064. Let's work toward development that enhances, not erodes, Baltimore's neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Lewis P.E.,

Marble Hill Resident

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Tiso, Eric (DOP)
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Forwarding for the Council file...

-Eric

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Our Equity Statement: An equitable Baltimore addresses the needs and aspirations of its diverse population and meaningfully engages residents through inclusive and collaborative processes to expand access to power and resources.

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Subject: Re: Opposition to City Council Bill 25-0064 (Land Use)

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September 10, 2025

Good morning Mr. Tiso,

I respectfully request that the attached letter, also included below, be entered into the record as part of the testimony for the upcoming Planning Commission hearing scheduled for September 11th.

As a resident and homeowner in Marble Hill, I write to express my strong opposition to City Council Bill 25-0064 (Land Use), which is scheduled for discussion at the upcoming Planning Commission hearing.

While the stated intent of this bill may be to expand housing opportunities, its effect would be to significantly reduce bulk and yard requirements across all residential zones. Such a change poses serious risks to neighborhood stability and quality of life.

Parking and Traffic:

By encouraging more construction on smaller lots, this bill increases density without addressing the resulting demand for parking and traffic management. In neighborhoods like mine, where parking is already scarce, this will worsen congestion and create unsafe conditions for pedestrians and emergency vehicles.

Public Safety and Infrastructure:

Higher density without corresponding investment in water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure will place an unsustainable burden on already strained systems. Emergency services, which are stretched thin, will also be adversely impacted by greater density and less open space.

Property Values and Community Cohesion:

Reducing yard space and open buffers erodes the character of established neighborhoods, diminishing property values and discouraging long-term investment. These spaces are vital to maintaining safe, livable communities where neighbors can connect and families can thrive.

One-Size-Fits-All Approach:

Baltimore is a city of distinct neighborhoods, each with unique histories and needs. A blanket reduction in yard and bulk requirements ignores those differences and imposes unnecessary disruption on stable residential communities.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Planning Commission to recommend against the passage of City Council Bill 25-0064 (Land Use). Baltimore deserves development policies that respect neighborhood character, protect existing residents, and balance growth with infrastructure capacity.

I appreciate your commitment to safeguarding the character and stability of our community.

With appreciation,

Charles Williams

Marble Hill Resident

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25-0064 - Zoning – Bulk and Yard Requirements - Amendments

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Position Support

Type of Testimony Both

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In order for Baltimore to grow, it must be a city that accommodates young families. #25-0062 will allow more diverse building designs in Baltimore City that more easily accommodate multiple bedrooms for families and allow for more windows in and better cross-ventilation of apartments.

Much of our built environment in Baltimore pre-dates present bulk and yard requirements. Adjusting those requirements, as #25-0064 seeks to do, will also further a diversity of building types in the city, allowing us to build both larger and smaller kinds of homes and enabling more people of different incomes and needs to live in more neighborhoods.

One of the largest costs associated with construction of new housing is parking. The city's remaining parking minimums are arbitrary and force up the cost of housing for everyone living in a building, even if they choose not to own a car. Devoting too much space to parking also degrades the walkability of neighborhoods, removing potential space for housing and small businesses in favor of car storage. #25-0065 would remove arbitrary parking minimums, and allow a developer or homeowner to determine their parking needs. Cities across the country have successfully repealed arbitrary parking minimums, and seen improvements to the walkability, affordability, and small business climate as a result.

All three of these bills are consistent with goals outlined in the city's recently adopted comprehensive plan, and will work to make Baltimore a more affordable, walkable, and family-friendly place to call home.

Also, speaking as a new parent, I'd appreciate Baltimores leaders to take a position that encourages a more walkable and transit oriented city in the future. One of the things that has drawn my family and I to Baltimore is the character of the city and the ability to easily navigate without a car.

I encourage the Land Use and Transportation Committee to vote favorably, and for the full council to pass Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Dear Council President Zeke Cohen,

I am writing in support of Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065. I've been a Baltimore City resident for about 10 years and in that time I've witnessed the development of an incredible number of high-end housing, including apartment buildings and blocks of rowhomes, all of which are priced well above the median salary of a city resident and all of which no one requested. I will be deeply disappointed in you as the Council President, as well as my representative on the council Councilman Mark Parker, and the rest of the council, if these bills Are not passed. These bills contain changes that ARE being requested, and are widely popular due to the broad demand for more housing, as well as the broad demand for streets designed to make the neighborhoods more walkable.

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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Mr. Jose De Arteaga
2014 31st PI SE Washington, DC 20020-3314 kenn.jose@comcast.net

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Ms. Michele Levy
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Dave Manchester <dman610@gmail.com>
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dman610@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Xavier Jackson <xavierjackson3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 11:03 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Fwd: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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From: "Cohen, Zeke (City Council)" <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Date: September 18, 2025 at 9:59:02 AM EDT
To: xavierjackson3@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

Good morning,

Thank you for your email. To ensure your comments are included in the official bill file and received by the committee, please submit your testimony to testimony@baltimorecity.gov.

Thank you,
Hailey Kancherla

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: xavierjackson3@everyactionadvocacy.com <xavierjackson3@everyactionadvocacy.com> on behalf of Xavier Jackson <xavierjackson3@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 5:28 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jimbrown8@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jim Brown <jimbrown8@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Jim Brown
3010 Cresmont Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-2819 jimbrown8@msn.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Kate Simms <knbeagle@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 10:15 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Fwd: Opposition letters for Bills 25-0064 and 25-0065
Attachments: Bill 25-0064.pdf; Bill 25-0065.pdf

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Dear Council President Cohen and Members of City Council,

Please see attached letters of opposition to bills 25-0064 and 25-0065.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks much for considering my submission.
Kate Simms

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Alex Duprey <alexduprey4589@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 10:04 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: dahous1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David House <dahous1@everyactioncustom.com>
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Mr David House
710 S Beechfield Ave Baltimore, MD 21229-4423 dahous1@umbc.edu

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From: Mary M Hughes <mhughes90@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 9:58 PM
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Subject: Fw: BILLS 25-006 & 25-0065 BAD FOR THE NEIGHBORHOODS - BAD FOR BALTIMORE

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STOP BILL 25-0064!!!! STOP BILL 25-0065 STOP THE INSANITY STOP IT NOW!!!

WHY? READ ON!!!

Bill 25-0064 dramatically increases multi-family density in the R-5, R-6, R-7 and R-8 zones. It allows multi-family buildings that are already on our row house blocks to grow significantly in size and in the number of apartments. It also encourages the conversion of other homes on these blocks from single-family to multi-family.

With the promise of extra density and the ability to build large additions, companies will buy up single-family properties for their multi-family potential. **There will be more corporate ownership of residences in our neighborhoods and more conversions of single-family row houses to multi-family buildings. Baltimore will lose single-family homes.**

The conversion of single-family row houses into apartments will result in fewer opportunities for home ownership, with all of its benefits to families and neighborhoods. We should be promoting and facilitating home ownership, not working against it.

It is so obvious the changes brought by **Bill 25-0064** will be disruptive and destabilizing to life on our neighborhood blocks, and yet the **bill completely disregards all negative impacts of these changes on neighbors and it silences the voices and legitimate concerns of neighboring homeowners and others who are affected, by allowing the new densities and building dimensions "by right" in every situation, on every row house block, citywide. Serious consequences will happen without anything to prevent them.**

Now let me speak of the harm Bill 25-0065 will impose on your constituents, my neighbors:

This bill allows all of the apartments and residents added by Bill 25-0064 to bring more cars to our neighborhood blocks without additional off-street parking spaces. It removes the parking requirement for buildings with four apartments or more. If the owner of an R-8 property wants to use Bill 25-0064 to

go from three current units to four or even five, or to convert a single-family row house to a multi-family building with four or five apartments, this bill will require no additional parking. **Again, it will be allowed "by right" regardless of impact in every situation, on every block, citywide.**

Question. DO ANY OF YOU really comprehend what bill 25-0064 and bill 25-0065 are purposing?
Please do what will be beneficial to your constituents and my neighbors- DO NOT ALLOW
BILLS 25-0064 & 25-0065 TO BECOME LAW!

Lastly, please consider the voices of the residents, homeowners and voters and less to well financed developers.

I thank you in advance for standing with the PEOPLE!!!

Mary Hughes, Vice
President
FALLS PARKWAY
443 602-4158

FRIENDS OF GWYNNS

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Sincerely,
Mr Adam Jones
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Mr. Jeffrey Marks
3736 Clarinth Rd Baltimore, MD 21215-2404 jeffreym715@yahoo.com

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Mrs. Hj Park
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Sincerely,
Ms. Laura Ruas
4708 Keswick Rd Baltimore, MD 21210-2323 Lmruas@yahoo.com

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From: ginger_hanson_2000@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ginger Hanson
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In addition, I am privileged to live in a neighborhood with great schools, small businesses, restaurants, grocery stores, and other amenities. I would love to see both smaller and larger homes built in my neighborhood, so there would be a greater diversity of family types and incomes that could access these resources. I believe this would help my neighborhood thrive.

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Sincerely,
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From: mry5015@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Yacovelli <mry5015@everyactioncustom.com>
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Dr. Michael Yacovelli
3020 E Baltimore St Baltimore, MD 21224-1348 mry5015@gmail.com

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Sincerely,
Mr Marshall Hynson
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7119 Rodgers Ct Baltimore, MD 21212-1524 djeden5588@gmail.com

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Mr. John Borlik
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Mr Keever Frye
1204 Southview Rd Baltimore, MD 21218-1400 keever.frye@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Jessie Parker <jessie.parker@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 6:04 PM
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Subject: Fwd: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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Date: Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 4:44 PM
Subject: Re: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065
To: jessie.parker@gmail.com <jessie.parker@gmail.com>

Good afternoon,

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Thank you,
Hailey Kancherla

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
[100 Holliday Street, Room 400](#)
[Baltimore, MD 21202](#)
[Office: \(410\) 396-4804](#)

From: jessie.parker@everyactionadvocacy.com <jessie.parker@everyactionadvocacy.com> on behalf of Jessie Parker <jessie.parker@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 4:32 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
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Ms Jessie Parker

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From: dman610@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dave Manchester <dman610@everyactioncustom.com>
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Mr. Dave Manchester
1405 E Clement St Baltimore, MD 21230-5205 dman610@gmail.com

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From: ray@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ray Fusco <ray@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Ray Fusco
3231 Chesterfield Ave Baltimore, MD 21213-1707 ray@rayfuscoinc.com

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From: xavierjackson3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Xavier Jackson <xavierjackson3@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Xavier Jackson
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From: funwithtype@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura L McConnell
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Laura L McConnell

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From: cagavrick@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christopher Gawrych
<cagavrick@everyactioncustom.com>
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From: Lynnsey O'Rourke <lynnseyeorourke@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
Mr Michael Farrell
2910 Guilford Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-4115 jpmof38@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: mojo_art@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joseph Martorella
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Mr Joseph Martorella
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From: mattanster@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mattan Schuchman
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Dr. Mattan Schuchman
3140 Remington Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-2801 mattanster@gmail.com

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From: ajpidgeon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Aidan Pidgeon
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1603 Bolton St Baltimore, MD 21217-4317 ajpidgeon@gmail.com

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From: oliveavarlas17@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Olivea Varlas <oliveavarlas17@everyactioncustom.com>
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1500 Claremont St Baltimore, MD 21231-2775 oliveavarlas17@gmail.com

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Sincerely,
Dr. Ann Greenbaum
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anngreenbaum@aol.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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anngreenbaum@aol.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Flanigan

2107 Lake Montebello Ter Baltimore, MD 21218-3132 ranigan@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: lynnseyeorourke@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lynnsey O'Rourke
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Sincerely,

Ms. Lynnsey O'Rourke

2115 Saint Paul St Apt 3 Baltimore, MD 21218-5804 lynnseyeorourke@gmail.com

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From: jjoon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jner Tzern Oon
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Sincerely,
Dr. Jner Tzern Oon
1908 Eastern Ave Apt 2 Baltimore, MD 21231-2563 jjoon@duck.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: mdmerry@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mitch Merry
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Sincerely,
Mitch Merry
1513 Barclay St Baltimore, MD 21202-2901 mdmerry@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: mike.rubenstein1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Rubenstein
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Sincerely,
Michael Rubenstein
12 S Ellwood Ave Baltimore, MD 21224-2241 mike.rubenstein1@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Sincerely,
Dr. Andrew Samuel
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: daria.t.pugh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Daria Pugh
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Sincerely,
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daria.t.pugh@gmail.com

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Mr. John Dagen
109 S Collington Ave Baltimore, MD 21231-2015 jdagen@icloud.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Sincerely,
Mx. Allison Wainer
343 E 28th St Baltimore, MD 21218-6734
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: phil@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Philip Rink <phil@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Philip Rink
3800 Tudor Arms Ave Apt 2 Baltimore, MD 21211-2268 phil@philiprinkjr.com

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From: brianlevy89@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brian Levy <brianlevy89@everyactioncustom.com>
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Mr. Brian Levy
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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To: Testimony
Subject: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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Sincerely,
Mr. Shane Knudsen
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Angela Hayes
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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Cc: hanlonimprovementassoc@gmail.com
Subject: Fw: City Council Bills 25-0064 and 25-0065

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September 17, 2025

Baltimore City Council

100 Holliday Street

Baltimore, Md. 21202

Dear Officials:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment upon Bills 25-0064 and 25-0065. The Hanlon Improvement Association, Inc. opposes these bills because they bills are based on hasty generalizations and assumptions rather than evidence. There has been no thorough community-by-community analysis of these bills, their effects on residents, or who will benefit or be harmed, nor has there been genuine public input. Other considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- For 25-0064, the existing process for obtaining variances works and will achieve the same results with proper streamlining and refining
- The architectural history and fabric of communities not yet designated as historical or conservation districts, in part for economic reasons, will be disrupted
- The potential for an oversaturation of buildings and people in tight spaces will adversely affect individuals
- The environmental, social, health, and economic impacts are many, such as reduction of greenspace, blocking of wind and air quality, perpetuation of heat islands, potential health implications, impact on an aged system of infrastructure within the City, and the disruption to the quality of lives of residents and their abilities to socialize

- The oversaturation of people in smaller spaces without access to sufficient parking impacts health, safety and the quality of lives
- The bills will perpetuate existing racial and economic disparities, and the people who will benefit will not be the working class and persons already in need of affordable housing but developers and other financially advantaged populations
- Bill 250065 will disadvantage existing historic and legacy churches and inner-city institutions that rely on off street parking and disrupt the lives of seniors, persons with disabilities and other groups for whom accessibility is important and protected by law
- Small businesses may experience economic injury as a result of diminished parking

In the end, these bills require thorough review and input from Baltimore City residents before implementation. Both quantitative and qualitative analysis, neighborhood by neighborhood, should guide the process, followed by community engagement based on the collected data. Adopting a “one size fits all” universal decision-making model risks undermining the rulemaking process and injuring residents, especially when alternatives with a lesser impact or pilot programs for disadvantaged communities have not been considered.

Thank you.

Linda Batts, President

Hanlon Improvement Association, Inc.

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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The allowances afforded by this bill are not minor. Not only will it result in a significant reduction in open and green space across the city but also it will affect sight lines and reduce the permeable space in a city plagued with flooding and other problems. Reducing back and side yard requirements allows developers and builders to construct larger buildings on individual lots, which decreases the green space between homes and in rear yards. This adjustment may have environmental implications such as effects on air quality and the potential for increased heat islands. The change could modify available open space and alter interactions among neighborhoods. Additionally, higher density may result in increased competition for off-street parking in concentrated communities, potentially affecting access for elderly individuals, people with disabilities, and shift workers. Amenities like safe parking and unobstructed sight lines are relevant considerations in areas concerned about crime. The impact on city resources should also be evaluated, as departments such as Housing and DPW, among others, currently face significant workloads. Increasing neighborhood density may affect services including sanitation, housing, and other environmental provisions, which could influence future demands on taxpayers.

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From: Ann Everton <ann.everton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 10:00 PM
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Hey all,

My name is Ann Everton and I'm a resident of Garwyn Oaks and Windsor Hills (we're on the dividing line and both neighborhoods claim us) over in West Baltimore.

I strongly urge you to hit pause on bills 25-0064, 25-0065, and 25-0066 until you get more community input, before voting on them. Now that the rest of the city is more aware of the potential outcomes of these bills, you've been hearing cries of opposition and dissent from literally ALL OVER the city. That should be a loud wake-up call to take a harder look at these bills and rework a few things before you vote on them. Please remember these are your voting constituents who are raising concerns about these bills.

I was at my Garwyn Oaks community meeting last night hearing my neighbors' concerns about these bills--Councilman Blanchard was there, answering questions about 25-0065, which is his pet bill. He mentioned city-wide dissent about the bill package, and tried to reassure us our concerns were noted but essentially brushed-off. Though most of my neighbors didn't take tremendous umbrage to his specific bill (25-0065), it was bills 25-0064 and 25-0066 that really had folks riled.

Our neighborhoods are defined by their green spaces--why give developers the green light to pave over them, creating more impermeable surfaces to further aggravate our aging stormwater runoff infrastructure? The charm of this city is that it's not overcrowded, that we have space to grow and cultivate not just our greenery but our art, our music, our passions, our souls, too. These bills make me think back to the concept of the projects from when I was a kid--how will the governing forces in Baltimore City prevent the Lafayette Courts from happening again? What other possibilities could affordable housing in Baltimore look like? There must be something between high-rise luxury condos no one can afford, and the projects. I don't have the answer here, but I'm not sure bill 25-0064 or 25-0066 does either.

Also, a question: how will these bills affect covenant neighborhoods like Homeland, Roland Park, and Guilford? Are those neighborhoods to expect multi-unit dwellings with minimal green space and no parking? Are these bills equitable concerning the wealthiest neighborhoods in the city?

Sorry for the rambling note, I'm sure you all have been getting lots of them--but please take these rambling notes seriously and delay voting on these bills so your constituents can study them more closely and suggest measures to ensure that our city won't fall victim to predatory development, gentrification, and housing inequity. We know you have our best interests at heart, and we appreciate all that you do. Take it slow :)

Best,
Ann Everton

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: gordon.steen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gordon Steen
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Sincerely,
Mr Gordon Steen
1347 Clipper Heights Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-2319 gordon.steen@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Barbara Stanton <stantonbarb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 12:49 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Bills 25-0064 and 25-0065

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We object to Bill #25-0064. Research shows that yards and open space improve the physical and mental health of community members. This bill will decrease the our ability to attract new residents and is actively harmful to Baltimore people.

We object to Bill #25-0065. Parking permits exist because parking is difficult in our neighborhoods. The argument that this will force people to use public transportation and not own cars is specious. Buses and trains need to have more routes and greater reliability before residents can give up their cars.

Regards,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Fred T. <fredtillman@gmail.com>
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Thank you!

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From: Fred T. <fredtillman@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Aug 4, 2025 at 8:14 AM
Subject: RE: Opposition to City Council Bills 25-0064 and 25-0065
To: <Eric.Tiso@baltimorecity.gov>, <Chris.Ryer@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Eric Brown <mobybrown@aol.com>

To the Members of the Baltimore City Planning Commission

Dear Commissioners,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Fred Tillman, a concerned homeowner and resident of Marble Hill, writing to respectfully share my opposition to **City Council Bills 25-0064** and **25-0065** currently under your review.

While I am supportive of thoughtful development and progress, these proposed zoning changes appear to disproportionately favor developers while disregarding the lived experiences and needs of long-term residents and homeowners.

Bill 25-0064, which reduces bulk and yard requirements, threatens what little green space remains in many neighborhoods—further diminishing the beauty, environmental health, and balance our communities depend on. Green space is not expendable; it's essential.

Bill 25-0065, which would eliminate off-street parking requirements, poses serious challenges to our already-congested neighborhoods. For areas with dense multi-unit properties, removing parking standards will make it nearly impossible for current residents to access parking near their homes—greatly affecting quality of life.

Homeowners are the foundation of Baltimore's neighborhoods. We are the ones investing in, maintaining, and nurturing these communities. Policy decisions that ignore this reality erode stability and push out those most committed to the city's long-term success.

I ask that you take a thoughtful and community-centered approach to zoning, and consider the long-term impact these bills will have on existing residents.

Thank you for your service and for considering my perspective.

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Enjoy the Journey,

Fred Tillman

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Shane Cromwell <bullettrane@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 9:20 AM
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Dear Council President Zeke Cohen,

I am writing in support of Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

For Baltimore to truly grow, we need to be a city where young families can put down roots. Bill #25-0062 moves us in that direction by opening the door to more flexible building designs homes with multiple bedrooms for families, and apartments with more windows and better airflow.

Most of Baltimore's housing stock was built long before today's bulk and yard rules. We can't keep holding on to old dated rules when we technology that allows us to do better. Updating those standards, as Bill #25-0064 proposes, will make it possible to build a wider mix of bigger and smaller homes. People with different incomes and needs should be able to find a place in more neighborhoods.

And then there's parking. Right now, the city's remaining parking minimums are driving up the cost of housing for everyone, even for people who don't own a car. They also eat up valuable space that could be used for housing, shops, or green space, and they chip away at the walkability of our neighborhoods. Bill #25-0065 would finally give developers and homeowners the freedom to decide how much parking makes sense. Cities across the country have done this already, and the results are clear: more affordable housing, stronger small business corridors, and neighborhoods that are easier to walk and bike through.

Together, these three bills align with the city's new comprehensive plan and take concrete steps toward making Baltimore a more affordable, walkable, and family-friendly city for the future.

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Sincerely,
shane cromwell
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Chris Defrancisci <chrisdefrancisci@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Chris DeFrancisci
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chrisdefrancisci@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: route3media@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of shane cromwell
<route3media@everyactioncustom.com>
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Most of Baltimore's housing stock was built long before today's bulk and yard rules. We can't keep holding on to old dated rules when we technology that allows us to do better. Updating those standards, as Bill #25-0064 proposes, will make it possible to build a wider mix of bigger and smaller homes. People with different incomes and needs should be able to find a place in more neighborhoods.

And then there's parking. Right now, the city's remaining parking minimums are driving up the cost of housing for everyone, even for people who don't own a car. They also eat up valuable space that could be used for housing, shops, or green space, and they chip away at the walkability of our neighborhoods. Bill #25-0065 would finally give developers and homeowners the freedom to decide how much parking makes sense. Cities across the country have done this already, and the results are clear: more affordable housing, stronger small business corridors, and neighborhoods that are easier to walk and bike through.

Together, these three bills align with the city's new comprehensive plan and take concrete steps toward making Baltimore a more affordable, walkable, and family-friendly city for the future.

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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: MolEcol@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Drew Brown
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Kristine Dennis <kristinekay.dennis@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2025 1:30 PM
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Sincerely,
Kristine Dennis
3155 Keswick Rd Baltimore, MD 21211-2737
kristinekay.dennis@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Isabela Garces <isabelagarces97@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Isabela Garces Molina
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: mayagk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maya Kosok
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Sincerely,
Ms. Maya Kosok
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: rkazany@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Becca Hazany
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From: csauerbach@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Craig Auerbach
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From: Kristie <kristiewoods79@gmail.com>
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Date: September 11, 2025 at 9:17:13 AM EDT
To: kristiewoods79@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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Hailey Kancherla

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Baltimore, MD 21202
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From: kristiewoods79@everyactionadvocacy.com <kristiewoods79@everyactionadvocacy.com> on behalf of K Woods <kristiewoods79@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 9:56 PM
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Barret Rus <barret.i.rus@gmail.com>
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To: barret.i.rus@gmail.com <barret.i.rus@gmail.com>

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Barret Rus
1211 S Conkling St Baltimore, MD 21224-5341
barret.i.rus@gmail.com

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Barret Ruly
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Patricia White <mrshophoop@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 3:21 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Support for bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065

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Sincerely,
Ms Patricia White
2200 E Lombard St Baltimore, MD 21231-2060
mrshophoop@hotmail.com
Sent from my iPhone

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Tyler Ruth <babyruth0300@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 3:00 PM
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Sincerely,
Mr. Tyler Ruth
242 S Bouldin St Baltimore, MD 21224-2315
babyruth0300@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: kristinekay.dennis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kristine Dennis
<kristinekay.dennis@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,

Kristine Dennis

3155 Keswick Rd Baltimore, MD 21211-2737 kristinekay.dennis@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: alyssaweaver2012@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alyssa McVicker-Weaver
<alyssaweaver2012@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Alyssa McVicker-Weaver
3952 Hickory Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-1834 alyssaweaver2012@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: polimenikm5@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kira Polimeni <polimenikm5@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 6:56 AM
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: joshua.ratner@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joshua Ratner
<joshua.ratner@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Joshua Ratner
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: mjfrancis10@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Matthew Francis <mjfrancis10@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Matthew Francis
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: bmegali@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brian Megali
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Sincerely,
Mr. Brian Megali
226 S Ann St Baltimore, MD 21231-2534
bmegali@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: bruce@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bruce Willen
<bruce@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,

Mr. Bruce Willen

2429 Maryland Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-5017 bruce@posttypography.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: veenathamil@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Veena Thamilselvan
<veenathamil@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Veena Thamilselvan
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: carroll.jack@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jack Carroll
<carroll.jack@everyactioncustom.com>
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I encourage the Land Use and Transportation Committee to vote favorably, and for the full council to pass Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Sincerely,
Jack Carroll
321 E 30th St Baltimore, MD 21218-3933
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: lexigibbons@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alexa Gibbons
<lexigibbons@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Alexa Gibbons
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: ed.traver@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Edward Traver
<ed.traver@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Dr. Edward Traver
721 E Fort Ave Baltimore, MD 21230-4724 ed.traver@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: sarahkatejacklin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sarah Jacklin
<sarahkatejacklin@everyactioncustom.com>
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: blakebarnett43@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Blake Barnett <blakebarnett43@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
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From: aliciaelba@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alicia Williams
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Subject: Oppose the Jones Falls Transfer Station proposal, especially without safety improvements

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Dear City Council Testimony,

I am writing in opposition to the city's proposal to relocate the Sisson Street Transfer Facility to the Potts & Callahan site along Falls Road in the Jones Falls Valley.

For years, the Mayor's Office and the Baltimore City Department of Transportation have made promises for improvements to this corridor that would make it safe for people of all ages and abilities to walk and bike from Maryland Avenue all the way to Union Avenue.

These promises included:

- 1) Widening the Jones Falls Trail to high quality trail standards between Maryland Avenue and the Round Falls switchbacks, as the trail along this section is below minimum trail width standards. Part of this proposal is currently in planning as part of the Jones Falls Gateway project.
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- 3) Conversion of a small section of Falls Road and Clipper Mill Road to one-way, which would allow installation of a walking and biking sidepath on the most dangerous and narrow section of the corridor.

All three of these unrealized improvements--improvements already promised by the administration--are necessary to make the corridor safe and accessible to people of all ages and abilities walking and biking TODAY. Potential introduction of increased truck and personal vehicle traffic to the corridor with a relocation of the Sisson Street Transfer Facility makes all of these improvements even more urgent and necessary.

It's important to note that these improvements would not restrict vehicle access to any businesses or residences along the corridor. All would still be accessible by car, and via the routes currently most commonly used to access those residences and businesses. The only thing this proposal would do is prevent the most dangerous behavior on the corridor: through speeding by drivers seeking to avoid the JFX.

There is no safe path to relocation of the transfer facility to the Jones Falls Valley without all three of these improvements being installed in advance of or concurrently with relocation. Anyone supporting relocation without committing to these improvements is endorsing a plan that will injure and kill pedestrians and bicyclists.

I do not believe the proposed relocation site is a good one, but I urge you to commit to these improvements regardless of the outcome of the relocation proposal.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Alicia Williams

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jtimson9@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessalyn Timson <jtimson9@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Jessalyn Timson
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From: SystemicError@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tevis Tsai
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Mr. Tevis Tsai
7806 Elmhurst Ave Parkville, MD 21234-5529 SystemicError@gmail.com

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4211 Harcourt Rd Baltimore, MD 21214-3409 tcsaintclare@gmail.com

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Sincerely,
Mr. Jeenly Louis
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: elysian109@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of William Zhu <elysian109@everyactioncustom.com>
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Mr J. B. Van Wely

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: shaunboylelehmann@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shaun Lehmann
<shaunboylelehmann@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 3:40 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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I encourage the Land Use and Transportation Committee to vote favorably, and for the full council to pass Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Sincerely,
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13755 State Route 144 West Friendship, MD 21794-9703 shaunboylelehmann@gmail.com

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From: bikemore.he6yc@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Corderman
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Ramos, Odette (City Council)
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 12:02 AM
To: Coldstream Homestead Montebello; Leva, Anthony F (City Council)
Subject: RE: Opposition to CC 25-0064

Hi Mark

Your email was to Eric Tiso and to me. You did not ask me to submit to the City Council for consideration. I've added the staff to the committee here to add the testimony to the record. Next time please upload to the portal as instructed.

Tony, can you add the testimony below to the record for the above referenced bill.

Thanks

Odette Ramos

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From: Coldstream Homestead Montebello <chmc.corp@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2025 5:26 PM
To: Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Opposition to CC 25-0064

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Hi Councilperson,

I sent the below CHM opposition email to your attention in August for it to be included in the record.

Ms. Floyd, informed me it has not be formally included.

Would you please have it included.

Thanks,
Mark

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From: **Joan Floyd** <joanlfloyd@hotmail.com>

Date: Fri, Sep 12, 2025, 4:28 PM

Subject: Re: Opposition to CC 25-0064

To: Coldstream Homestead Montebello <chmc.corp@gmail.com>

Mark:

I did see that, but if a separate letter isn't sent in to the City Council committee, your opposition isn't in the record and doesn't go into the bill file.

There is still time to write to the committee on behalf of CHM and to have as many individual property owners as possible send theirs as well.

You can e-mail them to the address for testimony that is listed on the City Council website. Best to do so by Monday if at all possible.

- Joan

From: Coldstream Homestead Montebello <chmc.corp@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 12, 2025 4:22 PM

To: Joan Floyd <joanlfloyd@hotmail.com>

Subject: Fwd: Opposition to CC 25-0064

Hi Ms. Floyd,

Please see below my opposition email I sent in August.

Thanks,
Mark

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From: **Coldstream Homestead Montebello** <chmc.corp@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Aug 6, 2025, 9:37 PM

Subject: Opposition to CC 25-0064

To: Tiso, Eric <eric.tiso@baltimorecity.gov>, Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>

Dear Planning Commission,

Council Bill 25-0064, which proposes sweeping changes to residential bulk and yard requirements, may be well-intentioned—but in practice, it threatens to recreate the harmful patterns of exploitation that once devastated Baltimore's Black and working-class communities through blockbusting and predatory real estate practices.

By weakening zoning protections in already vulnerable neighborhoods with lower property acquisition costs, the bill opens the door to unchecked investor speculation. It incentivizes real estate

conglomerates to buy up properties for conversion into multi-unit rentals—undermining single-family homeownership and erasing opportunities for minority legacy homeowners to build generational wealth.

While wealthier communities may see minimal impact, underserved neighborhoods will once again absorb the burden: increased displacement, overcrowding, strained infrastructure, loss of green space, and diminished quality of life. This bill does not fix housing inequity—it risks deepening it.

Baltimore needs thoughtful, community-led development—not policies that give powerful investors free rein at the expense of those who have sustained our neighborhoods through decades of disinvestment.

Reject Bill 25-0064. Let's protect legacy homeowners, preserve community character, and ensure equitable growth for all.

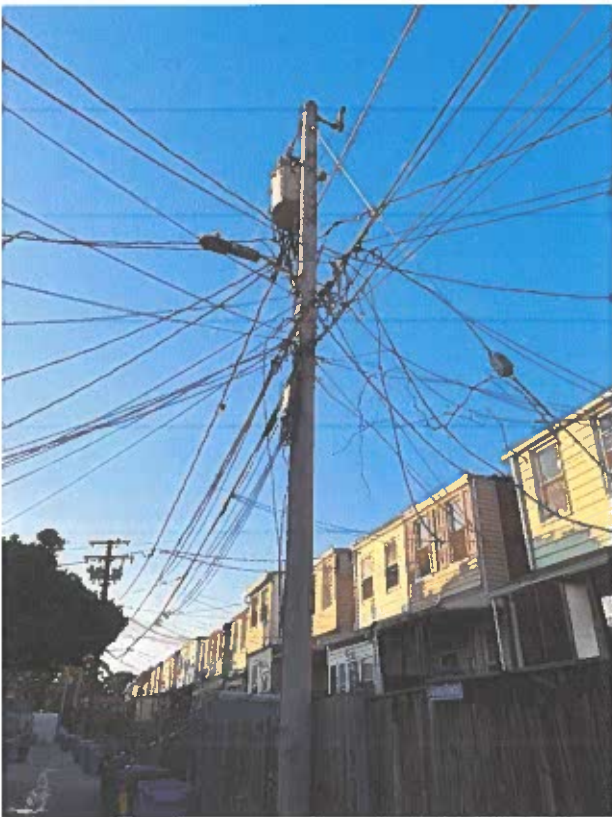
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BILL 25-0064



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*Joan Flayed
Sept 11, 2025*

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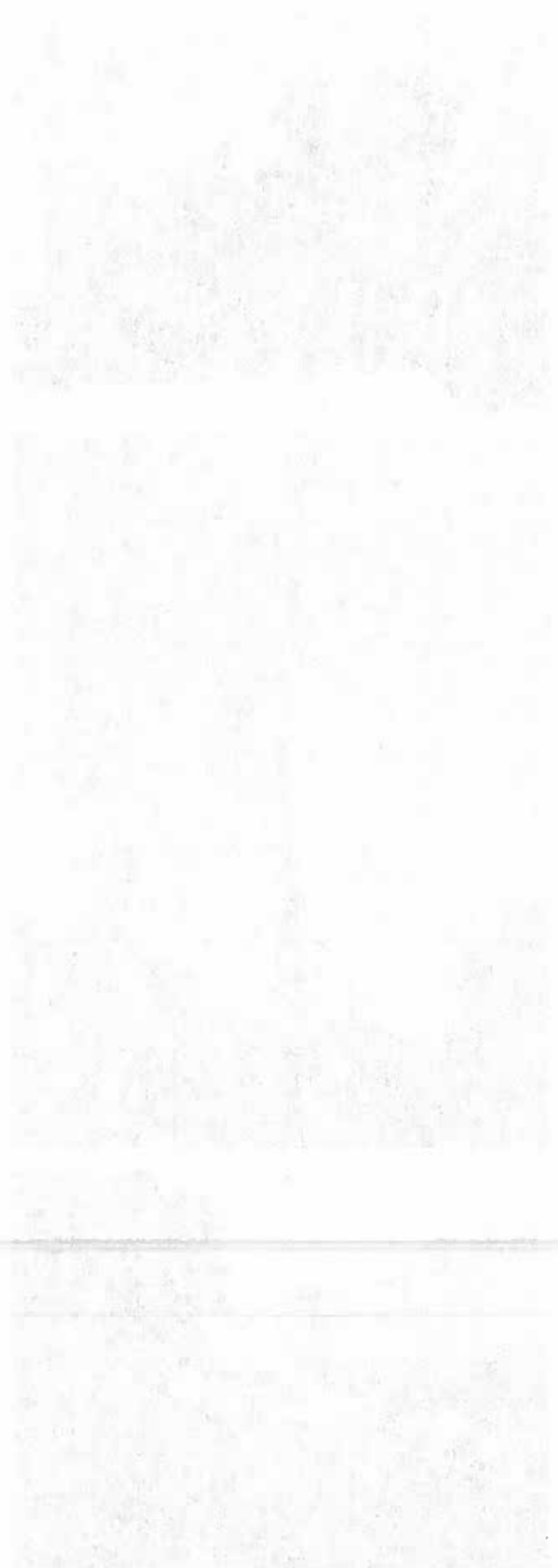
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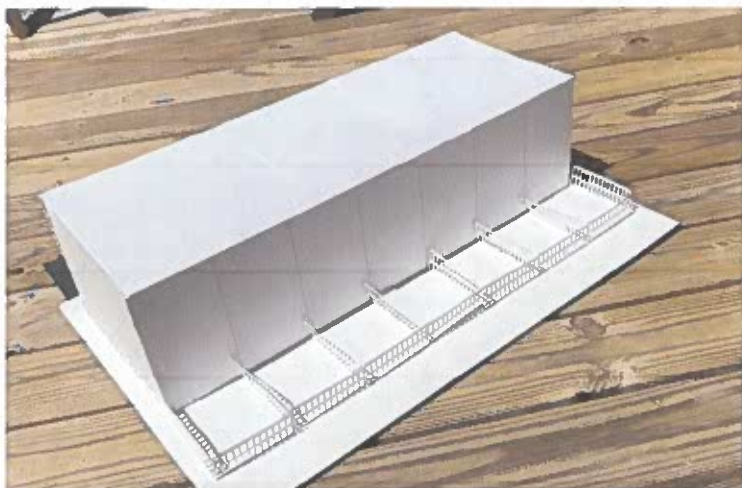
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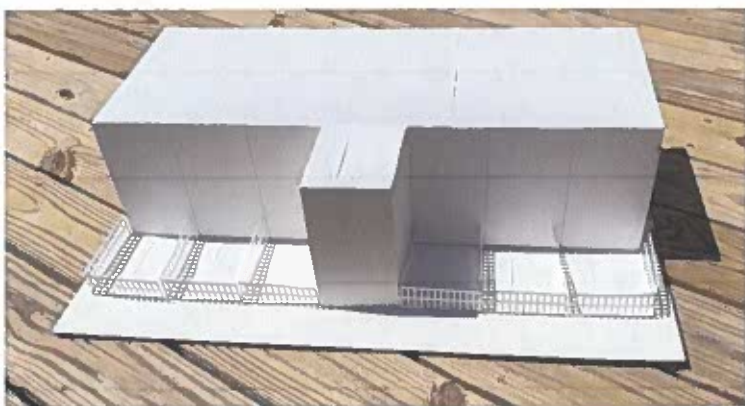
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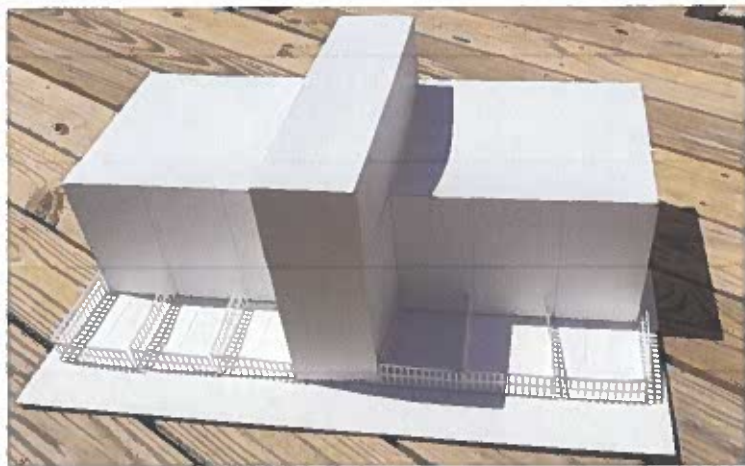
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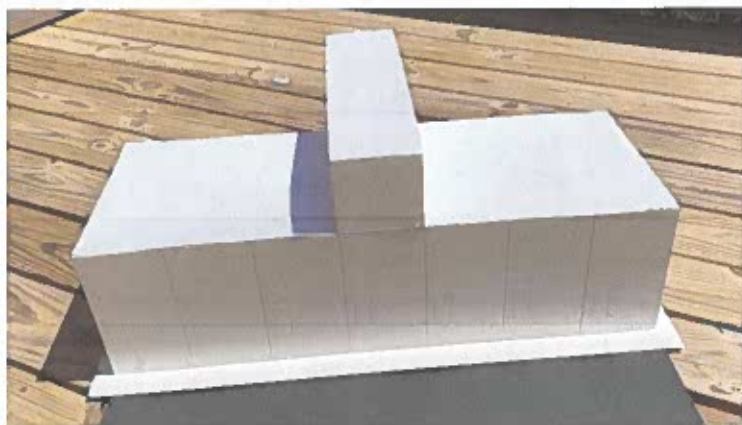
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Impact of rear yard elimination



Impact with 45' height allowance



Front view with 45' height allowance

*Juan Floyd
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For the City Council Land Use and Transportation Committee:

Opposition to Bill 25-0064 - Joan Floyd, September 11, 2025

Introduction

Bill 25-0064 is badly drafted, error-filled, difficult to understand, poorly publicized, and misrepresented as something City homeowners are clamoring for, when in fact its purpose is to disrupt whatever predictability and security there is to life on Rowhouse blocks — to upset the equilibrium. We love our Rowhouse blocks, but City Hall does not share that love. City Hall points to our little back yards and says, “that’s underutilized land, that’s buildable.” It points to the space inside our homes and says either “it’s too big for modern living,” or “it’s too small for modern living.” Instead of just leaving well enough alone. This bill opens up developed, built-out Rowhouse blocks for a new future of houses being cut up into apartments, more units being added to existing multi-family buildings, small buildings being made into large ones, back yards disappearing or blocked from the sun. Wherever the changes allowed by this bill are made, the block will become unrecognizable.

We have so much land for new construction in this City. But there is a particular segment of the development game that looks for existing buildings to do these things to. This bill caters to the whims of that segment of that business and puts its desires over our needs. That is the message this bill sends, and it is the wrong one.

It takes no vision, no imagination to cannibalize existing Rowhouse blocks. It’s an old idea that seems to come back around if you live here long enough. What could happen with real vision, real imagination, real planning, is that we zone to preserve existing blocks at the same time as zoning to build new on empty land. The State of Maryland specifically authorizes the City to zone for preservation. It’s right there is the State code, in Land Use Article 10-204. City Hall should take advantage of that power and not treat **people’s homes** on developed Rowhouse blocks as if they are just a set of dimensions on a piece of paper.

The Bill’s Text

The Bill is poorly drafted with several errors, making it difficult to distinguish what is proposed from current law. Significant amendments are buried in footnotes. Current regulations are not always represented correctly. Capitals are

not used consistently to indicate new material, and new numbers are not clearly identified as such. *(For specific errors see the attached "Rebuttal of Planning Commission Memo.")*

Notice

Not only has it been a challenge to develop an understanding of the Bill, but property owners in the R-5 through R-8 zones have not received individual notice that their blocks are facing changes akin to a rezoning which they did not request. The public notice required by the State for the City Council hearing was sent out with the wrong bill number in the text. *(See the attached E-mail correspondence, "Publication of Notice of City Council Hearings.")*

What the Bill Does

The unstated Purpose of the changes to Table 9-401 in Bill 25-0064 is to increase the size, density, and number of multi-family buildings on traditional Rowhouse blocks, with the most dramatic changes intended for blocks that are zoned R-8. It isn't stated in a Purpose clause, it's buried in the footnotes.

For an explanation of the changes to Table 9-401, please see the attached **"What Bill 25-0064 Means For Existing Rowhouse Blocks."**

For a visual representation of how the bill will operate on R-8 blocks, please see the attached photographic examples. Each photograph depicts a block with existing rear yards, some pervious and some paved. Each Rowhouse will immediately have sufficient lot area for 2 apartment units under Bill 25-0064. The attached images from a scale model show the result of eliminating the rear yard and utilizing the new height allowance.

Not a Rational Scheme

With respect to density, the bill greatly disrupts the existing rational scheme. Currently, in the R-5 through R-8 zones, the same the amount of lot area is required for each Rowhouse and apartment unit except for units in age-restricted multi-family housing, where there is a significant density bonus. Bill 25-0064 lowers the lot area requirement for apartment units so dramatically that there is no longer an age-restricted density bonus; in fact, the age-restricted

category loses its relevance. Another irrational impact is that R-8 density becomes greater than that of the current R-9 zone.

With respect to rear setbacks, Bill 25-0064 makes R-8 the first zone that does not require a rear yard for all properties. Even the R-9 and R-10 require a 10-foot rear setback. This is clearly not a rational scheme.

Misrepresentation

The Administration's representative on the Planning Commission suggested that the purpose of Bill 25-0064 is to correct the problem of property owners being denied BMZA variances to make improvements. A review of BMZA records since 2023 shows that many (if not most) of the denied improvements would not be affected by this bill. For the most part, the denied improvements that would become allowable 'by right' under this bill are increases in the number of apartments in Multi-Family buildings in the R-6, R-7, and R-8 zones.

City Agency Review

The Planning Staff Report is incomplete, shoddy, and generally unhelpful for anyone trying to understand the full range of proposed changes to bulk and yard regulations. Particularly significant changes, like a 10-foot height increase to 45' in the R-8 zone and the elimination of the rear yard requirement for many properties on R-8 blocks, are not even acknowledged in the Planning Staff Report. *(See the attached "Rebuttal of Planning Commission Memo.")*

The first Planning Commission report dated September 5, 2025 actually suppressed the information that one Commissioner had voted unfavorably on the bill with strong statements explaining his rationale and pointing out conflicts with City policies and plans. *(See the attached e-mail correspondence, "Erroneous Planning Commission Report.")*

Generalized statements in the DHCD report, without reference to the specific changes proposed by Bill 25-0064, suggest that DHCD has not considered (and may be unaware of) the changes themselves and their practical impacts. Curiously, DHCD does not even mention the significant density increases in Rowhouse zones and the increases in the number of Multi-Family buildings and units that will result. DHCD does not comment on the fact that allowing expansion of attached Multi-Family structures to shared property lines will cause DHCD to process plans that replace 6-foot fences with the walls of new

additions. (See the attached *"Some Questions Relating to the Impacts of Bill 25-0064."*)

The Department of Finance reports glowingly about property tax increases from physical additions to properties, and suggests the only downside will be fewer BMZA fees. There is no consideration of costs associated with the City having to process applications for the kinds of additions that are currently rare, such as additions on Rowhouse blocks that require Firewalls along shared property lines and points of egress that abut alleys with utility poles. There will be increases in Fire Department inspections. And there will undoubtedly be permit appeals and property assessment appeals from neighboring homeowners shocked and dismayed by having their properties suddenly closed off and closed in.

Many Issues Not Addressed

Will DOT acknowledge the impact of increasing the density of an R-8 block — so that every house can become two units — on street parking where there is currently little to no additional space available on the street?

Will DPW comment on the impact on refuse collection if R-8 becomes the first Residential zone to allow structures to be built all the way to the alley?

Among the practical issues presented by Bill 25-0064 is the presence of utility poles in the alleys behind Rowhouse blocks, with utility lines from those poles crossing over the back yards of properties. What is the impact if developers in the R-8 zone are allowed to build additions "by-right" out to the alley and up to 45' in height?

(See the attached *"Some Questions Relating to the Impacts of Bill 25-0064."*)

Conclusion

Bill 25-0064 represents an ill-conceived, poorly executed effort to increase the size, density, and number of multi-family buildings on traditional Rowhouse blocks, without the understanding and awareness of the stakeholders on those blocks. To adopt this massive change in zoning regulations, and to do so under these conditions, is extremely bad policy.

WHAT BILL 25-0064 MEANS FOR EXISTING ROWHOUSE BLOCKS

For Row House blocks in the R-5, R-6, R-7 and R-8 zones, Bill 25-0064 facilitates more apartment units and physically larger multi-family buildings. This is achieved through significant changes to the "Bulk and Yard Regulations" Table 9-401.

1. The bill increases apartment density by decreasing the amount of square footage of lot area required per unit. These changes are so significant that they bump each zone up to the higher density of the next zone. So R-5 would have the apartment density of the current R-6 zone; the R-6 would have the apartment density of the current R-7 zone; the R-7 would have the apartment density of the current R-8 zone; and the R-8 would have even greater density than the current R-9 zone. In my view, proposing these changes requires individual advance notice to all property owners because it has the power of a rezoning of one's property and one's residential block. Unfortunately, I see no effort being made by City government to raise awareness of this impact going into this week's City Council hearing.
2. One way the bill facilitates physically larger apartment buildings on these blocks is by reducing or eliminating some of the current setback requirements. Specifically side and rear.
 1. Side: Right now, if there is an attached multi-family building on the block, that building is effectively non-conforming because there is a side yard requirement that isn't met. Constructing a rear addition to that attached apartment building along the shared property line isn't permitted. The required setback from the shared property line for that multi-family structure in the R-5 through R-8 zones is 10 or 15 feet. So that prevents additions being made to those buildings. If that side setback requirement goes away, then the owner of the multi-family building can build an addition with a firewall right up to the shared property line. Does Bill 25-0064 eliminate the side setback requirement? Yes. It specifically provides that if a multi-family building is attached, there is no longer any side setback requirement. And so nothing prevents the existing 6-foot fence between properties to be replaced by that firewall.
 2. Rear: How far back that firewall can extend will depend on the rear setback or yard requirement. The bill does not change the current requirement for the R-5 through R-7 zones. For an attached multi-family building in those zones, the new addition still has to stop 25 feet from the rear property line. But let's talk about the R-8 zone. Right now, in the R-8 zone, a multi-family building is required to have that 25-foot rear setback

or yard. And a Row House is required to have 20 feet. But this bill says, those numbers go away, and we're no longer going to distinguish between Row Houses and Apartment Buildings. We're only going to look at the depth of the lot and whether there is a rear alley. If the lot is less than 80 feet from front to back and there is an alley, we're removing the rear setback requirement altogether and allowing full lot coverage. You can build that new firewall and that new addition all the way to the alley. But if there is no alley, or if the lot is 80 feet or more from front to rear, then you have to leave 12 feet open at the back. So that new addition would have to stop at that 12-foot mark, which is much less than the current requirement. These are very significant changes for the R-8 zone. We have a lot of blocks with modest-sized houses on small lots with little back yards. This bill will make some of those back yards disappear.

3. And the little 6-foot backyard fence can be replaced by a new firewall along the shared property line. How high can that firewall be, the height of that new addition? Here again, we are only going to talk about the R-8 zone because this bill does not change the height limit for any other zone. Under Bill 25-0064, 45 feet is the new height allowed for both Row Houses and Multi-Family buildings if the right-of-way in front of the block is at least 30 feet wide. So the new firewall that replaces the current 6-foot backyard fence can be 45 feet tall.

To summarize: In the R-5, R-6 and R-7 zones, more apartment units with new additions to multi-family buildings along the property line, but they still have the same rear yard and height regulations.

In the R-8 zone, more apartment units with new additions to multi-family buildings along the property line, up to 45 feet above ground level, either all the way to the alley or to the 12-foot mark.

Joan Floyd
Sept 11, 2025

SOME QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE IMPACTS OF BILL 25-0064:

This bill makes R-8 the first Residential zone to allow properties on Rowhouse blocks to be built out to the rear alley. This has several implications.

- Many alleys have utility poles right up against the property line. Would DHCD issue permits to build additions with rear walls right up against utility poles? If not, how would DHCD make sure it does not issue such permits?
- Rear alleys are of varying widths, and the bill does not specify the width of the alleys. Would DHCD issue permits to build rear walls along 3-foot alleys?
- When a mid-block building extends all the way to a rear alley that is used for trash collection, trash and recycling bins (multiple bins for Multi-Family buildings) remain in the alley instead of being brought back inside a yard. This is a Sanitation Code violation and a nuisance for neighbors. How would the city prevent this problem? Would DHCD require plans for bin storage inside the building before issuing the permit? If the practical solution is to collect those residents' trash from the front, would that force the buildings with rear yards to put theirs out in the front as well, or would it force DPW to make two collections, front and rear, on those blocks?

By eliminating the side yard requirement for attached Multi-Family structures, this bill allows very different activity along the shared property line than is currently possible.

- City codes currently limit fences and walls in required rear and side yards to 6 feet of height. There is a process for obtaining a permit to build a fence or wall up to the shared property line, and an appeal process for a neighbor who objects. Multi-Family properties that no longer must have side yards and rear yards are no longer subject to the height limit, so the 6' fences or walls may be replaced by ones that are much higher. Is the city prepared for the additional permit appeals that will result?
- The plan for an addition to a Multi-Family building will likely replace the 6-foot fence with a Firewall up to the shared property line. The new Firewall will be the height of the structure, either up to 35 feet or, in the R-8 zone, 45 feet. What is the city's process for notifying the neighbor and for the neighbor to appeal the permit? Is the city prepared for the additional permit appeals that will result?

— Joan Floyd, September 10, 2025
2828 N. Howard Street

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REBUTTAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMO:

The Commission's vote on August 28, 2025 with 6 members present was 5-1, not 6-0 as reported in the Planning Commission memo dated September 5, 2025.

REBUTTAL OF PLANNING STAFF REPORT ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

The report dated August 7, 2025 is either unintentionally shoddy or was prepared to obscure the actual impacts of the bill. It is not possible to derive an understanding of the bill from this report. Some of its problems:

- Incorrectly suggests that the required Lot Area for Multi-Family is “reduced” in R-5 through R-10. It is “reduced” only in the R-5 through R-8.
- Neglects to acknowledge that the reduction in Lot Area for Multi-Family is:
 - R-5: 40%
 - R-6: 33%
 - R-7: 32%
 - R-8: 33%
- Neglects to acknowledge that the Interior-side yard requirement is **eliminated** for all attached Multi-Family buildings. This allows existing Multi-Family structures on Rowhouse blocks to be expanded horizontally, and allows Rowhouses that are converted to Multi-Family structures to be expanded horizontally.
- Neglects to acknowledge that in the R-8 zone, the mid-block height for all attached buildings along 30' rights-of-way is **increased to 45'**.
- Misrepresents the Rear Yard reduction in the R-8. For Rowhouses, the reduction is from 20' to **12' or 0'** for a reduction of **40% or 100%**. For Multi-Family, the reduction is from 25' to **12' or 0'** for a reduction of **52% or 100%**.
- Fails to acknowledge that the bill does not accurately represent current Table 9-401 R-8 Maximum Lot Coverage for Dwelling: Rowhouse as “60% or 80%” and does not correctly express the amendment as “[60% or] 80% OR 100% 4”.
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EQUITY ANALYSIS:

The very premise of this “Equity Analysis” is incorrect; the “trade-off” is not between buildable area and green area, although green space will indeed be lost. The issue is between the increase in buildable area and the loss of existing open area (both horizontal and vertical). Another basic issue is the addition of more dwelling units to blocks that currently function satisfactorily for residents under the existing density.

The analysis with its “relevant points” fails to consider the bill’s greatest impacts and practical implications. The bill opens up more of the city to speculators who buy Rowhouses to turn them into apartments. That is not a group in need of equity consideration.

And “gain in buildable area” is not an indicator of equity in the city’s built-out Rowhouse neighborhoods, where resident homeowners cherish their modest single-family daylight houses with little (and sometimes good-sized) back yards.

Increases in the size, density, and number of Multi-Family buildings on these Rowhouse blocks will **decrease** the number of existing and potential owner-occupied single-family homes.

The bill also facilitates significant enlargement of small single-family homes in the R-8 zone, which will **reduce** the number of smaller, more affordable homes for resident homeownership.

The Staff Report’s pitch for “larger structures to meet modern expectations for household space” seems out of place at this time of tiny houses, down-sizing, and a growing demand for smaller, more efficient living space. The bill perversely favors an increase in the number of small apartments while encouraging a reduction in the number of small houses.

And while rising costs of energy for home heating can be mitigated by solar collection and passive solar benefits, encouraging horizontal and vertical additions which reduce the direct sunlight that reaches neighboring Rowhouses does nothing for equity.

— Joan Floyd, September 10, 2025
2828 N. Howard Street



Outlook

Re: Bill 25-0064 - Erroneous Planning Commission Report

From Joan Floyd <joanlfloyd@hotmail.com>**Date** Wed 9/10/2025 2:23 PM**To** rdorsey <ryan.dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>; Schnella, Ty'lor (Mayor's Office) <Tylor.Schnella@baltimorecity.gov>**Cc** Middleton, Sharon (City Council) <sharon.middleton@baltimorecity.gov>; Parker, Mark (City Council) <mark.parker@baltimorecity.gov>; Gray, Paris (City Council) <paris.gray@baltimorecity.gov>; Bullock, John (City Council) <john.bullock@baltimorecity.gov>; Porter, Phylicia R.L. (City Council) <phylicia.porter@baltimorecity.gov>; Blanchard, Zachary (City Council) <zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov>; Leva, Anthony F (City Council) <anthony.leva@baltimorecity.gov>

Chairman:

The record of the bill should be accurate. The report was not issued on September 5, 2025. It was issued on September 10, 2025.

Moreover, the DHCD report did not reference Commissioner McCoach's vehement objection to the bill. What you (and DHCD) refer to is merely some rather equivocal verbiage in the Planning Staff Report, which was favorably adopted by all but Commissioner McCoach. His dissent was clear and unambiguous.

It seems there is some reluctance to simply acknowledge that there was one vote against. I'm left to wonder why it is so important to leave out that fact.

- Joan Floyd

From: rdorsey <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2025 1:58 PM**To:** Joan Floyd <joanlfloyd@hotmail.com>; Schnella, Ty'lor (Mayor's Office) <Tylor.Schnella@baltimorecity.gov>**Cc:** Middleton, Sharon (City Council) <Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov>; Parker, Mark (City Council) <mark.parker@baltimorecity.gov>; Gray, Paris (City Council) <Paris.Gray@baltimorecity.gov>; Bullock, John (City Council) <John.Bullock@baltimorecity.gov>; Porter, Phylicia R.L. (City Council) <Phylicia.Porter@baltimorecity.gov>; Blanchard, Zachary (City Council) <zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov>; Leva, Anthony F (City Council) <anthony.leva@baltimorecity.gov>**Subject:** RE: Bill 25-0064 - Erroneous Planning Commission Report

Joan,

The report was amended to acknowledge that 6 members were present and 5 voted in favor. As far as I am concerned, this satisfies the charter requirement that a report note the number voting for *OR* against, and is a common manner of reporting on the commission's actions. (Emphasis added.)

The DHCD report refers to the Planning Commission report, but makes no mention of the number voting for or against, but explicitly notes the dissenting concern that was voiced, so I am not concerned that it may have been missed.

Further, the above is all but entirely moot in large part, as the bill was introduced so long ago that the Committee is well within its authority to hold a hearing even in the total absence of reports of any kind.

While I appreciate the concern, I am respectfully moving on.

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Chairman Dorsey:

This new document is unacceptable. It bears the date September 5, 2025 when in fact it was produced and issued just today, September 10. The incorrect date wrongly suggests that it had been available for the other agencies such as DHCD when they prepared their reports, when it was not.

Moreover, I believe the new report fails to comply with the City Charter. I believe Article VII, Subsection 72(k) requires the Planning Commission report to acknowledge that there was one vote against the bill. This correct information is key for the public and for the other agencies.

Please have the Planning Commission submit a report with today's date that states the Commissioners' votes without ambiguity.

- Joan Floyd

From: Tiso, Eric (DOP) <Eric.Tiso@baltimorecity.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 12:53 PM

To: rdorsey <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>; Schnella, Ty'lor (Mayor's Office) <Tylor.Schnella@baltimorecity.gov>

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Subject: RE: Bill 25-0064 - Erroneous Planning Commission Report

Hello,

Corrected copy is attached.

-Eric

Eric W. Tiso, AICP

Director of Development Oversight & Project Support

Division Chief, Land Use & Urban Design Division

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Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 11:54 AM

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Subject: RE: Bill 25-0064 - Erroneous Planning Commission Report

Eric,

Please see the message below. Can you please be sure that a corrected report, if necessary, is submitted to the committee?

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Chairman Dorsey:

The September 5 Planning Commission report on Bill 25-0064, which has finally been posted online, is erroneous. The vote on August 28 was not unanimous in favor; in fact, Commissioner McCoach not only voted against the bill, but made statements indicating that the bill violates numerous City policies adopted and pursued in recent years.

The video recording of the Commissioners' full deliberation and vote, including the dissenting Commissioner's observations, may be viewed here:

<https://youtu.be/394caX0D754>

The erroneous Planning Commission report has already been shared with, and has influenced, at least one other agency's report on this bill. Now that the misinformation is on the public

9/10/25, 6:03 PM

Mail - Joan Floyd - Outlook

website, it is available to influence and mislead those trying to prepare for Thursday's scheduled hearing. Had this item been posted and the error discovered several days ago, it might have been possible to turn this situation around. I do not believe, given the electronic submission deadline of 10:00 am tomorrow, that it would be fair to go forward with the hearing as scheduled.

- Joan Floyd



FROM	NAME & TITLE	CHRIS RYER, DIRECTOR	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #25-0064 / ZONING – BULK AND YARD REQUIREMENTS – AMENDMENTS		

TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 North Holliday Street

DATE: September 5, 2025

At its regular meeting of August 28, 2025, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #25-0064, for the purpose of amending certain bulk and yard requirements in residential zoning districts.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report, which recommended approval of City Council Bill #25-0064, along with two technical amendments offered verbally during the meeting, and adopted the following resolution, with six members being present (six in favor):

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, adopts the findings and equity analysis outlined in the staff report, with consideration for testimony and facts presented in the meeting, and recommends that City Council Bill #25-0064 be **amended and approved** by the City Council, with the two amendments as follows:

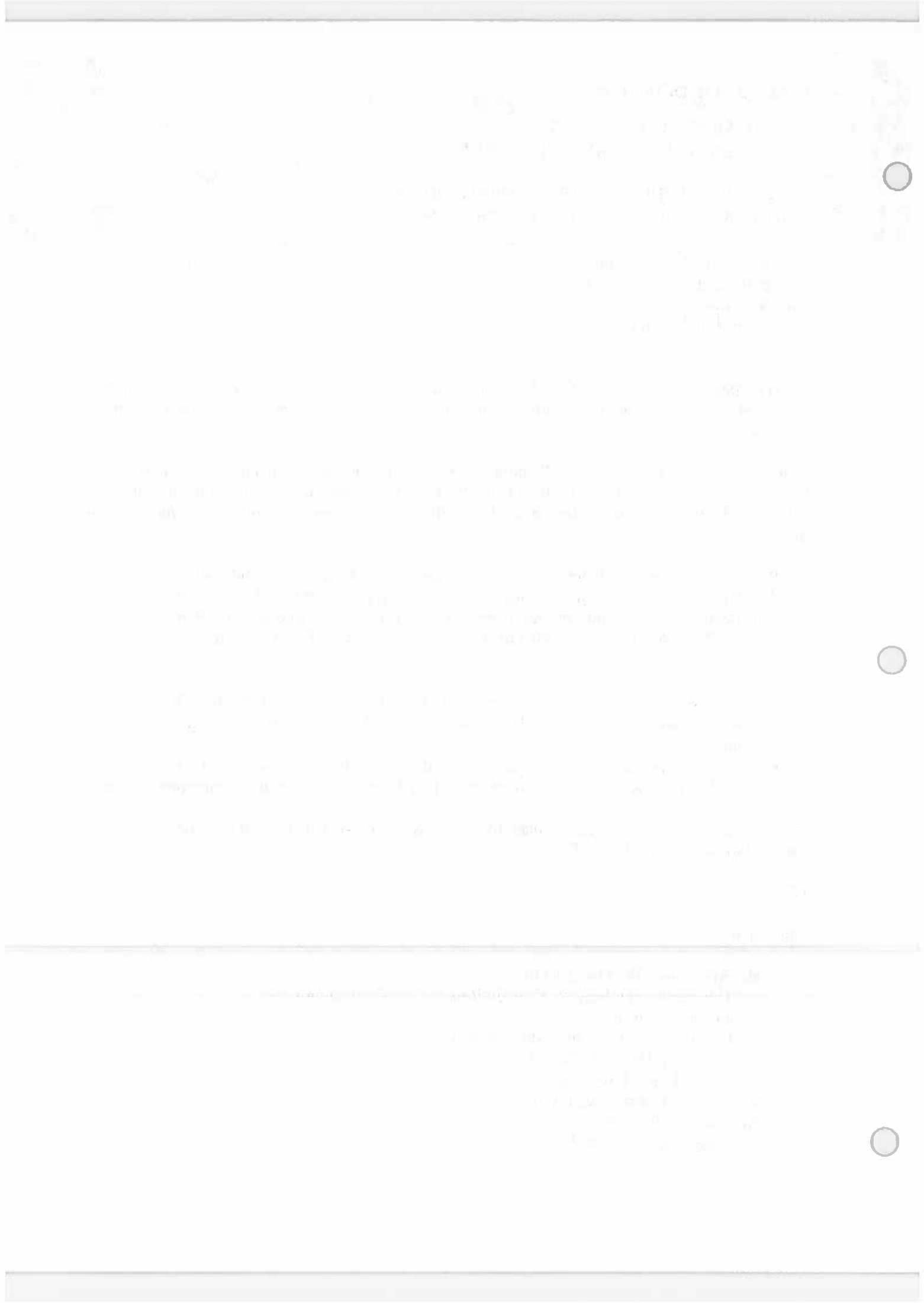
- On page 2, in line 25, in the column for the R-1D District that reads “[20] 10 20 feet” should strike the extraneous “20” to read “[20] 10 ~~20~~ feet” to correct a typographical error; and
- On page 2, in line 17-18, in the column for the R-2 District that reads “[10] 5 feet 10” should strike the extraneous “10” to read “[10] 5 feet ~~10~~” to correct a typographical error.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

CR/ewt

attachment

cc: Ms. Nina Themelis, Mayor’s Office
The Honorable John Bullock, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
Ms. Rebecca Witt, BMZA
Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration
Ms. Stephanie Murdock, DHCD
Ms. Hilary Ruley, Law Dept.
Mr. Francis Burnszynski, PABC
Mr. Luciano Diaz, DOT
Ms. Nancy Mead, Council Services





Re: Publication of Notice of City Council Hearings

From Joan Floyd <joanlfloyd@hotmail.com>

Date Thu 9/4/2025 9:38 AM

To rdorsey <ryan.dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>; Levine, Adam (LAW) <adam.levine@baltimorecity.gov>; Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>; Jones, Jermaine (City Council) <jermaine.jones@baltimorecity.gov>

Councilman Dorsey:

You may consider the incorrect Bill number in the newspaper ad for Bill 25-0064 (and 25-0065) to be a "mere typo," but these things actually do matter. If we were to reproduce that ad on a flyer to circulate in residential neighborhoods, one or more citizens would inevitably use the wrong Bill number when writing in to the City Council. And that error would likely cause their statement of concern to be lost.

When I checked this morning, agency reports were not posted on the website for Bill 25-0064 — not even from Planning, which completed its process one week ago. When the Planning Staff Report does come through, it will be misleading, as two of the Bill's most significant amendments to the R-8 zone — building height increase and rear setback elimination — are not even acknowledged.

The burden of informing people about this Bill and its impacts has fallen on us, unfairly; the civil servants we pay are failing to do the job. We have our own jobs and family responsibilities and should not be put in this situation. Every indication is that this Bill is being rushed through to the detriment of those who will be negatively impacted.

This situation calls to mind last year's rush to enact a faulty Master Plan Land Use Map with insufficient public awareness. Planning, City Council, and the Administration were all eager to move ahead, and the future use of land along Falls Road was designated as "Industrial." But it has become abundantly clear that this plan was out of touch with popular opinion, and that there are very different ideas for the future of that land.

Let's not repeat that with Bill 25-0064. This Bill proposes major, unexpected, and even shocking changes to our traditional Rowhouse blocks. The time for awareness is now, not later. Let's not have homeowners suddenly learning a year from now that the City is allowing the 6-foot backyard fence next door to be replaced by a 45' firewall.

- Joan Floyd

ps: I prefer "Ms. Floyd." I don't think we know each other well enough to be on a first-name basis.

From: rdorsey <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 8:49 PM

To: Joan Floyd <joanlfloyd@hotmail.com>; Levine, Adam (LAW) <Adam.Levine@baltimorecity.gov>; Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>; Jones, Jermaine (City Council) <jermaine.jones@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Re: Publication of Notice of City Council Hearings

Joan,

I have reviewed the notice and do not believe it is "defective" due to a mere typo. I believe it fills its intended purpose and the hearings will proceed as scheduled.

Ryan Dorsey
Baltimore City Council
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c 410-925-4156

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From: Joan Floyd <joanlfloyd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 2:35:46 PM
To: Levine, Adam (LAW) <Adam.Levine@baltimorecity.gov>; rdorsey <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>; Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>; Jones, Jermaine (City Council) <jermaine.jones@baltimorecity.gov>
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All:

I have just located defective Notices on the Daily Record website for Sept 11 hearings.

Please check the notice and you will certainly agree that the notice is not correct.

I would very much appreciate a response today that the hearings will NOT go forward on Thursday, Sept 11.

- Joan Floyd

From: Joan Floyd <joanlfloyd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 1:18 PM
To: Levine, Adam (Law Dept) <adam.levine@baltimorecity.gov>; Dorsey, Ryan (City Council) <ryan.dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>; Ramos, Odette (City Council) <odette.amos@baltimorecity.gov>; Jones, Jermaine (City Council) <jermaine.jones@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Publication of Notice of City Council Hearings

Mr. Levine and City Council Members:

I just spoke with the City Council President's office to ask what Publication is used to publish notice of City Council hearings.

Mr. Davis of City Council staff stated that **he had never heard that question before and they do not publish notice in a Publication.**

This is of concern to me, since the State Land Use Article requires notice to be published 15 days prior to a City Council hearing on a Zoning Code amendment.

I called the office because I wanted to see the published notices of hearings that are apparently scheduled for Thursday, September 11 on Bills 25-0064 and 25-0065. It surprised me that the hearings would be so soon, since the Planning Commission hearings were conducted just last Thursday.

Before I prepare for a September 11 hearing, I would like to have assurance that proper public notice has been published. At the moment, that is simply not possible.

Any assistance will be appreciated.

- Joan Floyd



Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: natschall@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Natalie Schall
<natschall@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 2:10 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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Dear City Council Testimony,

I am writing in support of Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

In order for Baltimore to grow, it must be a city that accommodates young families. #25-0062 will allow more diverse building designs in Baltimore City that more easily accommodate multiple bedrooms for families and allow for more windows in and better cross-ventilation of apartments.

Much of our built environment in Baltimore pre-dates present bulk and yard requirements. Adjusting those requirements, as #25-0064 seeks to do, will also further a diversity of building types in the city, allowing us to build both larger and smaller kinds of homes and enabling more people of different incomes and needs to live in more neighborhoods.

One of the largest costs associated with construction of new housing is parking. The city's remaining parking minimums are arbitrary and force up the cost of housing for everyone living in a building, even if they choose not to own a car. Devoting too much space to parking also degrades the walkability of neighborhoods, removing potential space for housing and small businesses in favor of car storage. #25-0065 would remove arbitrary parking minimums, and allow a developer or homeowner to determine their parking needs. Cities across the country have successfully repealed arbitrary parking minimums, and seen improvements to the walkability, affordability, and small business climate as a result.

All three of these bills are consistent with goals outlined in the city's recently adopted comprehensive plan, and will work to make Baltimore a more affordable, walkable, and family-friendly place to call home.

I encourage the Land Use and Transportation Committee to vote favorably, and for the full council to pass Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Sincerely,
Natalie Schall
1613 Bolton St Baltimore, MD 21217-5340 natschall@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: isabelagarces97@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Isabela Garces Molina
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Sincerely,

Ms. Isabela Garces Molina

3405 Greenway Unit 105 Baltimore, MD 21218-2640 isabelagarces97@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: nicholas.mayr88@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nicholas Mayr <nicholas.mayr88@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 12:45 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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Sincerely,

Mr. Nicholas Mayr

224 Warren Ave Baltimore, MD 21230-3927 nicholas.mayr88@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Sauer, Kimberly (City Council)
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 11:31 AM
To: Leva, Anthony F (City Council)
Cc: Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Gray, Paris (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Bikemore and CMTA letter on 3 Housing Ordinances
Attachments: Bikemore and CMTA on 3 Housing Ordinances.pdf

FYI- not sure if they submitted this but wanted to forward it along for the bill file.

Best,

Kim Sauer (she/her)
Chief of Staff/Director of Policy & Strategic Planning
Office of Councilman Paris Gray, 8th District
410-396-4818 (o) 443-934-3236 (c)

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Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 7:21 PM
To: Gray, Paris (City Council) <Paris.Gray@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Jed Weeks <jed@bikemore.net>
Subject: Bikemore and CMTA letter on 3 Housing Ordinances

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Hello CM Gray,

Please see the attached letter jointly from Bikemore and the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance regarding three ordinances being heard by the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Brian

Brian O'Malley

President & CEO
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: TTFitzcom@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Terry Fitzgerald
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Dear City Council Testimony,

I am writing in support of Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Councilman Schleifer,

I write to ask you to support bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065. This is not just a message generated by a computer. We have lived in Mt Washington since 1984. My wife was born here in 1950 and lived in Mt Washington until 1970. We are concerned about the vitality of Baltimore AND we are concerned about pollution and the climate chaos. Addressing these requires new approaches to housing, including development that is oriented more to transit than to two automobiles per family. About these bills:

In order for Baltimore to grow, it must be a city that accommodates young families. #25-0062 will allow more diverse building designs in Baltimore City that more easily accommodate multiple bedrooms for families and allow for more windows in and better cross-ventilation of apartments.

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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,

Ms. Tori McReynolds

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Nicole Hartig <max0787@gmail.com>
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The above is a form's words, rather than my own, but I agree wholeheartedly with every word, which is why I left it as is. The path to a vibrant, thriving city is through localized employment opportunities, and the only way those opportunities can become a sustainable reality is through growing a sufficient population base, especially one not reliant on cars for transportation. Baltimore City can't achieve this through the inherent sprawl and low density of SFH dominance. We need more dense housing options, and I support any bill which targets that goal.

I encourage the Land Use and Transportation Committee to vote favorably, and for the full council to pass Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Lillian Mitchell <lillian.mitchell@gmail.com>
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Date: Thu, Sep 11, 2025 at 9:29 AM
Subject: Re: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065
To: lillian.mitchell@gmail.com <lillian.mitchell@gmail.com>

Good morning,

Thank you for your email. To ensure your comments are included in the official bill file and received by the committee, please submit your testimony to testimony@baltimorecity.gov.

Thank you,
Hailey Kancherla

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From: lillian.mitchell@everyactionadvocacy.com <lillian.mitchell@everyactionadvocacy.com> on behalf of Lillian Mitchell <lillian.mitchell@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 8:01 PM
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In order for Baltimore to grow, it must be a city that accommodates young families. #25-0062 will allow more diverse building designs in Baltimore City that more easily accommodate multiple bedrooms for families and allow for more windows in and better cross-ventilation of apartments. I am eager to see more design flexibility and corresponding housing for families - both owners and renters.

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I encourage the Land Use and Transportation Committee to vote favorably, and for the full council to pass Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lillian Mitchell

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Emily Riehl <eriehl@jhu.edu>
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I'm a homeowner and was previously a renter in Baltimore city.

I hope to live here for a long time and in the future would like to see greater density, great affordability, better public transportation, better pedestrian infrastructure, and more services. Mandatory parking minimums get away from this.

I say this as someone who has to park on the street and knows it can be difficult. It's okay to make the cost of owning a car a little bit more expensive if we're also supporting car free live styles (eg with neighborhood supermarkets). I hope in a decade I have to pay for parking in a parking garage because my neighborhood (Mount Vernon) is more dense. I think greater development would bring benefits to outweigh the inconvenience of less parking, even for neighborhood residents.

Emily Riehl

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Kelly Miller Professor of Mathematics (she/her) Johns Hopkins University emilyriehl.github.io

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Good morning,

Please see my statement below.

Best,
Joanna Kriss

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Date: September 11, 2025 at 9:46:53 AM EDT
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Laurie Wilmot <laurieaw101@comcast.net>
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Dear Council President Zeke Cohen and Council Member Jones,

I am writing in support of Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

In order for Baltimore to grow, it must be a city that accommodates young families. #25-0062 will allow more diverse building designs in Baltimore City that more easily accommodate multiple bedrooms for families and allow for more windows in and better cross-ventilation of apartments. This will help increase natural light and improve indoor air quality that are both important for human health!

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One of the largest costs associated with construction of new housing is parking. The city's remaining parking minimums are arbitrary and force up the cost of housing for everyone living in a building, even if they choose not to own a car. Devoting too much space to parking also degrades the walkability of neighborhoods, removing potential space for housing and small businesses in favor of car storage. #25-0065 would remove arbitrary parking minimums, and allow a developer or homeowner to determine their parking needs. Cities across the country have successfully repealed arbitrary parking minimums, and seen improvements to the walkability, affordability, and small business climate as a result. There are already exemptions in place in Baltimore. Developers can decide based on the projected demand how much parking to build.

All three of these bills are consistent with goals outlined in the city's recently adopted comprehensive plan, and will work to make Baltimore a more affordable, walkable, and family-friendly place to call home.

I encourage the Land Use and Transportation Committee to vote favorably, and for the full council to pass Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Meredith Purvis <meredithpurvis@gmail.com>
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Dear Council President Zeke Cohen,

I am writing in support of Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

For Baltimore to grow, it has to be a city where people at every stage of life can put down roots—whether that’s young families, single people just starting out, or professionals who want to stay and invest here. Bill #25-0062 makes it easier to design buildings with layouts that work for more people—apartments with more bedrooms, more windows, and better airflow.

Much of our housing was built before today’s bulk and yard rules came into play. Bill #25-0064 would update those rules so we can build a wider range of housing types—both larger and smaller homes—so people with different incomes and needs can find the right fit in more neighborhoods.

Parking is one of the biggest costs in building new housing, and the city’s minimum requirements only make it more expensive. They raise rents and home prices for everyone, even those who don’t own a car. They also take up space that could be used for housing or small businesses, and they make neighborhoods less walkable. Bill #25-0065 would remove those outdated rules and let builders or homeowners decide how much parking makes sense. Cities that have taken this step have seen housing become more affordable, neighborhoods more walkable, and local businesses stronger.

Together, these three bills line up with the city’s comprehensive plan and move us toward a Baltimore that’s more affordable, more walkable, and more welcoming for everyone who wants to call it home.

I encourage the Land Use and Transportation Committee to vote favorably, and for the full council to pass Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Sincerely,
Ms Meredith Purvis
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meredithpurvis@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Jay Lazar <loparjay@gmail.com>
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To whom it may concern,

I, Jay Lazar, resident of Baltimore City for 21 years, wish to submit testimony in support of bills CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065.

In short, Baltimore has the potential to be a world class city and destination for residents and tourists once our reliance on cars and our prioritization for cars can take a back seat to the well being of people. The health, business, transportation and desirability benefits are overwhelmingly in support of better walkability, reduced emissions, transportation equity and investment that can only be made possible when we no longer prioritize the automobile over human beings. Yes, there will be noise from those resistant to change and mired in a bygone era and environment that no longer exists. It's quite honestly why we are in the climate crisis no longer at our doorsteps, but within the confines of what we used to call safe.

Please put any financial interests bestowed on you by the fossil fuel and auto based development lobbies aside and represent your constituents and their best interests. Support CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065.

Sincerely,
Jay Lazar
Baltimore 21215

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: webarringer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Whitney Barringer
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Sincerely,
Greg Lawson
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Tony DeFranco <tonydefranco@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Abigail Eisley <abigail.eisley@gmail.com>
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Drew Beier <dbeier@smp-architects.com>
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From: Ethan Horn <ethanchorn@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Alexanderthezhu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alex Zhu
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From: kphilipsen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Klaus Philipsen
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Land Use and Transportation are closely intertwined. The three bills in question support better land use which in turn will make it easier to have effective transit.

The bulk and yard requirements have prevented or complicated many adaptive re-use projects in Baltimore as I know from my own experience as an architect.

Many projects are built with too much parking because of antiquated requirements. The provision of the parking has increased the cost of projects and contributes to high housing cost. Let the market decide how much they want to build except in TOD zones where we should have caps.

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Sincerely,
Mr. Klaus Philipsen
1100 Wicomico St Baltimore, MD 21230-2063 kphilipsen@archplan.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Peter Griffith <pcgriffith@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 9:36 AM
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Mary Rayme <wvgirl26241@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 9:36 AM
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Theodore Wilhite <theodore.wilhite@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 9:28 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Fwd: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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I really love Baltimore and want it to stay affordable so I can grow my family here. Please pass all the housing bills asap!!!

You're doing such important work rising to the biggest challenge of our times.

Teddy

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Date: Thu, Sep 11, 2025 at 9:08 AM
Subject: Re: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065
To: theodore.wilhite@gmail.com <theodore.wilhite@gmail.com>

Good morning,

Thank you for your email. To ensure your comments are included in the official bill file and received by the committee, please submit your testimony to testimony@baltimorecity.gov.

Thank you,
Hailey Kancherla

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
[100 Holliday Street, Room 400](#)
[Baltimore, MD 21202](#)
[Office: \(410\) 396-4804](#)

From: theodore.wilhite@everyactionadvocacy.com <theodore.wilhite@everyactionadvocacy.com> on behalf of Theodore Wilhite <theodore.wilhite@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 3:04 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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Sincerely,

Theodore Wilhite

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Jack Shock <jackshck@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 9:21 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Ivan Ginsberg <iginsberg10@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 9:17 AM
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: loparjay@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jay Lazar
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Sincerely,
Mr Jay Lazar
5506 Rusk Ave Baltimore, MD 21215-4133
loparjay@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Chris Plano <chris.e.plano@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 9:16 AM
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Sincerely,
Dr. Chris Plano
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Kennedy Smith <kennedy@ilsr.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 9:15 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Testimony in support of Council Bill 25-0065
Attachments: 2025-09-11 - Baltimore City Council re parking minimums.pdf

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: City of Baltimore <noreply@formresponse.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 9:07 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Form submission from: Testify Before the Baltimore City Council
Attachments: Health Commissioner Letter of Support.pdf

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Testify Before the Baltimore City Council

On which bill would you like to testify?

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Position	Support
Type of Testimony	Written
Upload Testimony	Health Commissioner Letter of Support.pdf

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: iginsberg10@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ivan Ginsberg <iginsberg10@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 8:56 AM
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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On which bill would you like to testify?

25-0065 - Zoning – Eliminating Off-Street Parking Requirements

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Sincerely,
Dr. Chris Plano
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1106 Roland Heights Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-1240 proteusyo@gmail.com

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From: Alex Andelsman <AAndelsman@marylandbuilders.org>
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Good Morning,

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Best,

Alex Andelsman
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aandelsman@marylandbuilders.org
[Maryland Building Industry Association](#)
[11825 W. Market Place](#)
[Fulton, MD 20759](#)
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From: pkmorrell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Peter Morrill
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Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 6:27 AM
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Subject: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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Sincerely,
Robert Armenti
4100 N Charles St Apt 309 Baltimore, MD 21218-1058 rjarmenti@hotmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: heatherhax@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Heather Hax
<heatherhax@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Dr. Heather Hax
1442 Redfern Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-1529 heatherhax@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: agrube@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alex Grube
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Mr. Alex Grube
124 W Clement St Baltimore, MD 21230-4237 agrube@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: lezleekay@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Leslie Kopchinski
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Sincerely,
Leslie Kopchinski
4638 Harcourt Rd Baltimore, MD 21214-3338 lezleekay@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: eriehl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emily Riehl
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Sincerely,
Dr Emily Riehl
22 W Chase St Baltimore, MD 21201-5405
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<jgellersw@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Judith Geller
3143 Abell Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-3412 jgellersw@aol.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: isaakmertz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Isaak Mertz
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Sincerely,
Isaak Mertz
645 N Paca St Baltimore, MD 21201-1919
isaakmertz@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: cdemario42@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Caleb DeMario <cdemario42@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Caleb DeMario
3204 Rosekemp Ave Baltimore, MD 21214-3211 cdemario42@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Michael Scepaniak <michael@baltpop.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 11:24 PM
To: rdorsey
Cc: Leva, Anthony F (City Council); Nicholes, Ash (City Council); Weiss, Sumner (City Council)
Subject: Re: Land Use & Transportation Committee - written testimony

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Councilman Dorsey,

Were these pieces of testimony received and distributed successfully?

Mike...

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On Sun, Sep 7, 2025, at 10:17 PM, Michael Scepaniak wrote:

Attached, please find testimony on behalf of BaltPOP to be considered in the upcoming Land Use & Transportation Committee hearings regarding the following bills:

- Bill 25-0062 (Building Code – Single Exit From Residential Occupancy)
- Bill 25-0064 (Zoning – Bulk And Yard Requirements – Amendments)
- Bill 25-0065 (Zoning – Eliminating Off-street Parking Requirements)

Please confirm receipt. Thank you for your time and efforts. Good luck!

Mike....

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On Thu, Aug 28, 2025, at 11:07 AM, Weiss, Sumner (City Council) wrote:

Best to send it in a couple of days before. But the earlier, the better- it will give committee members more time to review.

Sumner Weiss (he/him)



Baltimore City Council

Director of Legislative Affairs
Councilman Ryan Dorsey
Baltimore City Council, District 3
sumner.weiss@baltimorecity.gov
(410) 396-4812

From: Michael Scepaniak <michael@baltpop.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 4:16 PM
To: rdorsey <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Leva, Anthony F (City Council) <anthony.leva@baltimorecity.gov>; Weiss, Sumner (City Council) <Sumner.Weiss@baltimorecity.gov>; Nicholes, Ash (City Council) <Ash.Nicholes@baltimorecity.gov>
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Thank you. Is there a deadline other than "before the hearing starts"? Or do you need it by EOD one or two days before?

Mike.....

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On Tue, Aug 26, 2025, at 3:34 PM, rdorsey wrote:

Send them as a PDF attachment to me at this address and CC the three others I've CC'd here.

Ryan Dorsey
Baltimore City Council
District 3
o [410-396-4812](tel:410-396-4812)
c [410-925-4156](tel:410-925-4156)

"To be on the side of people who are struggling for something doesn't necessarily mean you are being political." -Bob Dylan

From: Michael Scepaniak <michael@baltpop.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 1:47:50 PM
To: rdorsey <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>
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Councilmember Dorsey,

We'd like to submit written testimony in support of the bills being considered in the Land Use & Transportation Committee on September 11th and 18th. What are the procedures for doing that? To whom should I send the testimony and by when? I don't see instructions posted for these meetings or prior meetings. Thank you.

Mike.....

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Attachments:

- Baltimore City Bill 25-0065 Testimony (Zoning – Eliminating Off-street Parking Requirements) 20250907.pdf
- Baltimore City Bill 25-0064 Testimony (Zoning – Bulk And Yard Requirements – Amendments) 20250907.pdf
- Baltimore City Bill 25-0062 Testimony (Building Code – Single Exit From Residential Occupancy) 20250907.pdf

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Mr. Dave Reichley
3809 Keswick Rd Baltimore, MD 21211-2244 dreichley@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: abigail.eisley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Abigail Eisley
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Sincerely,
Abigail Eisley
5817 Merville Ave Baltimore, MD 21215-4157 abigail.eisley@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Noah Tobias
202 E Read St Baltimore, MD 21202-3703
njacobtobias@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: vanessakelly331@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vanessa Kelly <vanessakelly331@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Ms Vanessa Kelly
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jithiny@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jithin Yohannan
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: max0787@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nicole Hartig <max0787@everyactioncustom.com>
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The above is a form's words, rather than my own, but I agree wholeheartedly with every word, which is why I left it as is. The path to a vibrant, thriving city is through localized employment opportunities, and the only way those opportunities can become a sustainable reality is through growing a sufficient population base, especially one not reliant on cars for transportation. Baltimore City can't achieve this through the inherent sprawl and low density of SFH dominance. We need more dense housing options, and I support any bill which targets that goal.

I encourage the Land Use and Transportation Committee to vote favorably, and for the full council to pass Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nicole Hartig
2917 Glenmore Ave Baltimore, MD 21214-1709 max0787@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: antigonemydear@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Aaeron Robb
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Sincerely,

Ms. Aaeron Robb

6130 Chinquapin Pkwy Baltimore, MD 21239-1905 antigonemydear@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: tojjones@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tyler Jones
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I want a Baltimore where development is possible, where our streets and buildings aren't half-allocated to car storage, where people want to move, live, work and start a family. I hope you will support these bills and future bills that encourage affordable housing, development, and transit. Thank you!

I encourage the Land Use and Transportation Committee to vote favorably, and for the full council to pass Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Sincerely,
Mr. Tyler Jones
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: kristiewoods79@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of K Woods <kristiewoods79@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jackshck@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jack Shock
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Sincerely,
Jack Shock
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: kreedpetty@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kate Petty
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: efurigab9@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Eloise Brown <efurigab9@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mrs Eloise Brown
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jbfertig@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Justin Fertig
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Sincerely,
Justin Fertig
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: laurieaw101@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laurie Wilmot <laurieaw101@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,

Mr. Laurie Wilmot

824 N Calvert St Apt 516 Baltimore, MD 21202-4994 laurieaw101@comcast.net

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: j.thrul@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Johannes Thrul
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Sincerely,
Johannes Thrul
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: ethanchorn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ethan Horn
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Sincerely,
Mr. Ethan Horn
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: zkaufman43@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Zachary Kaufman <zkaufman43@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Zachary Kaufman
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: kbar720@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katherine Barrett Zywan <kbar720@everyactioncustom.com>
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I encourage the Land Use and Transportation Committee to vote favorably, and for the full council to pass Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Sincerely,
Ms. Katherine Barrett Zywan
3914 Beech Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-2224 kbar720@aol.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: meredithpurvis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Meredith Purvis
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For Baltimore to grow, it has to be a city where people at every stage of life can put down roots—whether that’s young families, single people just starting out, or professionals who want to stay and invest here. Bill #25-0062 makes it easier to design buildings with layouts that work for more people—apartments with more bedrooms, more windows, and better airflow.

Much of our housing was built before today’s bulk and yard rules came into play. Bill #25-0064 would update those rules so we can build a wider range of housing types—both larger and smaller homes—so people with different incomes and needs can find the right fit in more neighborhoods.

Parking is one of the biggest costs in building new housing, and the city’s minimum requirements only make it more expensive. They raise rents and home prices for everyone, even those who don’t own a car. They also take up space that could be used for housing or small businesses, and they make neighborhoods less walkable. Bill #25-0065 would remove those outdated rules and let builders or homeowners decide how much parking makes sense. Cities that have taken this step have seen housing become more affordable, neighborhoods more walkable, and local businesses stronger. Together, these three bills line up with the city’s comprehensive plan and move us toward a Baltimore that’s more affordable, more walkable, and more welcoming for everyone who wants to call it home.

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Sincerely,
Ms Meredith Purvis
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: ufdelcastillo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ursula Fernandez del Castillo
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Sincerely,
Ursula Fernandez del Castillo
1 S Collington Ave Baltimore, MD 21231-2012 ufdelcastillo@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: pcgriffith@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Peter Griffith
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Sincerely,
Dr. Peter Griffith
2412 Ken Oak Rd Baltimore, MD 21209-4310 pcgriffith@mac.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: dave@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Zielnicki PLA
<dave@everyactioncustom.com>
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As a professional landscape architect and urban designer living and working in Baltimore, I urge you to consider the great benefit these bills pose to the livability and beauty of our City. #25-0062 will allow more diverse building designs in Baltimore City that more easily accommodate multiple bedrooms for families and allow for more windows in and better cross-ventilation of apartments.

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Sincerely,
Mr. David Zielnicki PLA
604 W 34th St Baltimore, MD 21211-2603
dave@unknownstudio.la

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: gtaylor@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of gregory taylor
<gtaylor@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
mr gregory taylor
4321 Mainfield Ave Baltimore, MD 21214-2840 gtaylor@umaryland.edu

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Jed Weeks <jed@bikemore.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 8:21 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Fwd: Bikemore and CMTA letter on 3 Housing Ordinances
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Date: Wed, Sep 10, 2025, 19:16
Subject: Bikemore and CMTA letter on 3 Housing Ordinances
To: rdorsey <ryan.dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Jed Weeks <jed@bikemore.net>, Eric Norton <enorton@cmtalliance.org>

Hello Chair Dorsey,

Please see the attached letter jointly from Bikemore and the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance.

Brian

Brian O'Malley

President & CEO

Central Maryland Transportation Alliance

(410)419-5374

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: krystina.b.alfano@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Krystina Alfano
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Sincerely,

Krystina Alfano

216 E Lafayette Ave Baltimore, MD 21202-2835 krystina.b.alfano@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jayxshao@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jay Shao
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Sincerely,

Jay Shao

1327 Medfield Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-1526 jayxshao@protonmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: matthewmaterkowski@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Matthew Materkowski
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Sincerely,

Mr. Matthew Materkowski

319 Hawthorne Rd Baltimore, MD 21210-2302 matthewmaterkowski@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: wvgirl26241@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Rayme <wvgirl26241@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mary Rayme
3216 Chesley Ave Baltimore, MD 21234-7816 wvgirl26241@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: barret.i.rus@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Barret Rus
<barret.i.rus@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Barret Rus
1211 S Conkling St Baltimore, MD 21224-5341 barret.i.rus@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: lillian.mitchell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lillian Mitchell
<lillian.mitchell@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Lillian Mitchell
101 Park Ln Baltimore, MD 21210-2326
lillian.mitchell@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: bone3246@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Williams <bone3246@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. John Williams
408 Montrose Ave Catonsville, MD 21228-5615 bone3246@yahoo.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jbyrne1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Luke Byrne <jbyrne1@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Luke Byrne
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: natalie.spicyn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of natalie spicyn
<natalie.spicyn@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Dr. natalie spicyn
3933 Keswick Rd Baltimore, MD 21211-2227 natalie.spicyn@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: anna.ellis2222@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anna Ellis <anna.ellis2222@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Anna Ellis
1207 W 40th St Baltimore, MD 21211-1726 anna.ellis2222@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: grantcorley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Grant Corley
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Mr. Grant Corley
113 N Ellwood Ave Baltimore, MD 21224-1308 grantcorley@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: kneel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Neil Cooler
<kneel@everyactioncustom.com>
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I'm including the text from Bikemore below, but to drive this home I am a resident in your district that supports all three of these bills as I believe they will improve the city's density and affordability, with lower impacts to the environment.

Thank you!

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Sincerely,
Mr. Neil Cooler
2706 N Calvert St Baltimore, MD 21218-4404 kneel@digitaldefection.net

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: MattOberdier@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Matt Oberdier
<MattOberdier@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,

Dr. Matt Oberdier

1010 McDonogh St Baltimore, MD 21205-1110 MattOberdier@HotMail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: maehanzlik@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Aravind Boddupalli
<maehanzlik@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Aravind Boddupalli
1819 Eutaw Pl Baltimore, MD 21217-6101
maehanzlik@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: lynnie.moore@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carolyn Moore
<lynnie.moore@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Ms Carolyn Moore
843 Powers St Baltimore, MD 21211-2511
lynnie.moore@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: ryanjeffries91@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ryan Jeffries <ryanjeffries91@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Ryan Jeffries
1314 Valley St Baltimore, MD 21202-5614 ryanjeffries91@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: rowhawn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rohan Pathare
<rowhawn@everyactioncustom.com>
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Mr. Rohan Pathare
2830 Maryland Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-4028 rowhawn@gmail.com

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Sincerely,

Mr. Drew Beier

1115 Riverside Ave Baltimore, MD 21230-4119 dbeier@smp-architects.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: tonydefranco@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tony Defranco
<tonydefranco@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Tony Defranco
520 Park Ave Apt 505 Baltimore, MD 21201-4780 tonydefranco@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: paigecspencer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paige Spencer
<paigecspencer@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
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paigecspencer@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jflec415@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jordan Fleck <jflec415@everyactioncustom.com>
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Jordan Fleck
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Sincerely,
David Noppenberger
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noppenbd@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: joannanicolekriss@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joanna Kriss
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On which bill would you like to testify?

25-0064 - Zoning – Bulk and Yard Requirements - Amendments

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Affiliation	Health Care for the Homeless (Baltimore)
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Phone Number	(443) 838-7867
Address	421 Fallsway, Baltimore, MD, 21212
Position	Support
Type of Testimony	Written
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1418 Mill Race Rd Baltimore, MD 21211-2325 justinduvall@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Jody Landers <jodylanders3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 3:59 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Statement Opposing CCB 25-0064 and 25-0065
Attachments: The Case Against Zoning Bills 25-0064, 25-0065.pdf

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I am hereby submitting my statement opposing the passage of the CCB bills 25-0064 and 25-0065. The bills are scheduled for a hearing in front of the Land Use Committee, on Thursday, Sept. 11th at 10:00 am.

Jody Landers

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: theodore.wilhite@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Theodore Wilhite
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Sincerely,

Theodore Wilhite

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Maria Pecora <maria.elena.pecora@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 12:46 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Fwd: Please Oppose Transfer Station Relocation

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Thanks,

Maria Pecora

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From: Maria Pecora <maria.elena.pecora@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Sep 10, 2025 at 12:04 PM
Subject: Please Oppose Transfer Station Relocation
To: <zeke.cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Dear Council President Cohen,

I am writing as a resident of Baltimore to urge you to oppose the relocation of the city's transfer station. This decision would have a direct impact on neighborhoods in Districts 2, 4, 6, 9, and 10 — all of which already host existing transfer stations. Relocation would place an unnecessary burden on our communities, while also diverting public funds toward paying rent to a private company.

Instead, I strongly encourage you to support the original idea: if redevelopment plans for Sisson West prove satisfactory, the City should sell that land and use the proceeds to upgrade existing facilities. This approach would not only modernize infrastructure but also deliver direct benefits to residents in your district and throughout Baltimore.

Please prioritize a plan that improves services for constituents rather than outsourcing public responsibility. I urge you to stand with residents and oppose relocation.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,

Maria Pecora

109 W Monument St

Baltimore, MD 21201

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: City of Baltimore <noreply@formresponse.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:29 AM
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Subject: Form submission from: Testify Before the Baltimore City Council
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Testify Before the Baltimore City Council

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25-0065 - Zoning – Eliminating Off-Street Parking Requirements

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Position Support

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Blanchard, Zachary (City Council)
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 9:59 AM
To: 2ST; Testimony; Torrence, James (City Council); Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council)
Subject: Re: Bill 25-0064

Stephen,

Thank you for reaching out with your concern. To clarify one point, there is effectively no change to building height under 25-0064. The only change is to allow 45 feet height limits for rowhomes on widest streets as "By Right," rather than "Conditional by [Zoning] Board." This conditional use is already always approved by the zoning board, so there is no real change to the outcome, outside of a little less red tape for the homeowner.



Zac Blanchard
Councilmember, District 11
Office: (410) 396-4816

From: 2ST <shtopping@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 9:12 AM
To: Testimony <Testimony@baltimorecity.gov>; Torrence, James (City Council) <James.Torrence@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Schleifer, Isaac (City Council) <Isaac.Schleifer@baltimorecity.gov>; Blanchard, Zachary (City Council) <zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov>
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From: Joan Floyd <joanlfloyd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 9:14 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Bill 25-0064 -- Two Opposition Documents
Attachments: Bill 25-0064 -- Rebuttal of Planning Report.pdf; Bill 25-0064 -- Some Questions.pdf

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To the Land Use Committee:

Attached please find two documents for distribution to the Committee before tomorrow's hearing, and for inclusion in the official bill file.

- Joan Floyd, 2828 N. Howard Street

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Youssef Mahmoud
33 N Potomac St Baltimore, MD 21224-1336 me@eusseph.org

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From: serra.sippel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Serra Sippel
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Serra Sippel
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From: sethzgold@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Seth Goldberg
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From: emily.g.raymond@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emily McDonnell
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Paul Converse <teklemikel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:00 PM
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From: teklemikel@everyactionadvocacy.com <teklemikel@everyactionadvocacy.com> on behalf of Paul Converse <teklemikel@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 8:34 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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jeffreykrum@hotmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Savarese, Brandy (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 5:17 PM
To: Jed Weeks, GRIA Land Use Chair; Testimony
Cc: rdorsey; Gray, Paris (City Council); Blanchard, Zachary (City Council)
Subject: RE: LOS for 25-0062, 25-0064, 25-0065

Thank you, GRIA. I have flagged your message for CM Blanchard's awareness.



Brandy Savarese

Chief of Staff, District 11

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Cc: rdorsey <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>; Gray, Paris (City Council) <Paris.Gray@baltimorecity.gov>; Blanchard, Zachary (City Council) <zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov>
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From: Murphy, Louisa <lmurphy@1919ic.com>
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To: Darlene Townsend
Cc: Testimony
Subject: RE: Personal Opposition to City Council Bills #25-0064, #25-0065 & #25-0066

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It was testimony@baltimorecity.gov – I sent this to that address (in addition to a few others)!

Louisa Murphy
Business Development Officer
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From: Darlene Townsend <ddtownsend@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 2:48 PM
To: Murphy, Louisa (1919ic) <lmurphy@1919ic.com>
Subject: Re: Personal Opposition to City Council Bills #25-0064, #25-0065 & #25-0066

Thanks for this, Louisa. There was an additional email address given somewhere along the way to have the testimony officially recorded, as I recall. Let me know if you want me to dig that up for you.

Darlene

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Raanan Barach <sbarach@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
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851 Glen Allen Dr Baltimore, MD 21229-1425

Sent from my iPhone

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Mead, Nancy (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 11:53 AM
To: Office of Council Services
Subject: FW: Personal Opposition to City Council Bills #25-0064, #25-0065 & #25-0066



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Good morning,

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Thank you,

Hailey Kancherla

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
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Dear Honorable Council President Cohen,

Please add my letter (below these comments) to the legislative files for each Bill referenced in the subject. I first sent this letter in July, but for whatever reason, it has yet to be included in the testimony.

Also, I am adding a link, below, to a recent Washington Post article which points out that the “national housing shortage” is actually isolated to three cities (Baltimore is NOT one of them) and that demographics and current construction projects will soon remedy those shortages.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2025/09/01/construction-housing-affordability-yimby-zoning/>

I don’t know if you listened to the Planning Commission’s recent call on these Bills, but if not, you should know that almost every comment came from someone who first identified themselves as black or brown and then went on to list the ways these Bills will negatively impact them. Many pointed out that disadvantaged neighborhoods will be disproportionately hurt by a Bill pretending to remedy the negative genesis of Single Family Zoning, while actually creating further inequities.

Finally, it’s clear that in Baltimore, the only areas where demand exceeds supply are in those zoned R-1A through R-1E. So, rather than dismantling what’s actually working, why don’t you create more Single Family zones?

My original letter is below. Thank you for adding it to the testimony.

-Louisa

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From: Murphy, Louisa (1919ic)
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:11 PM
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Cc: Conway, Mark (City Council) <mark.conway@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Opposition to COUNCIL BILL 25-0066

Dear Members of the Baltimore City Council,

I am a longtime resident of the historic Bellona-Gittings neighborhood, and I am writing to express my **strong opposition to City Council Bill 25-0066**, which would allow low-density multifamily dwelling units in areas currently zoned for single-family residences. I also oppose the related Bills 25-0064 and 25-0065, which would eliminate off-street parking requirements and reduce bulk and yard standards.

My family and I have lived on Gittings Avenue for 30 years. We chose this neighborhood specifically because of its single-family zoning, which has helped foster a close-knit, community-oriented environment. Bellona-Gittings experiences very low crime rates and maintains high property values compared to more densely zoned areas of the city.

While I recognize the national shortage of multifamily housing, Baltimore's more pressing issue is the lack of well-maintained, desirable single-family homes. The city already has numerous areas zoned for higher density (R-5 to R-10), making further rezoning unnecessary. Additionally, there are many vacant and abandoned properties already zoned for multifamily use that could be rehabilitated. I urge the Council to focus efforts on revitalizing those areas instead.

Is it the Council's intention to eliminate all areas in Baltimore City zoned exclusively for single-family dwellings? If so, what are the anticipated impacts on property values? It would be reasonable to anticipate values in neighborhoods impacted by your Bill to decline due to increased supply without a corresponding rise in demand—unless demand is artificially inflated by zoning changes that attract financial investors or absentee landlords. In that case, short-term price increases could come at the cost of long-term harm to historic neighborhoods and the communities they support.

The homes in my neighborhood are zoned R1-E and if that is changed to allow for greater density, MANY residents will move to the Country in search of less housing density. Please do NOT pass this terrible Bill #25-0066.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Graham Coreil-Allen <graham@grahamprojects.com>
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I am writing in support of Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

I am a public artist and placemaker living and working in Central and West Baltimore. I support this legislation! We need more housing and less costly parking to ensure Baltimore stays as affordable as possible for all working people, including artists like me and my team at Graham Projects.

We recently moved our headquarters to a warehouse in Station North that was a weird zone that should frankly not exist, Office-Residential. This OR zone encumbered our building with parking minimums and by right only allowed us to build less than four apartments. In order to make affordable artist work space and workforce housing, we need to get the parking minimums dropped and allowable density increased. We earned the support of the Charles North Community Association and the Greenmount West Community Association and with their endorsements the BMZA relieved us of the parking requirements and allowed us to build eight apartments.

This density bonus and parking relief make our development financially work. If we had been required to somehow find off-street parking and only built 3 huge apartments, the project would not have been financially viable and this warehouse would still be vacant. Thanks to the successful appeal, a formerly vacant building is now home to eight new apartments renting at 80% AMI, and one art company with a 10 year affordable lease.

I urge the Baltimore City Council to drop parking minimums all together so more infill development can happen!

I also agree with the other positions outlined by Bikemore:

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
Kristen Boss
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: cfurellis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charlie Furellis
<cfurellis@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr Charlie Furellis
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: agaynor12@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Adam Gaynor <agaynor12@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Adam Gaynor
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: davidpgrosso@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Grosso
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Sincerely,
Mr. David Grosso
21 W Hughes St Baltimore, MD 21230-3843 davidpgrosso@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Daniel Saragnese <daniel.saragnese@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 6:51 AM
To: Testimony; Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Subject: Fwd: Re: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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Dear Council President Zeke Cohen,

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Sincerely,
Daniel Saragnese
3929 Cloverhill Rd Baltimore, MD 21218-1708
daniel.saragnese@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: celsoguitian61@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Celso Guitian <celsoguitian61@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 4:46 AM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Celso Guitian

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: amcozzolino@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Aubrey Cozzolino
<amcozzolino@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 11:25 PM
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Sincerely,
Ms. Aubrey Cozzolino
1050 W Fayette St Baltimore, MD 21223-1931 amcozzolino@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: mfjrunbike@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Johnson
<mfjrunbike@everyactioncustom.com>
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My wife and I have received moved to Baltimore and having a walkable, affordable, and safe neighborhood to essential to our quality of life.

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Sincerely,
Mr. Mark Johnson
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: mark@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Treadwell
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Sincerely,
Mr. Mark Treadwell
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jenthien@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Thien
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I think one of the best ways to make the city more affordable is to reduce car dependency and encourage public transportation and other transportation alternatives. Cars are a huge expense.

I encourage the Land Use and Transportation Committee to vote favorably, and for the full council to pass Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Sincerely,
Ms. Jennifer Thien
259 S Ellwood Ave Baltimore, MD 21224-2211 jenthien@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: lynnseyeorourke@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lynnsey O'rourke
<lynnseyeorourke@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 8:52 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Oppose the Jones Falls Transfer Station proposal, especially without safety improvements

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Dear City Council Testimony,

I am writing in opposition to the city's proposal to relocate the Sisson Street Transfer Facility to the Potts & Callahan site along Falls Road in the Jones Falls Valley.

For years, the Mayor's Office and the Baltimore City Department of Transportation have made promises for improvements to this corridor that would make it safe for people of all ages and abilities to walk and bike from Maryland Avenue all the way to Union Avenue.

These promises included:

- 1) Widening the Jones Falls Trail to high quality trail standards between Maryland Avenue and the Round Falls switchbacks, as the trail along this section is below minimum trail width standards. Part of this proposal is currently in planning as part of the Jones Falls Gateway project.
- 2) Maintaining the closure to through traffic north of the Potts and Callahan site. This commitment was made by Mayor Scott in his first term to the Greater Remington Improvement Association to expand safe outdoor recreational space during the pandemic. Unfortunately, the commitment was broken and the road reopened. Baltimore City Department of Transportation was subsequently instructed to produce several designs including restoration of that traffic diverter, which were presented to the community with an anticipated installation timeline of 12 months. No improvements were installed.
- 3) Conversion of a small section of Falls Road and Clipper Mill Road to one-way, which would allow installation of a walking and biking sidepath on the most dangerous and narrow section of the corridor.

All three of these unrealized improvements--improvements already promised by the administration--are necessary to make the corridor safe and accessible to people of all ages and abilities walking and biking TODAY. Potential introduction of increased truck and personal vehicle traffic to the corridor with a relocation of the Sisson Street Transfer Facility makes all of these improvements even more urgent and necessary.

It's important to note that these improvements would not restrict vehicle access to any businesses or residences along the corridor. All would still be accessible by car, and via the routes currently most commonly used to access those residences and businesses. The only thing this proposal would do is prevent the most dangerous behavior on the corridor: through speeding by drivers seeking to avoid the JFX.

There is no safe path to relocation of the transfer facility to the Jones Falls Valley without all three of these improvements being installed in advance of or concurrently with relocation. Anyone supporting relocation without committing to these improvements is endorsing a plan that will injure and kill pedestrians and bicyclists.

I do not believe the proposed relocation site is a good one, but I urge you to commit to these improvements regardless of the outcome of the relocation proposal.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lynnsey O'rourke

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: lynnseyeorourke@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lynnsey ORourke
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Sincerely,

Lynnsey ORourke

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: rich.reis1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Richard Reis <rich.reis1@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Richard Reis
103 W 39th St Apt A2 Baltimore, MD 21210-3162 rich.reis1@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: teklemikel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paul Converse
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Sincerely,
Dr. Paul Converse
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: kjdowdle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kevin Dowdle
<kjdowdle@everyactioncustom.com>
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3902 Fait Ave Baltimore, MD 21224-4331
kjdowdle@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: j.braymer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jonathan Braymer
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3134 Berkshire Rd Baltimore, MD 21214-3404 j.braymer@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jlemke17@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jill Lemke <jlemke17@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Jill Lemke
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: corainjuly@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Coraline Karim
<corainjuly@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Coraline Karim
318 S Regester St Baltimore, MD 21231-2417 corainjuly@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: unklewalter@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessie Unterhalter
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Sincerely,
Ms. Jessie Unterhalter
415 W 28th St Baltimore, MD 21211-3027
unklewalter@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: arholt2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alex Holt <arholt2@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Alex Holt
1190 W Northern Pkwy Apt 416 Baltimore, MD 21210-1453 arholt2@comcast.net

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: creaston@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Claudia Easton
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Sincerely,
Ms. Claudia Easton
1208 E 35th St Baltimore, MD 21218-3030 creaston@bcps.k12.md.us

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: graham@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Graham Coreil-Allen
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I am a public artist and placemaker living and working in Central and West Baltimore. I support this legislation! We need more housing and less costly parking to ensure Baltimore stays as affordable as possible for all working people, including artists like me and my team at Graham Projects.

We recently moved our headquarters to a warehouse in Station North that was a weird zone that should frankly not exist, Office-Residential. This OR zone encumbered our building with parking minimums and by right only allowed us to build less than four apartments. In order to make affordable artist work space and workforce housing, we need to get the parking minimums dropped and allowable density increase. We earned the support of the Charles North Community Association and the Greenmount West Community Association and with their endorsements the BMZA relieved us of the parking requirements and allowed us to build eight apartments.

This density bonus and parking relief make our development financially work. If we had been required to somehow find off-street parking and only built 3 huge apartments, the project would not have been financially viable and this warehouse would still be vacant. Thanks to the successful appeal, a formerly vacant building is now home to eight new apartments renting at 80% AMI, and one art company with a 10 year affordable lease.

Now make drop parking minimums all together so more infill development can happen!

I also agree with the other positions outlined by Bikemore:

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Sincerely,

Mr. Graham Coreil-Allen

3210 Auchentoroly Ter Baltimore, MD 21217-1949 graham@grahamprojects.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: bouches@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of christopher hadley
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Sincerely,
christopher hadley
3332 Beech Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-2606 bouches@gmail.com

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From: ntg5040psu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nate Golden
<ntg5040psu@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Nate Golden
147 N Luzerne Ave Baltimore, MD 21224-1148 ntg5040psu@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: scottmessenger@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Scott Ames-Messinger
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Sincerely,
Scott Ames-Messinger
2503 Linden Ave Baltimore, MD 21217-4558 scottmessenger@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: garygillespie80@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gary Gillespie <garygillespie80@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,

Mr. Gary Gillespie

3206 Montebello Ter Baltimore, MD 21214-3323 garygillespie80@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: alvarosaltoweis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alvaro Morales
<alvarosaltoweis@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Alvaro Morales
3516 Foundry Mews Baltimore, MD 21211-1472 alvarosaltoweis@gmail.com

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From: tcimunn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tim Munn
<tcimunn@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Tim Munn
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tcimunn@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: ebkurtz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elliott Kurtz
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Mr. Elliott Kurtz
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ebkurtz@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jonmarchione@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jon Marchione
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Jon Marchione

3627 Buena Vista Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-1931 jonmarchione@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Matthew Bleakney <mbleak37@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 3:45 PM
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Subject: Matthew Bleakney Comments on Bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065

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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: mrshophoop@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia White
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Ms Patricia White
2200 E Lombard St Baltimore, MD 21231-2060 mrshophoop@hotmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Jonathon Poliszuk <jonpoliszuk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 3:39 PM
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Sincerely,
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samantharick@gmail.com

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From: o.d.larson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Owen Larson
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Sincerely,
Owen Larson
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jennifer.marie.yukna@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Yukna
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Sincerely,
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From: gsb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of George Bova
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From: ellene4pj@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ellen E Barfield
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Mr. Andrew Cazier
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: kmr2223@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katrina Rodriguez <kmr2223@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Dr. Katrina Rodriguez
209 W 27th St Baltimore, MD 21211-3002
kmr2223@cumc.columbia.edu

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: dazzfashion@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Derrius Cropper
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Sincerely,
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203 W Read St Baltimore, MD 21201-4942
dazzfashion@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: liz.flyntz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elizabeth Flyntz
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To: Testimony; rdorsey; Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Blanchard, Zachary (City Council); Gray, Paris (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Porter, Phylicia R.L. (City Council); Phil Lovegren
Cc: Brandon M Scott; City Council President; Torrence, James (City Council); matt.hugel@midtowncommunity.org
Subject: Support the Housing Options and Opportunity Act

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In re:

25-0062: would allow a single exit from new construction of a multi-unit building with six or fewer stories (hearing: 9/18)

25-0064: would allow buildings to cover more of a lot under bulk and yard requirements (hearing: 9/11)

25-0065: would eliminate off-street parking requirements (hearing: 9/11)

Position: Favor all

Dear Chair Dorsey, Vice Chair Middleton, and members of the Land Use and Transportation Committee:

As owners of a house in Bolton Hill, we strongly support the entire slate of bills in the Housing Options and Opportunity Act, including the three bills before your committee this month.

Cities, and central-city neighborhoods like ours that are located near public transit and job opportunities, need more density and a variety of affordable and accessible housing styles. (Not everyone can afford to buy and maintain 2,400-6,000 sf rowhouses that are so common in Bolton Hill and surrounding neighborhoods like Madison Park/Marble Hill and Reservoir Hill.) These five bills promote that worthy goal.

We particularly like 25-0065, the Spaces for People act, which would eliminate off-street parking requirements. Minimum Parking Requirements have a pernicious effect on walkability, bikeability, and transit viability; more surface parking detracts from neighborhood appeal and quality of life, and -- as additional impervious cover -- it also adversely affects waterways (like Chesapeake Bay) by increasing polluted runoff and increased the "heat island" effect. Parking also drives up the cost of housing.

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More neighbors and more density would support more local businesses within neighborhoods like ours. It would better serve the city and its residents by offering more housing options for more people.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Andrew Dupuy
Philip Lovegren
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cc: Mayor; City Council President; Bolton Hill councilmember Torrence; Midtown Baltimore VP of Economic Development

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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Keonte Sampson <keontes01@gmail.com>
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Subject: Fwd: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 1:38 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
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[1703 Heathfield Rd Baltimore, MD 21239-3712](#)

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Sincerely,
Matthew Bleakney
101 E Wells St Baltimore, MD 21230-4849 mbleak37@gmail.com

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From: mstarnesai@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Starnes
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Sincerely,
Michael Starnes
1334 Webster St Baltimore, MD 21230-4740 mstarnesai@icloud.com

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Sincerely,
Derrica Lane
2224 Mount Royal Ter Baltimore, MD 21217-4810 derricanlane@gmail.com

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Sincerely,

Dytania Cannady

1030 Patapsco St Baltimore, MD 21230-4020 Dytania_Cannady@yahoo.com

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Mr. Chad Epler
2916 Dillon St Baltimore, MD 21224-4832 cjeahc@gmail.com

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Mx Eli Griffin
11 E Chase St Apt T02 Baltimore, MD 21202-3595 alishgriff@gmail.com

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From: rmeckel93@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rianna Eckel <rmeckel93@everyactioncustom.com>
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From: honeycuttje11@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Timesheet Honeycutt
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Ariel Ben-Sorek
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: mike.shank@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Shank
<mike.shank@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
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From: jwingfield11@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Catherine Grogan <jwingfield11@everyactioncustom.com>
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Ms. Catherine Grogan
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Sincerely,
Anna Muessig
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From: cassandra_kasparian@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cassandra Kasparian
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Sincerely,
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From: andrew.f.young@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of ANDREW YOUNG
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Sincerely,

Mr. ANDREW YOUNG

3612 Malden Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-1318 andrew.f.young@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: markwithnohair@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Armbruster
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Sincerely,
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From: thohara230@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Terence OHara <thohara230@everyactioncustom.com>
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Baltimore needs to create more affordable and accessible housing supply if it wants to grow. This is one way to do that.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Terence OHara

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From: frances.mcgahey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Frances McGaffey
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Sincerely,

Ms. Frances McGaffey

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Sincerely,
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rollac@yahoo.com

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Sincerely,
Mr. Gerald Borleis
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From: jonpoliszuk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jonathon Poliszuk
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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
Mr. Craig Etheridge
9 S High St Baltimore, MD 21202-4633
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Sincerely,
Mr. Hill Pickens
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From: leanna.powell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Leanna Frick
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Leanna Frick
209 Hollen Rd Baltimore, MD 21212-2509
leanna.powell@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: cphippscares@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charlene Phipps
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Ms. Charlene Phipps
3808 Glen Ave Baltimore, MD 21215-3559
cphippscares@gmail.com

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From: cjones17.5@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Colin Jones <cjones17.5@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr Colin Jones
1239 Union Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-1902 cjones17.5@gmail.com

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From: kirby.wilhelm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kirby Wilhelm
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Sincerely,
Mr. Kirby Wilhelm
2627 Miles Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-3117 kirby.wilhelm@gmail.com

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Sincerely,
Ms Jane Myers
301 Gittings Ave Baltimore, MD 21212-2525 jcmyers@me.com

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Sincerely,
Mr. Freddy Raupp
2512 Brookfield Ave Baltimore, MD 21217-4656 fdraupp@gmail.com

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From: kyleh22@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kyle Harrer <kyleh22@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Kyle Harrer
2649 Ebony Rd Parkville, MD 21234-1503
kyleh22@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: cfurellis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charlie Furellis
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Mr Charlie Furellis
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As someone who wants a denser, more walkable, more bikeable, more affordable Baltimore -- and who believes that a car shouldn't be required or even encouraged as a way to move around any city -- I urge you to pass the zoning reform measures now before you.

I feel especially strongly about #25-0065, which promotes affordability, livability, and climate/sustainability by shedding the unnecessary requirement that we build even more infrastructure for cars. In a moment when less driving (not more) should be the norm, developers should not have to supply, nor should residents have to pay for, parking for even more cars. The city should support the creation of denser, more walkable, more bikeable, more affordable neighborhoods by easing arbitrary parking minimums.

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Sincerely,
Christopher Grobe
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christophergrobe@gmail.com

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From: michaela.bronstein@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michaela Bronstein
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Ms. Michaela Bronstein
1421 Park Ave Baltimore, MD 21217-4231
michaela.bronstein@gmail.com

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Sincerely,
Mr. Ben Stone
4212 Wickford Rd Baltimore, MD 21210-2930 ben.stone@gmail.com

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Thomas Butler
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Mr. Benjamin Bocian

1518 W Mount Royal Ave Baltimore, MD 21217-4246 Benjamin.Bocian@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Jeffrey Spokes

2300 W Rogers Ave Baltimore, MD 21209-4426 jeffreyspokes@gmail.com

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From: jas.woody@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jason Woody
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Sincerely,
Mr. Jason Woody
113 Deepdene Rd Baltimore, MD 21210-1911 jas.woody@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jim.apgar46@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Apgar <jim.apgar46@everyactioncustom.com>
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21 Oak Shadows Ct Catonsville, MD 21228-2406 jim.apgar46@gmail.com

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Mr George Hearn
4902 Wilmslow Rd Baltimore, MD 21210-2329 ghearn@gmail.com

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Ms. Hannah Shaw

2110 Saint Paul St Apt 1 Baltimore, MD 21218-5859 hannah@wideanglemedia.org

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Sincerely,
Ms. Nancey Kinlin
322 E Lafayette Ave Baltimore, MD 21202-2929 nanceykinlin@yahoo.co

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5701 Chilham Rd Baltimore, MD 21209-4415 ed@nerded.net

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Mr. Daniel Thompson

115 S Potomac St Baltimore, MD 21224-2252 daniel_thompson@jackalope.cc

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Ramos, Odette (City Council)
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 11:41 AM
To: Katie L; Bullock, John (City Council); Jones, Jermaine (City Council); Zaied, Khalil; Young, Calvin (Mayor's Office); Burnett, Sean (DOT)
Cc: Testimony
Subject: RE: Prioritize Sanitation Workers and Our Watershed

Hi Ms. Little, thanks for your email.

Mayor Scott just announced last week the formation of a task force to study this issue in more detail, with recommendations coming in December. There will be public meetings for more input. I look forward to the next steps of this process.

Thank you

Odette Ramos

Baltimore City Councilwoman
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From: Katie L <ktll99@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 8:00 AM
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Dear Councilmembers Bullock, Ramos, and Jones; Chief of Staff Young; Deputy Mayor Zaied; and Chief Burnett:

My name is Katie Little, and I live in Hollins Market in Councilman Bullock's district. I am concerned as a water resources engineer and citizen about the proposed relocation of the Sisson Street sanitation yard to Falls Road.

As a resident, I use the Falls Road/Jones Falls Trail corridor frequently via bicycle and car to get to Druid Hill Park, appointments, or shopping. I have also volunteered at stewardship events along this corridor to manage non-native invasive vines and trash along the trail. There are multiple ongoing efforts to improve the area, including the Falls Gateway Project, improvements to the Streetcar Museum, Chesapeake Bay Trust funded restoration projects, the Jones Falls 2076 Project, and more. Adding heavy truck traffic to this area would pose safety concerns and contradict the benefits of the greenway corridor for commuters, recreational users, and wildlife alike.

As the city's plans show, the proposed relocation site is on the edge of the 100-year, and well into the 500-year, floodplain. The increasing intensity of storms mean that the likelihood of reaching these flood levels is higher than the names suggest. The city's own RFP for a new site required that it not be on a flood plain. It is easy to picture a flooding event where large amounts of trash, recycling, and toxic waste stored at the site gets swept into the falls. Even if bins are moved up the hill, lots of water flows downhill and carries trash with it.

While I agree it is crucial that our sanitation workers have safe working conditions, it is not clear how the proposed plan improves conditions. The presentation on August 11 said the relocation would help by "improving employee worksite safety." How? It feels like this real issue is just being used to justify making a decision that benefits a developer. It should be possible to protect both sanitation workers and the Jones Falls watershed.

The City's two options so far - move forward with 2801 Falls Road, or do nothing - are not good enough. We need a third option: a comprehensive, community-driven process to evaluate alternatives. That could include creative, distributed approaches to fill the service gap while the Reedbird location is under construction, paired with a study on what Baltimore's long-term waste system should look like.

I urge you to reject the proposed relocation to 2801 Falls Road, and instead call for a comprehensive evaluation of alternatives that protect public health, safety, and our waterways. Baltimore deserves a waste system that works for all of us - not one that puts our communities and waterways at greater risk.

Thank you,
Katie Little

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jeresand@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeremy Sanders
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Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 11:08 AM
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Dear City Council Testimony,

I am writing in support of Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

In order for Baltimore to grow, it must be a city that accommodates young families. #25-0062 will allow more diverse building designs in Baltimore City that more easily accommodate multiple bedrooms for families and allow for more windows in and better cross-ventilation of apartments.

Much of our built environment in Baltimore pre-dates present bulk and yard requirements. Adjusting those requirements, as #25-0064 seeks to do, will also further a diversity of building types in the city, allowing us to build both larger and smaller kinds of homes and enabling more people of different incomes and needs to live in more neighborhoods.

One of the largest costs associated with construction of new housing is parking. The city's remaining parking minimums are arbitrary and force up the cost of housing for everyone living in a building, even if they choose not to own a car. Devoting too much space to parking also degrades the walkability of neighborhoods, removing potential space for housing and small businesses in favor of car storage. #25-0065 would remove arbitrary parking minimums, and allow a developer or homeowner to determine their parking needs. Cities across the country have successfully repealed arbitrary parking minimums, and seen improvements to the walkability, affordability, and small business climate as a result.

All three of these bills are consistent with goals outlined in the city's recently adopted comprehensive plan, and will work to make Baltimore a more affordable, walkable, and family-friendly place to call home.

I encourage the Land Use and Transportation Committee to vote favorably, and for the full council to pass Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Michael Scepaniak <michael@baltpop.org>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 12:18 AM
To: rdorsey
Cc: Leva, Anthony F (City Council); Nicholes, Ash (City Council); Weiss, Sumner (City Council)
Subject: Re: Land Use & Transportation Committee - written testimony
Attachments: Baltimore City Bill 25-0065 Testimony (Zoning – Eliminating Off-street Parking Requirements) 20250907.pdf; Baltimore City Bill 25-0064 Testimony (Zoning – Bulk And Yard Requirements – Amendments) 20250907.pdf; Baltimore City Bill 25-0062 Testimony (Building Code – Single Exit From Residential Occupancy) 20250907.pdf

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Attached, please find testimony on behalf of BaltPOP to be considered in the upcoming Land Use & Transportation Committee hearings regarding the following bills:

- Bill 25-0062 (Building Code – Single Exit From Residential Occupancy)
- Bill 25-0064 (Zoning – Bulk And Yard Requirements – Amendments)
- Bill 25-0065 (Zoning – Eliminating Off-street Parking Requirements)

Please confirm receipt. Thank you for your time and efforts. Good luck!

Mike....

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On Thu, Aug 28, 2025, at 11:07 AM, Weiss, Sumner (City Council) wrote:

Best to send it in a couple of days before. But the earlier, the better- it will give committee members more time to review.

Sumner Weiss (he/him)



Baltimore City Council

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Thank you. Is there a deadline other than "before the hearing starts"? Or do you need it by EOD one or two days before?

Mike.....

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On Tue, Aug 26, 2025, at 3:34 PM, rdorsey wrote:

Send them as a PDF attachment to me at this address and CC the three others I've CC'd here.

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"To be on the side of people who are struggling for something doesn't necessarily mean you are being political." -Bob Dylan

From: Michael Scepaniak <michael@baltpop.org>
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Councilmember Dorsey,

We'd like to submit written testimony in support of the bills being considered in the Land Use & Transportation Committee on September 11th and 18th. What are the procedures for doing that? To whom should I send the testimony and by when? I don't see instructions posted for these meetings or prior meetings. Thank you.

Mike.....

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September 11th, 2025

The Honorable Ryan Dorsey
Chair, Land Use & Transportation Committee
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: MBIA Letter of Support Bill 25-0065 Zoning – Eliminating Off-Street Parking Requirements

Dear Chair Dorsey,

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide with a strong presence in Baltimore County, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **Bill 25-0065 Zoning – Eliminating Off-Street Parking Requirements**. MBIA supports this bill as introduced.

This bill repeals outdated requirements for minimum off-street parking and instead establishes parking maximums, an extremely important step in addressing the City's housing crisis. Parking lots take up a tremendous amount of land and Baltimore does not have much developable land left. If we want our city to continue to grow, we must use our land wisely. This legislation will free up land that has previously been used for parking lots and open the door to new opportunities for housing and redevelopment across the city. By eliminating mandatory parking minimums, it will be easier to build rental housing units and encourage smaller infill projects that were previously impossible because of space lost to required parking. Land that would have been devoted to asphalt lots or parking garages will instead be used for new housing units, retail, and other community assets.

Baltimore City currently has over 13,000 vacant properties and is losing population at an alarming rate. At the same time, housing affordability continues to worsen. The National Association of Homebuilders reports that the estimated rent cost in Maryland is more than 30% of household incomes statewide, with 25% of people spending more than 50% of their income on housing. Over half of Baltimore City residents rent, putting us at the heart of this crisis. In order to address this problem, we need a concerted effort to make housing available and affordable to the residents of our city. This bill is a crucial step in the right direction. Reducing excess parking will provide the city with new opportunities to build more housing and make Baltimore into a more walkable, livable city.

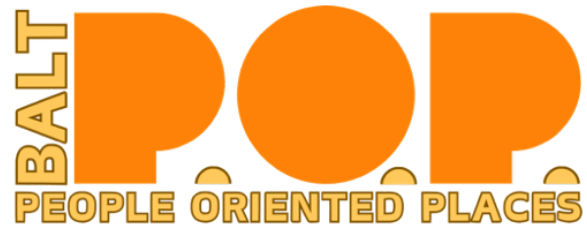
For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Land Use & Transportation Committee to vote in favor of Bill 25-0065. For more information about our position, please contact Alex Andelsman at 301-461-2384 or aandelsman@marylandbuilders.org.

Cc: Members of the Baltimore City Land Use & Transportation Committee

Bill: 25-0062

Bill Title: Building Code – Single Exit From Residential Occupancy

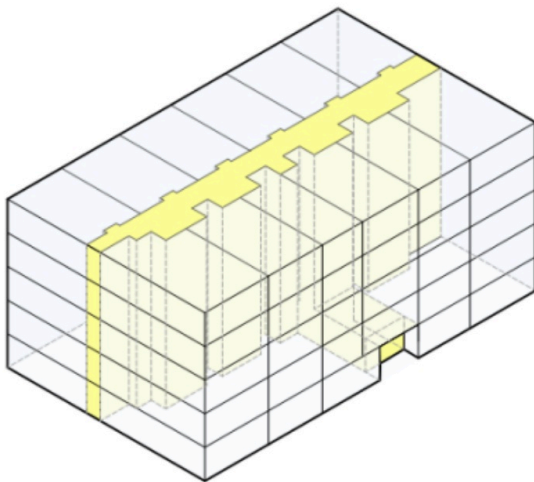
Position: **Favorable**



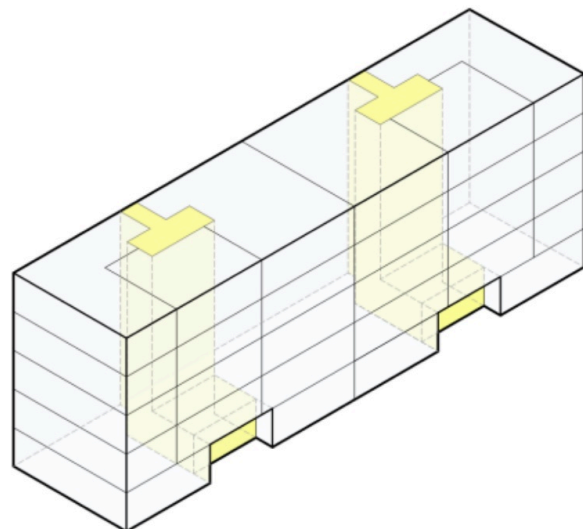
Members of the Land Use & Transportation Committee,

Bill 25-0062 represents an opportunity for Baltimore to implement a no-cost building code reform that will help address our city's struggles with housing affordability, livability, and economic growth. The bill allows for the construction of multi-family buildings that are up to six stories high (up from the current three stories) with a single exit staircase. Allowing such building designs will bring Baltimore in line with other localities that have already adopted these rules, including the states of Washington, New York, Hawaii, Tennessee, Minnesota, Virginia, Colorado, and Texas.

Most multi-family buildings constructed today are laid out with small dwelling units oriented on opposite sides of long hallways, a configuration known as the double-loaded corridor [Below left and Figure 1]. In contrast, single-staircase buildings are served by a central circulation core – the single staircase – that provides direct access to units. The result is a smaller building footprint that allows for units with natural light and ventilation, which may span the full depth of the building [Below right and Figure 2].



Double-Loaded Corridor Building



Single-Staircase Building(s)

The single-staircase configuration is incredibly common around the world, especially in cities noted for their walkability and healthy small business environments - such as Berlin and Tokyo.

Much of Baltimore's naturally occurring (i.e., unsubsidized) affordable housing stock is, in fact, composed of single-staircase buildings. And yet, under the current building code, they are illegal to build.

Recognizing the unique advantages and efficiencies of the single-staircase layout, 25-0062 allows single-staircase construction up to six stories high, legalizing a time-tested building typology that will play a critical role in fulfilling our city's demand for housing.

Single-staircase Buildings Improve Housing Affordability

Single-staircase buildings are a critical piece in the puzzle of addressing our city's housing affordability crisis. These smaller buildings require fewer materials and less labor to construct than double-loaded corridor buildings with the same rentable square footage. This is because eliminating the excess circulation space found in double-loaded corridor buildings (i.e., the long central hallways) reduces construction costs.

A policy brief by the Seattle-based architecture firm Larch Lab [1] estimates that these long central hallways add tens of thousands of dollars per floor to the cost of constructing a building. As such, allowing developers to go without them lowers their costs of construction, financing, and land acquisition - translating to lower rents or sale prices for residents.

In order to absorb the extra costs forced by the existing building code, developers are often compelled by simple economics to construct buildings with more floors than they want, as the additional floors allow them to dilute across more floors the overhead costs inherent to a double-loaded corridor building. The resultant buildings frequently have a "massing" and height that can be jarring and objectionable to existing neighbors, breeding opposition. In contrast, single-staircase buildings can be designed to blend into existing architectural and community fabric while keeping community housing costs low.

Single-staircase Buildings are Fire-safe

Requiring double-loaded corridors to address fire risk is a vestige of the past. Modern, long-existing technologies make it unnecessary. Thanks to advances in construction techniques and technology since the dual-egress (exit) rule was added to building codes in the 1930s, new single-staircase buildings are extremely safe. All newly-constructed multi-family buildings in Maryland are required to be built with countermeasures like 60-minute fireproof materials, sprinkler systems, and smoke detectors. Single-staircase buildings would not be exempt from these requirements.

There is a misconception that a second exit staircase is required for fire safety, but other nations where these taller single-staircase buildings are legal and much more common (even those without a height limit such as the United Kingdom) have lower fire deaths per capita than the United States [1]. In the US in 2023, fires in one- or two-family homes, most of which do not have modern fire suppression or alert systems, resulted in 68% of civilian fire deaths despite those constituting just 18 percent of total fires [2]. Increasing Maryland's stock of modern, safe

multi-family housing with a variety of unit sizes means fewer fire deaths and less strain on our first responders.

Single-staircase Buildings Provide Flexible, Livable Homes

Most multi-family (double-loaded corridor) buildings constructed today are built around a long central corridor, resulting in small units with limited access to natural ventilation and light. In contrast, single-staircase buildings allow units to have windows on multiple sides, increasing access to natural light and cross-ventilation, which is critical for residents' health and comfort.

Most multi-family (double-loaded corridor) buildings constructed today feature a preponderance of one-bedroom and two-bedroom units (because of the limited window access). In contrast, single-staircase buildings and their greater window options more easily accommodate a mix of unit sizes (e.g., studios, one-bedroom, and larger family units with 2-4 bedrooms), making them adaptable to a variety of household needs.

Most multi-family (double-loaded corridor) buildings constructed today feature a floorplate that begets an atomized, disconnected community. In contrast, single-staircase buildings have fewer units sharing each entry, creating a more intimate, community-oriented living experience and reducing anonymity among the building's residents.

Single-staircase Buildings Boost the Economy and Strengthen Communities

Many of the most popular places in Baltimore (its historic main streets) have small lots that are undevelopable under the current building code. Legalizing taller single-staircase buildings would instantly bring countless small infill lots into play for potential development after decades of infeasibility. These lots are small or oddly-shaped parcels that are impossible to build double-loaded corridor buildings on economically, since so much square footage would have to be dedicated to circulation space (hallways and redundant staircases).

Changing the building code to allow single-staircase construction will unlock harder-to-develop lots in constrained places, allowing developers to build housing on them without subsidies or incentives that are costly to the city. Increasing the number of residents in these places boosts the number of customers in proximity to the small businesses in/near them, improving their viability and encouraging community support.

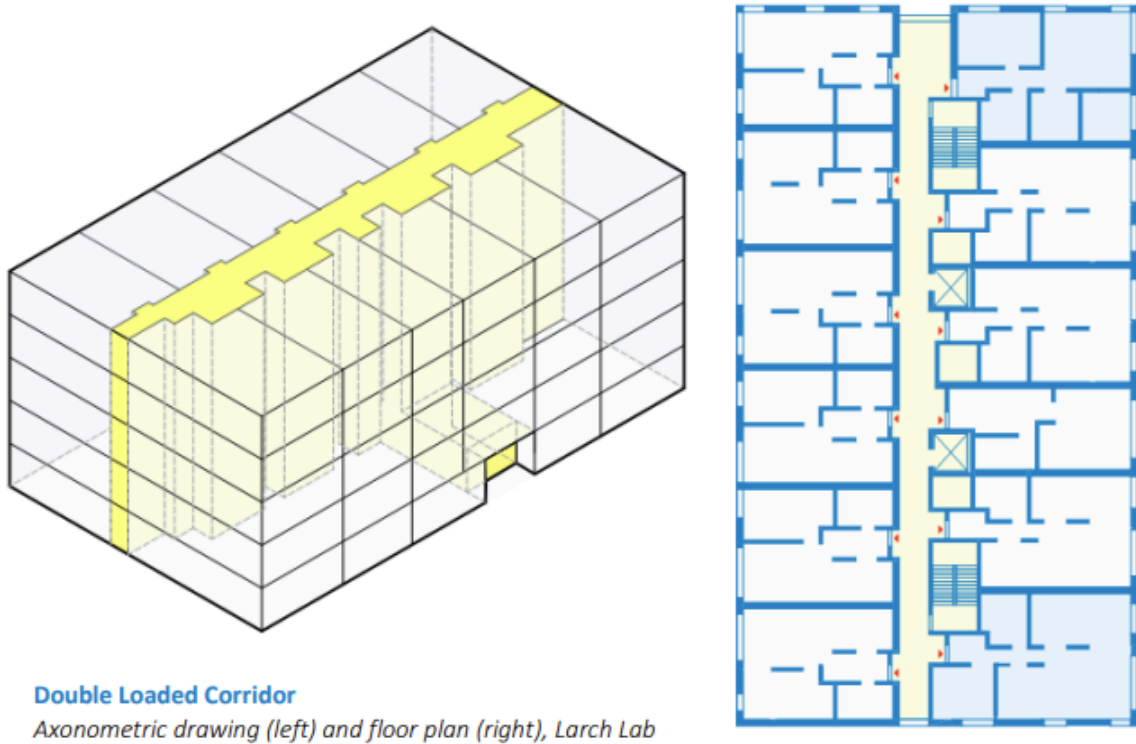
Closing

By adopting 25-0062, we take a critical step toward addressing Baltimore's housing crisis with innovative, community-oriented solutions. We urge the commission to recognize the potential of six-story single-staircase construction to make housing more affordable, livable, and sustainable for the residents of Baltimore.

We hope the commission finds these points helpful and convincing and we urge its members to **vote in favor of 25-0062**. Thank you for your efforts and the opportunity for us to testify on this legislation.

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- moderately efficient floor plate (13% of floor plate is circulation)
- primarily small units
- no cross ventilation
- no daylight on multiple sides
- little respite from urban noise

Figure 1: Example drawing of common double-loaded corridor layout.

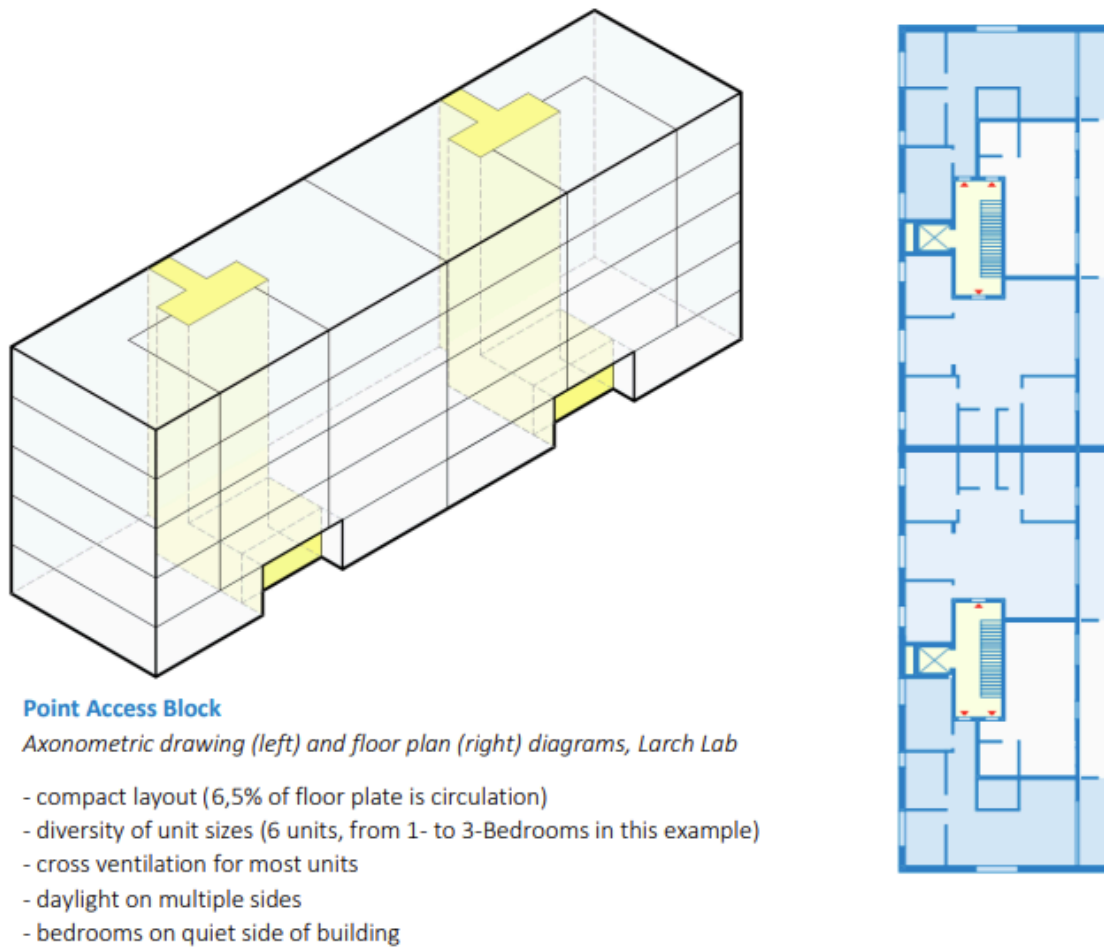


Figure 2: Example drawing of common single-staircase building(s) layout (also known as point access blocks).

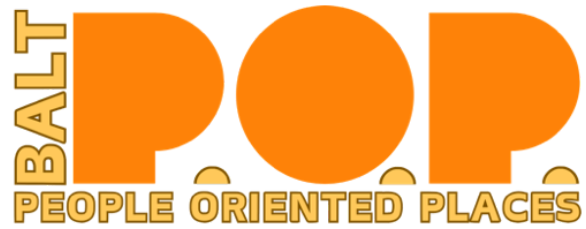
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Bill: 25-0064

Bill Title: Zoning – Bulk And Yard Requirements – Amendments

Position: **Favorable**



Members of the Land Use & Transportation Committee,

Bill 25-0064 represents an opportunity for Baltimore to implement a no-cost zoning code reform that will help address our city's struggles with housing affordability, livability, and economic growth. This bill will reduce a number of bulk (building) and yard requirements for residential properties.

Residential properties in Baltimore are required to conform with a range of minimums and maximums regarding lot coverage, building height, yard size, etc. A number of these minimums and maximums, such as the percentage of the lot that may be built on, yard size, and living area square footage, serve to excessively limit the forms and types of housing that can be built and how existing homes can be redeveloped/expanded.

This bill allows (in a small, but necessary way) for the re-introduction of housing types that are currently largely absent from the city's landscape - accessory apartments, duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, and modest apartment buildings. At one time, these housing types were common. But, in the years after WWII, they were made illegal via the adoption of intentionally exclusionary zoning codes, not only in Baltimore, but across the U.S. This was largely as a result of federal policy incentives. [1] Today, these "missing middle" housing types are needed to bring back the city's missing middle-class residents. [2]

In Baltimore today, only a few housing types are widely available: detached single-family houses, single-family rowhomes, and apartments (in large apartment buildings), with the latter being predominantly of the "luxury" variety. The lack of the "missing middle" types is holding the city back from realizing its potential.

This bill allows for housing flexibility, flexibility which many aspects of the zoning code frustratingly forbid. The result is neighborhoods that are in stasis. The book *Escaping the Housing Trap* explains the situation:

These neighborhoods are frozen at their current number of households, no matter how much the surrounding city transforms. No matter how many jobs are created. No matter how desirable the area is or how high rents get. No feedback loop is allowed to operate

in which the success of a place manifests in the thickening-up that was common to neighborhoods under the traditional development pattern. [3]

Adopting this bill will help allow for the construction of smaller, more affordable homes and the expansion of existing homes. Homeowners will be given the flexibility to modify their homes in greater ways to suit their evolving needs and entice them to remain city residents. People who are currently priced-out of the housing market will be able to find smaller, more affordable places to live.

We hope the commission finds these points helpful and convincing and we urge its members to **vote in favor of 25-0064**. Thank you for your efforts and the opportunity for us to testify on this legislation.

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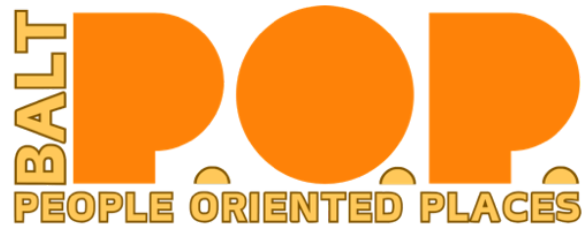
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Bill: 25-0065

Bill Title: Zoning – Eliminating Off-street Parking Requirements

Position: **Favorable**



Members of the Land Use & Transportation Committee,

Bill 25-0065 represents an opportunity for Baltimore to implement a no-cost zoning code reform that will help address our city's struggles with housing affordability, livability, and economic growth. This bill will eliminate city-imposed off-street parking mandates for new developments, striking 5-pages-worth of use-specific parking mandates from the zoning code.

We understand the temptation to play it safe here - the temptation to believe that any good that comes of passing this bill is not worth the risk. The thinking is that people just won't tolerate a lack of convenient parking. While we agree that some won't, plenty of others will. And they do today. Consider the simple and long-running example that is the [32nd Street Farmers Market](#).

The 32nd Street Farmers Market takes place **in a parking lot**. It expressly happens at the expense of parking and by (temporarily) eliminating parking. Conventional wisdom would have us believe that convenient and easy parking is absolutely required for such an event to succeed. And yet the market only exists by virtue of it occupying that same parking and making it unavailable for its intended use.

Anyone who chooses to drive to the market needs to either find street parking or park at a lot a couple blocks away and walk. Hardly convenient. And yet the market is hugely successful and has been for decades. We dare say that many nearby residents choose to live in the neighborhood **because of the market**.

For 163 hours of each week, that parking lot sits - unproductive and uninspired. But for 5 hours each Saturday, it explodes with activity, community, prosperity, and productivity - by virtue of that parking being removed. That community is at its best when the parking lot "disappears".

And the ultimate kicker here is that the 32nd Street Farmers Market would not exist if it were forced to provide parking. It never would have advanced beyond a gleam in someone's eye.

Are there some people who choose to avoid the 32nd Street Farmers Market because parking is a "hassle". Probably. And yet there is obviously a critical mass of people for whom a lack of convenient parking in no way deters them from shopping at or living near that market. For many, the resultant walkability of the neighborhood is what literally makes them want to live there.

The current parking mandates force every neighborhood in Baltimore to be automobile-oriented and disallow them to be walkable. If Forest Park wants to remain automobile-oriented, they will be fully empowered to do so without the existing mandates in place. If every current and prospective homeowner (and community member) in Forest Park demands convenient parking near their home, then nobody will have any incentive to limit the amount of it. City-wide mandates are not necessary to reinforce that preference.

But don't force the same choice on every other neighborhood in the city via city-wide parking mandates. Forest Park is different from Pigtown, which is different from Highlandtown, which is different from Lauraville, which is different from Violetville, which is different from Federal Hill, which is different from Cherry Hill. Let them be free from one-size-fits-all parking mandates and determine their own parking priorities.

With this bill, neighborhoods will be allowed to become more walkable. Parking lots and parking garages are unpleasant to walk, bike, and roll past. They force "dead" space into the built environment that lengthens walking and biking times, making these modes of travel less convenient and appealing. Automobile-oriented development caps the economic potential of a place. You can only fit so many automobiles in one place and they don't bring dynamism to a place - people do.

Constructing/providing parking for automobiles is expensive, whether it be in the form of surface parking lots or parking garages. Those costs are passed on to residents and customers, regardless of whether or not they drive an automobile and make use of that parking. This bill will lower housing prices and rents for residents, and parking-related expenses for many businesses. Small, local businesses will be able to start up in currently-vacant storefronts.

Parking lots and parking garages yield very little in property taxes, and the land they occupy can be put to more productive use. We need to maximize the productivity of and yield on every parcel of land in the city, as each parcel has basically the same infrastructure regardless of how that parcel is used.

In Baltimore, like all cities, infrastructure is very expensive to maintain. This includes water lines and pumps, sewer pipes and treatment plants, storm drains, streets, etc. Baltimore's main source of revenue for paying for all of these infrastructure liabilities is property tax. The most productive places yield the most in property taxes. It's in all of our best interests that Baltimore encourages the most productive uses of all of the land in the city. Parking is not productive.

It's critical to highlight that, upon adoption of this bill, all existing off-street parking will remain as-is. Nobody's parking space(s) will be taken away. Going forward, developers (and their financing partners) will be free to calculate the amount of off-street parking spaces to provide, rather than have nonsensical city-imposed off-street parking requirements forced on them. The existing use-specific parking mandates - covering uses from art galleries to cemeteries to horse stables to pawn shops - are arbitrary and obsolete.

We hope the commission finds these points helpful and convincing and we urge its members to **vote in favor of 25-0065**. Thank you for your efforts and the opportunity for us to testify on this legislation.

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Ryan Dorsey, Chair
Land Use and Transportation Committee
Baltimore City Council

Dear Chair Dorsey and members of the committee,

The Greater Remington Improvement Association is writing you in support of three bills coming before your committee:

25-0062 will change outdated, costly requirements that mandate all residential buildings above three stories to have two staircases, instead allowing some buildings up to six stories with only one staircase. This will reduce development costs and create more affordable multi-family apartments in dense neighborhoods.

25-0064 will make modest changes to certain bulk and yard standards for residential zoning uses in residential zoning districts, allowing owners to make more flexible use of their property.

25-0065 will eliminate requirements that new buildings or uses include a certain number of off-street parking spaces. These mandates inflate construction costs, limit housing supply, and discourage small-scale development.

All three of these bills are consistent with recommendations in the recently adopted Baltimore City Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, they align with recommendations in the Remington Neighborhood Plan, accepted by the Baltimore City Planning Commission.

25-0062 supports the following recommendations:

- R1. a. Ensure that a diversity of housing types are available and that large numbers of one type is not concentrated in a single building or space
- R3. a. Ensure that project design takes the existing neighborhood aesthetic into consideration
- 4.1 The land uses that most Remingtonians want in a walkable, dense neighborhood include...small and medium-size apartment buildings

25-0064 supports the following recommendations:

- R1. a. Ensure that a diversity of housing types are available and that large numbers of one type is not concentrated in a single building or space
- R3. a. Ensure that project design takes the existing neighborhood aesthetic into consideration
- 4.1 The land uses that most Remingtonians want in a walkable, dense neighborhood include...rowhomes or other forms of single family homes, small and medium-size apartment buildings

25-0065 supports the following recommendations:

- R3. d. Ensure that developers of new housing will meet parking requirements required by zoning, and will not build excessive off-street parking, allowing the neighborhood to maintain its compact, walkable character
- M1. a. Follow a modal hierarchy of pedestrian first, followed by mobility device, bicycle, transit rider, automobile, and parking
- 4.1 Uses that community members have said they prefer to see limited include...auto repair or auto service, off-street parking and storage, gas stations

Because these bills have the potential to foster more development, we also believe it is important to highlight opportunities the city has to reduce other impermeable surfaces.

Separate legislative and policy implementations could better protect our open space zoning from surface parking uses, make it easier for communities to permit pavement cuts for increased tree canopy, and pursue reclamation of existing paved street surfaces for curb extensions, traffic calming, lane reductions, and active mobility improvements that allow for increased permeable surfaces and stormwater management opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation, and we encourage a favorable hearing and city council passage of CB #s 25-0062, 25-0064, and 25-0065

Sincerely,



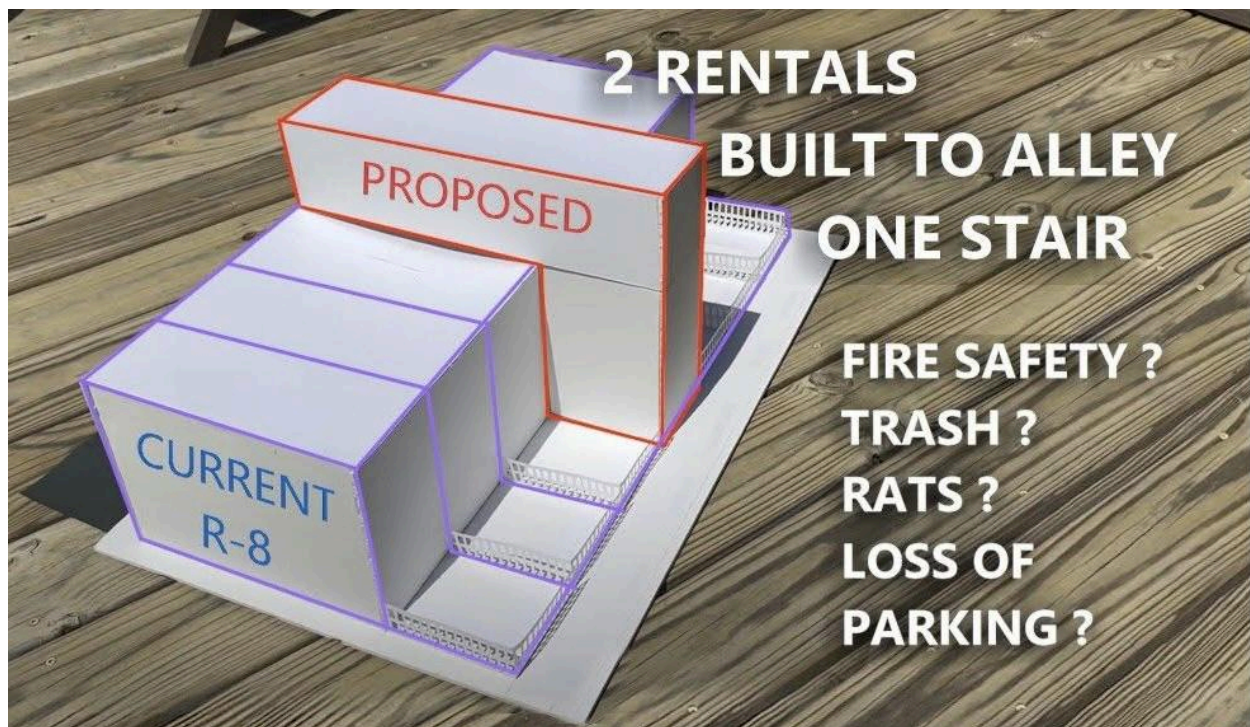
Wynnona Engle-Pratt
Vice President, Greater Remington Improvement Association

Council Bill 25-0064

I am writing to voice my opposition to this bill that will allow for changes to R-8 zoned residential properties.

This is a bad bill that will negatively impact residential living across Baltimore.

This bill would allow single family residences to reconfigure their homes into multifamily dwellings by increasing not only the height but also extending the homes in the rear. The lot coverage would ruin the livability of all properties in close proximity. Consider the impact on sightlines, quality of life, the environment (air quality and circulation), green spaces and yards/gardens, health, density, parking, safety, and city services, for starters. Due diligence has not been completed here and Bill 25-0064 must not be passed.



Respectfully,

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**CB 25-0065: Zoning – Eliminating Off-Street Parking Requirements
Hearing in the Land Use and Transportation Committee, Sept. 11, 2025**

Position: Favorable (FAV)

Public Justice Center supports CB 25-0065 and urges the Committee to issue a favorable report. The Public Justice Center (PJC) is a nonprofit public interest law firm that stands with tenants to protect and expand their rights to safe, habitable, affordable, and non-discriminatory housing and their rights to fair and equal treatment by Maryland’s landlord-tenant laws, courts, and agencies. PJC supports the Spaces for People Act because it will eliminate one-size-fits-all parking requirements and facilitate the creation of more affordable housing.

Affordable housing is increasingly out of reach for Baltimore families. The Baltimore Banner today reported on new census data showing that “39% of ... tenants mak[e] less than \$35,000 a year, [and] [\[more than half of them spent 50% or more of their income on rent.\]](#)” According to the City’s Consolidated Plan [26,855 low-to-moderate income renting households pay more than 30% of their income toward the rent.](#) Md Dept. of Hous. & Comm. Dev.’s most recent housing assessment concluded that “[Maryland has a current shortage of 275,000 rental units that are affordable](#)” and emphasized the need for policies that facilitate more housing production – particularly affordable housing – to address the affordability crisis.

The Spaces for People Act will eliminate the one-size-fits-all parking requirement in Baltimore City, thereby ensuring that artificially high parking requirements do not cause some potential housing/business developments to never be built. Baltimore’s strength is in the diversity of its neighborhoods. Developments in a neighborhood *without* high quality public transportation access *likely need more parking spaces* to be viable. Developments in neighborhoods *with* high quality public transit access *likely do not need more parking spaces* to be viable. Yet, such developments may never be built or may have unnecessary costs layered on if the developer is required to include unnecessary parking spots pursuant to an artificially high requirement. Given the need to build new housing – especially affordable housing – throughout the state of Maryland, parking flexibility is one step forward in addressing the needs of Baltimore families.

We note that community input around proposed parking at a new development is critical. Community members may be less likely to oppose a development if they are educated on what parking spaces are being proposed, the developer’s rationale for the number of spaces

proposed, and an opportunity for meaningful community input on the number of spaces proposed. The Council should be intentional to create ways to effectuate more meaningful community engagement with the issue of parking and the neighbors of a new proposed development.

Additionally, the Spaces for People Act only works if Baltimore City redoubles its efforts to provide high quality, accessible public transit and neighborhood amenities so that residents are not forced to rely on cars. When sidewalks are still crumbling and not fully accessible and buses are not reliable, residents have no choice but to rely on cars and require parking. The Council must focus more attention on improving public transit for this bill to have its intended impact and avoid unintended consequences.

The stakes of the affordable housing crisis are high. Less affordable housing means more evictions, and the research is clear that [up to 25% of families who are evicted become homeless](#). Homelessness has a devastating impact, leading to [negative education outcomes for children, increased foster care, job loss, and poor health outcomes](#). Accordingly, in addition to measures intended to increase housing supply, **the Council must focus on addressing the massive need for housing *stability* including: eviction prevention funding, funding right to counsel in evictions implementation, holding negligent, predatory landlords accountable, and mitigating the devastating impact of eviction.**

Maryland's long history of housing segregation and discriminatory policies mean that Black and Brown Marylanders are much more likely to be renters and at risk of eviction, and therefore more likely to be most in need of affordable housing and policies that ensure housing stability. [73% of MD households that obtained eviction prevention funds in the pandemic's wake identified as Black, and 71% identified as being woman-led.](#)

Public Justice Center urges the Council to issue a **favorable report** on CB 25-0065 and to focus more attention on issues around transit and housing stability.

September 11, 2025

Council President Zeke Cohen and Members of the Council
Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street, Suite 400
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Dear Council President Cohen and Members of the Council:

On behalf of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, I am writing in support of Council Bill 25-0065, which would eliminate minimum off-street parking requirements in most circumstances.

By way of introduction, ILSR is a national nonprofit research and advocacy organization that helps build strong local economies. My work at ILSR focuses on policies and programs that support the development and growth of independent businesses, which are essential components of healthy economic ecosystems. Among their many important contributions to local economies, independent businesses invest their profits back into the communities. They use local banks, hire local businesses (accountants, lawyers, janitorial services, ad agencies, and many more), and support local organizations, plus myriad other practices that help build generational wealth in their communities. Chain businesses, by contrast, primarily use their corporations' banks and services. They send their profits off to their corporate headquarters and shareholders, extracting wealth from the communities in which they operate.

Minimum parking requirements are an outdated regulatory relic of post-WWII automobile-dominated suburban development patterns that favor chains over locally owned businesses. Minimum parking requirements increase development costs, discouraging development of new residential and mixed-use development and revitalization of existing mixed-use neighborhoods. And they are one of the most inefficient urban land uses, tying up land that could be used for better tax-generating purposes, like housing and commercial space, or for public amenities that, in turn, encourage neighborhood development. They also discourage uses like gyms, restaurants, and theatres, all of which can thrive in population-dense urban neighborhoods served by public transit if relieved of the burden of creating expensive, and usually redundant, on-site parking.

Cities like Buffalo and San Francisco, which were among the first in the US to eliminate or reduce minimum parking requirements, have found that doing so has significantly spurred not only new housing

development but also helped create the pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods in which independent, locally owned businesses thrive. Almost 100 cities have eliminated or reduced minimum parking requirements in the past decade. We encourage Baltimore to join the ranks of Buffalo, San Francisco, Austin, Minneapolis, Hartford, San Jose, Portland, Seattle, and others to eliminate minimum parking requirements and to give its neighborhoods this very valuable neighborhood revitalization tool.

With best regards,

Kennedy Smith
Senior Researcher

SOME QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE IMPACTS OF BILL 25-0064:

This bill makes R-8 the first Residential zone to allow properties on Rowhouse blocks to be built out to the rear alley. This has several implications.

- Many alleys have utility poles right up against the property line. Would DHCD issue permits to build additions with rear walls right up against utility poles? If not, how would DHCD make sure it does not issue such permits?
- Rear alleys are of varying widths, and the bill does not specify the width of the alleys. Would DHCD issue permits to build rear walls along 3-foot alleys?
- When a mid-block building extends all the way to a rear alley that is used for trash collection, trash and recycling bins (multiple bins for Multi-Family buildings) remain in the alley instead of being brought back inside a yard. This is a Sanitation Code violation and a nuisance for neighbors. How would the city prevent this problem? Would DHCD require plans for bin storage inside the building before issuing the permit? If the practical solution is to collect those residents' trash from the front, would that force the buildings with rear yards to put theirs out in the front as well, or would it force DPW to make two collections, front and rear, on those blocks?

By eliminating the side yard requirement for attached Multi-Family structures, this bill allows very different activity along the shared property line than is currently possible.

- City codes currently limit fences and walls in required rear and side yards to 6 feet of height. There is a process for obtaining a permit to build a fence or wall up to the shared property line, and an appeal process for a neighbor who objects. Multi-Family properties that no longer must have side yards and rear yards are no longer subject to the height limit, so the 6' fences or walls may be replaced by ones that are much higher. Is the city prepared for the additional permit appeals that will result?
- The plan for an addition to a Multi-Family building will likely replace the 6-foot fence with a Firewall up to the shared property line. The new Firewall will be the height of the structure, either up to 35 feet or, in the R-8 zone, 45 feet. What is the city's process for notifying the neighbor and for the neighbor to appeal the permit? Is the city prepared for the additional permit appeals that will result?

*— Joan Floyd, September 10, 2025
2828 N. Howard Street*

REBUTTAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMO:

The Commission's vote on August 28, 2025 with 6 members present was 5-1, not 6-0 as reported in the Planning Commission memo dated September 5, 2025.

REBUTTAL OF PLANNING STAFF REPORT ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

The report dated August 7, 2025 is either unintentionally shoddy or was prepared to obscure the actual impacts of the bill. It is not possible to derive an understanding of the bill from this report. Some of its problems:

- Incorrectly suggests that the required Lot Area for Multi-Family is “reduced” in R-5 through R-10. It is “reduced” only in the R-5 through R-8.
- Neglects to acknowledge that the reduction in Lot Area for Multi-Family is:
 - R-5: 40%
 - R-6: 33%
 - R-7: 32%
 - R-8: 33%
- Neglects to acknowledge that the Interior-side yard requirement is **eliminated** for all attached Multi-Family buildings. This allows existing Multi-Family structures on Rowhouse blocks to be expanded horizontally, and allows Rowhouses that are converted to Multi-Family structures to be expanded horizontally.
- Neglects to acknowledge that in the R-8 zone, the mid-block height for all attached buildings along 30' rights-of-way is **increased to 45'**.
- Misrepresents the Rear Yard reduction in the R-8. For Rowhouses, the reduction is from 20' to **12' or 0'** for a reduction of **40% or 100%**. For Multi-Family, the reduction is from 25' to **12' or 0'** for a reduction of **52% or 100%**.
- Fails to acknowledge that the bill does not accurately represent current Table 9-401 R-8 Maximum Lot Coverage for Dwelling: Rowhouse as “60% or 80%” and does not correctly express the amendment as “[60% or] 80% OR 100% 4”.
- Fails to acknowledge that the bill does not accurately represent current Table 9-401 R-8 Maximum Lot Coverage for Dwelling: Multi-Family as “80%” and does not correctly express the amendment as “80% OR 100% 4”.
- Fails to acknowledge that the bill does not accurately represent current Table 9-401 R-8 Maximum Bldg Height for Dwelling: Multi-Family as “45 or 60 feet 3”.
- Fails to acknowledge that the bill does not accurately represent current Table 9-401 R-8 Minimum Rear Yard for Dwelling: Rowhouse as “20 feet” and does not correctly express the amendment as “[20 feet] 12 FEET OR NONE 9”.
- Fails to acknowledge that the bill does not accurately represent current Table 9-401 R-8 Minimum Rear Yard for Dwelling: Multi-Family as “25 feet” and does not correctly express the amendment as “[25 feet] 12 FEET OR NONE 9”.

EQUITY ANALYSIS:

The very premise of this “Equity Analysis” is incorrect; the “trade-off” is not between buildable area and green area, although green space will indeed be lost. The issue is between the increase in buildable area and the loss of existing open area (both horizontal and vertical). Another basic issue is the addition of more dwelling units to blocks that currently function satisfactorily for residents under the existing density.

The analysis with its “relevant points” fails to consider the bill’s greatest impacts and practical implications. The bill opens up more of the city to speculators who buy Rowhouses to turn them into apartments. That is not a group in need of equity consideration.

And “gain in buildable area” is not an indicator of equity in the city’s built-out Rowhouse neighborhoods, where resident homeowners cherish their modest single-family daylight houses with little (and sometimes good-sized) back yards.

Increases in the size, density, and number of Multi-Family buildings on these Rowhouse blocks will **decrease** the number of existing and potential owner-occupied single-family homes.

The bill also facilitates significant enlargement of small single-family homes in the R-8 zone, which will **reduce** the number of smaller, more affordable homes for resident homeownership.

The Staff Report’s pitch for “larger structures to meet modern expectations for household space” seems out of place at this time of tiny houses, down-sizing, and a growing demand for smaller, more efficient living space. The bill perversely favors an increase in the number of small apartments while encouraging a reduction in the number of small houses.

And while rising costs of energy for home heating can be mitigated by solar collection and passive solar benefits, encouraging horizontal and vertical additions which reduce the direct sunlight that reaches neighboring Rowhouses does nothing for equity.

*— Joan Floyd, September 10, 2025
2828 N. Howard Street*

**Baltimore City Council Land Use & Transportation Committee
Council Bill 25-0065
Zoning—Eliminating Off-Street Parking Requirements
Support
September 11, 2025**

Dear Chair Dorsey, Vice-Chair Middleton, and Members of the Committee,

For more than 40 years, Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake has been a catalyst for moving low-income families out of poverty toward more prosperous, stable futures through affordable homeownership. By bringing people together to build homes, communities, and inspire hope, we settled more than 800 families into energy-efficient, affordable homes with zero-interest mortgages. This positively impacted the lives of more than 3,000 partner family members (more than half of whom are children), involved more than 1,200 volunteers annually and impacted hundreds of other community residents who benefit from safer, more vital communities as homeownership rates increase.

Our work consists of rehabs, often of formerly vacant structures, and new construction on vacant lots. We always seek to add off-street parking because we know that it is a major convenience factor for families to be able to park one or two vehicles off-street. That said, the situation for off-street parking can change on a block by block basis, and, importantly, there are lots where requirements for off-street parking can be nearly impossible to meet.

Recognizing the need for parking for the majority of our homeowners, we do make every attempt to design a home that will allow for a parking pad for one or two vehicles, in addition to providing three bedrooms. Our townhome designs are 20x32, partly to accommodate this potential for parking in the rear of the home. Achieving this can require changing lot lines, fine tuning with engineering and architecture, and multiple touch points with City administrators overseeing permissions and approvals.

There are examples, like some lots on Dumbarton St. In the Pen Lucy neighborhood, where the lot does not allow for any off-street parking, causing us to seek a variance. The lifting of off-street parking requirements would make cases like this—particularly pertinent to some of our vacant housing and lot stock, alley streets, etc.—especially important. The addition of time, or engineering expenses, when attempting off-street parking in an area whose size does not accommodate it well can be prohibitive for development.

To restate, while we, in keeping with the needs for our typical homebuyers, will always aim for off-street parking, we fully support the lifting of off-street requirements as described in this bill.

Sincerely,



Leila Kohler-Frueh

VP of Homeowner Services and Community Relations

The Case Against CCB Bills 25-0064 and 25-0065

The question that this Council and the Mayor need to answer concerning City Council Bills 25-0064 and 25-0065, & 25-0066 is: How will these measures contribute to improving the quality of life and the well-being of existing residents and neighborhoods affected by the proposed zoning changes? The Bills under consideration have been presented as solutions to problems, but in fact they create more problems for existing residents. **I have not been able to identify a single neighborhood association that is clamoring for increased housing density, larger building foot prints, less off-street parking and less open or green space.**

Instead, what we hear from residents is a desire to protect and enhance the very qualities that have made their neighborhoods desirable for generations. Residents value the green spaces, adequate parking accommodations, and the neighborly connections and lower crime rates fostered by lower density living. They are concerned that increasing density without regard to infrastructure, parking, public safety or preservation of open space will undermine the unique identities of their neighborhoods and erode the investments that families have made in their homes.

It is difficult to understand how these proposals, which seem to cater more to outside investment interests than to the voices of those who live here, will address the needs of current residents. These measures also risk creating serious unintended consequences, including the loss of neighborhood character, diminished green space, and increased competition for limited amenities. Rather than strengthening neighborhoods, these changes threaten to fragment them by prioritizing short-term development over long-term community sustainability and stability. Metaphorically speaking it is like eating your seed crop to satisfy a current food shortage, without thinking about the consequences to come.

The City of Baltimore is known as a City of Neighborhoods and in fact the City is blessed with a number of great neighborhoods that have remained stable, liveable, affordable and attractive to homebuyers and residents over many decades. Neighborhoods like Cheswolde, Lauraville, Ashburton, Northwood, Howard Park, Federal Hill, Ednor Gardens, Hampden, Mt. Washington, Violetville, Frankford, Canton, Forest Park, Medfield, Hanlon-Longwood, Cedmont, Hamilton Hills, Roland Park, Garwyn Oaks, Bolton Hill, Locust Point, Cedarcroft and the list could go on. During a period of time when owner occupancy in the City has declined below 47% many neighborhoods have maintained homeownership rates exceeding 75%. And one of the reasons these neighborhoods have remained strong is because of dedicated engaged residents, active neighborhood associations and the fact that the City, as stated policy, sought to support and preserve the character of the neighborhoods through reasonable zoning laws preserving single family housing and by

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promoting homeownership opportunities in all neighborhoods through programs like Live Baltimore and Healthy Neighborhoods.

Clearly these programs and policies have been successful in helping to preserve thriving single family neighborhoods throughout the City, so it is completely bewildering and disturbing to me and many other long-time residents why the City Council and the Mayor would want to stymie that success by incentivizing investors and absent owners to purchase single family homes in stable, affordable neighborhoods, so they can develop multi-family rental units, with no off-street parking and less green and open space. With these bills, the City Council and Mayor are betraying the many homeowners who have invested and settled into single family homes throughout the City, in neighborhoods that have been anchors of stability, solidifying the City tax base and that have afforded generations of homebuyers the opportunity to own an home, only to find that the City is changing the rules and shifting its policy to favor investors and developers over neighborhood preservation and housing density over green and open space.

City Council Bill 25-0064 will absolutely reduce the amount of open and green space required and permit increased densities in every residential zone in Baltimore City, by permitting increased lot coverage, reducing yard requirements and reducing the required lot area square footage per dwelling unit. At a time when residents are demanding more open and green space to improve public health, air quality and to reduce urban heat islands, it just doesn't make any sense to reduce minimum lot areas, increase bulk lot coverage percentages and reduce yard requirements in residential zones.

This bill will permit larger buildings in most residential zones by increasing maximum lot coverage percentages allowed. At first glance the changes in the raw numbers for the maximum lot coverage and yard requirements appear to be relatively insignificant and the sponsors of these bills are inclined to characterize the changes as such, but calculated as percentages the increases and reductions are substantial and equate to a 25% to 50% change in the standards to as much as 100% in some instances.

For example the maximum lot coverage in R-1 Alpha districts increases by 40%, in R-1 and R-2 by 33% and in R-3 and R-4 by 28%. Here is another detail pointing to the reason these bills cannot be evaluated in isolation - the minimum interior side yard reduction in R-1 A-D ranges from 25% to 33% and in R-1E through R-4 the side yard requirement is reduced from 10 feet to 5 feet, which is a whopping 50% reduction. If off-street parking requirements are eliminated as proposed under 25-0065 and a buyer acquires a residence constructed under the reduced yard requirements, they wouldn't even be able to put a driveway on their property for off-street parking because a five-foot side yard is not wide enough for a driveway and parking pads are not permitted in front yards.

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The minimum required sq ft. lot area per dwelling unit in R-5 through R-8 districts for multi-family is reduced under this bill between 40% and 33%. These are major changes and are not in the best interest of existing city residents and preserving open and green space in residential neighborhoods. This bill will reduce open space and yards in residential areas and negatively affect the neighborhood's aesthetic appearance and appeal.

City Council Bill 25-0065 completely eliminates off-street parking requirements for automobiles from the City zoning code. The current minimum requirement of one off-street parking space per dwelling unit has not been shown to hamper the development of new residential developments throughout the City, partly because the existing law allows for a number of site-based or use-based exemptions to the parking requirements. The proponents of this measure argue that the City should stop “arbitrarily” mandating how much parking should be required and they observe that nearly a third of City residents do not own cars. The reality is parking and access to parking in many high-density neighborhoods with large numbers of motor vehicles is a major time-consuming quality of life issue. The parking requirements were put in place not to hamper development or to add to developer’s costs, instead they were adopted for the benefit of existing residents, so that they don’t have to experience increased competition and stress trying to find a parking space relatively near their residence.

The current zoning code is not arbitrary at all. In fact, there are a number of specific targeted exemptions included in the law that take into account the type of development, neighborhood conditions and the need for adhering to the prescribed minimums. The code already exempts developments of 3 dwelling units or less from off-street parking requirements. Motor vehicle records show that there are 276,935 registered in Baltimore City, in addition it is estimated there are at least 9,000 vehicles registered in Virginia that are actually located in Baltimore City. So there are approximately 286K vehicles in the City and we know that those vehicles are not uniformly distributed throughout the City. A tour of various neighborhoods reveals that many already experience a shortage of on-street parking. Arbitrarily eliminating all off-street parking requirements without understanding how vehicles are distributed throughout city neighborhoods will only exacerbate the parking congestion and aggravation experienced in many neighborhoods. Again, I think it is reasonable to ask, How does the elimination of off-street parking requirements benefit existing residents and residential neighborhoods?

The elimination of the off-street parking requirements without taking into consideration the effects of City Council bills 25-0064 and 25-0066 is just plain irresponsible. Bill 25-0066 proposes to allow any residentially zoned property to convert to a multi-family development with up to four dwelling units, which will only compound the problem created

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by eliminating off-street parking requirements. Having access to parking is just as much a quality-of-life issue for City residents as having access to open and green space and other public amenities in neighborhoods. The notion that eliminating the parking requirement will make housing more affordable is specious – it may reduce the developer’s costs, but developers are still going to market the property for the highest price the market will bring. No builder/developer is going to market a property by advertising that they are selling at a lower price, because the development does not have off-street parking. The argument that existing residents should depend on mortgage underwriters and finance companies to insist that developers include off-street parking sufficient to mitigate the increased parking congestion that existing residents will have to cope with from increased densities is just plain ludicrous.

I think it is rather ironic and worth noting that the bill would eliminate off-street parking requirements for automobiles, but the code will retain a provision requiring a specified number of bicycle parking/storage spaces. Recent surveys estimated the total number of daily bicycle commuters in Baltimore at about 7,500, or 2% of the total daily commuters, whereas automobiles account for 75% of the 362,600 total number of daily commuters. There doesn’t seem to be any rational basis for a blanket elimination of off-street parking requirements for automobiles given the number of registered vehicles in the City and the dominant level of automobile commuter traffic.

I strongly urge the Council to reject these misguided and ill-conceived bills that will end up doing more harm than good. These bills are not intended or designed to benefit existing residents or neighborhoods. The measures might yield positive outcomes, if narrowly targeted to specific land areas where major demolition has occurred and created large sections of open developable land, thereby limiting or mitigating the negative effect the bills in their current form will impose on existing residents and neighborhoods. This one size fits all policy approach does not work to sustain and preserve Baltimore’s diverse patchwork quilt of unique neighborhoods.

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph “Jody” Landers

Former City Councilmember and Homeownership Advocate.

**Testimony In Support Of
Baltimore City Council Bill 25-0065 – Zoning – Eliminating Off-Street Parking
Requirements**

Before The Land Use and Transportation Committee

September 11, 2025



Health Care for the Homeless supports City Council Bill 25-0065 - Zoning – Eliminating Off-Street Parking Requirements, known as Spaces for People Act, which would remove a key barrier to building more affordable housing in Baltimore: excessive and arbitrary parking requirements. Specifically, City Council Bill 25-0065 will eliminate arbitrary requirements that new buildings or uses include a certain number of off-street parking spaces. These requirements drive up housing prices, limit housing supply, and discourage small-scale development. City Council Bill 25-0065 is part of a broader housing affordability and development package known as The Housing Options & Opportunity Package, which Health Care for the Homeless strongly supports.

Health Care for the Homeless is Maryland’s leading provider of integrated health services and supportive housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. We deliver integrated medical care, behavioral health services, dental care and harm reduction interventions for more than 11,000 people annually at multiple clinic sites in Baltimore City and Baltimore County and through a Mobile Clinic and Street Medicine team. We also support more than 800 highly vulnerable Baltimoreans in more than 550 units of permanent supportive housing.

We believe that everyone deserves a home they can afford in a stable and healthy community, but most renters in Baltimore pay more than they can afford on their housing. In response, Health Care for the Homeless formed a subsidiary non-profit organization known as HCH Real Estate Company, Inc. HCH Real Estate Co, Inc. develops affordable and supportive multifamily rental housing in Baltimore. Our projects are designed to be community-centered, environmentally sustainable and deeply affordable.

City Council Bill 25-0065 will have benefits across the city, but those benefits will be particularly felt in smaller projects and projects that are more highly integrated into existing residential communities where we have the worst vacancy rates. City Council Bill 25-0065 will move affordable housing projects from financial infeasibility to shovel-ready because apart from barriers such as parking requirements, the resources for these projects already exist. With the restrictions of off-street parking, we are design-constrained to make choices that reduce our

potential rental income through inefficient space planning and that are generally out-of-sync with resident needs.

Example: Franklin Square Project

Franklin Square is one such project that can benefit from City Council Bill 25-0065. The Franklin Square Project is a 19-unit new construction affordable housing development slated for the Franklin Square neighborhood of Baltimore City. Developed by HCH Real Estate Co and Unity Properties, the project would transform the long vacant lots located at 4-20 N. Mount Street and contribute to ongoing revitalization efforts in Franklin Square. The unit mix would include eleven (11) one-bedroom units, three (3) two-bedroom, and five (5) three-bedroom units; accommodating individuals and families. The housing will be priced affordably with 10 units priced for households earning 30% AMI, 7 units at 50%, and 2 units at 60% AMI. Amenities include controlled access, onsite case management, private meeting spaces, a fitness room, in-unit laundry, and a spacious lobby. The Franklin Square Project is unique in that it will provide tenant services for all residents and specialized supportive services for the 10 deeply affordable units to accommodate households currently experiencing homelessness.

By repealing minimums and imposing maximums instead, it would mean that smaller infill redevelopment projects, like the Franklin Square project that redevelop or fill in vacant properties between existing structures, could dedicate more space to creating space for greenery and retain more of the aesthetic of the block on which the property is located. Like many rowhome blocks in Baltimore, the Franklin Square project simply was not built to accommodate off-street parking – the space is for housing and yards. Rather than breaking up the block with driveway to stretch to the back of the building and paving over would be the “backyard,” we can give more space to the actual living and recreational green space that residents of Baltimore need and deserve. Having the freedom to make our own choices in developing housing is going to lead to a more aesthetically-pleasing and environmentally-sustainable design.

Example: Sojourner Place at the Falls

Sojourner Place at the Falls is another project that we are co-developing with Episcopal Housing Corporation and Beacon Communities, where we acquired two hotels—the Holiday Inn Express located in the historic Old National Bank Building at 221 N Gay St and the Sleep Inn at 300 N Front St—for conversion to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). On this project, we are creating parking to solve for a flood plane issue and the maximum is well more than we put into our initial concept, so the current law has shown is excessive on required number of parking spaces. Furthermore, that site is so close to transit hubs that it is empirically excessive to require us to have 1 parking spot for every 2 dwellings, even if our folks didn’t have extremely low incomes.

By eliminating minimum parking requirements, this bill allows local affordable housing developers like us to determine the number of parking spaces needed rather than requiring us to fulfill arbitrary parking mandates. Reducing parking requirements better meets the aesthetic character of the neighborhood, thus reallocating space to more affordable housing units and

more green space. City Council Bill 25-0065 will have greater benefits to the community, future residents, and the environment.

We fully support this bill and ask for this Committee's support.

For more information about our agency, visit www.hchmd.org and www.hchreco.org.

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Our Mission: We work to end homelessness through racially equitable health care, housing and advocacy in partnership with those of us who have experienced it.*

**Testimony In Support Of
Baltimore City Council Bill 25-0064 – Zoning – Bulk and Yard Requirements**

Before The Land Use and Transportation Committee

September 11, 2025



Health Care for the Homeless supports City Council Bill 25-0064 – Zoning – Bulk and Yard Requirements, which would amend the zoning code to increase maximum lot coverage and reduce minimum yard requirements in certain residential districts. City Council Bill 25-0064 is part of a broader housing affordability and development package known as The Housing Options & Opportunity Package, which Health Care for the Homeless strongly supports. The Housing Options & Opportunity Package will create housing opportunities, make housing more affordable, and promote equity.

Health Care for the Homeless is Maryland’s leading provider of integrated health services and supportive housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. We deliver integrated medical care, behavioral health services, dental care and harm reduction interventions for more than 11,000 people annually at multiple clinic sites in Baltimore City and Baltimore County and through a Mobile Clinic and Street Medicine team. We also support more than 800 highly vulnerable Baltimoreans in more than 550 units of permanent supportive housing.

We believe that everyone deserves a home they can afford in a stable and healthy community, but most renters in Baltimore pay more than they can afford on their housing. In response, Health Care for the Homeless formed a subsidiary non-profit organization known as HCH Real Estate Company, Inc. HCH Real Estate Co develops affordable and supportive multifamily rental housing in Baltimore. Our projects are designed to be community-centered, environmentally sustainable and deeply affordable.

City Council Bill 25-0064 will have benefits across the city, but those benefits will be particularly felt in smaller projects and projects that are more highly integrated into existing residential communities where we have the worst vacancy rates. City Council Bill 25-0064, like the other bills in the Housing Options & Opportunity Package, will move affordable housing projects from financial infeasibility to shovel-ready because without such barriers the resources already exist for projects like ours. With the restrictions of current requirements that City Council Bill 25-0064 addresses, we are design-constrained to make choices that reduce our potential rental income through inefficient space planning and that are generally out-of-sync with resident needs.

City Council Bill 25-0064 can make it easier to have more diversity of housing stock types in more neighborhoods and allow increased density in residential zones. Policies such as City Council Bill 25-0064 can ultimately lead to increased affordability in the City.

Health Care for the Homeless supports this bill and asks for this Committee's support.

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**Transportation
Alliance**



Bikemore

September 11, 2025

Ryan Dorsey, Chair
Land Use and Transportation Committee
Baltimore City Council

Dear Chair Dorsey and members of the committee,

Bikemore and the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance urge you to pass three bills coming before you in the next few days:

25-0062 will change outdated, costly requirements that mandate all residential buildings above three stories to have two staircases, instead allowing some buildings up to six stories with only one staircase. This will reduce development costs and create more affordable multi-family apartments in dense neighborhoods.

25-0064 will make modest changes to certain bulk and yard standards for residential zoning uses in residential zoning districts, allowing owners to make more flexible use of their property.

25-0065 will eliminate requirements that new buildings or uses include a certain number of off-street parking spaces. These mandates inflate construction costs, limit housing supply, and discourage small-scale development.

Too many local regulations enacted during the middle of the 20th Century make housing more expensive and make it difficult if not impossible to get around without a car. For that reason, cities across the country are reexamining parking standards, setbacks, and staircase requirements. And cities implementing reforms are seeing better and more affordable options for housing and transportation. We want those results for Marylanders and see these three ordinances as critical steps in the right direction. Please give them favorable hearings and pass them as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Jed Weeks, Executive Director
Bikemore

Brian O'Malley, President & CEO
Central Maryland Transportation Alliance

September 10, 2025

Baltimore City Planning Commission
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Opposition to City Council Bill 25-0065 (Parking)

Dear Commissioners,

As a resident and homeowner in Marble Hill, I am writing to express my strong opposition to City Council Bill 25-0065 (Parking). While I understand the intent behind reducing off-street parking requirements, this proposal does not reflect the day-to-day realities of Baltimore's neighborhoods and would impose significant burdens on residents.

Public Safety and Emergency Access:

Eliminating minimum parking requirements will inevitably increase the number of cars parked on already crowded streets. In many neighborhoods, vehicles already line both sides of the block, creating serious obstacles for fire trucks, ambulances, and police vehicles. Any delay in emergency response due to blocked or narrowed roadways places lives at risk.

Impact on Seniors and Residents with Disabilities:

Baltimore has a large population of seniors and individuals with mobility challenges who rely on the ability to park near their homes. Removing parking requirements will make it even harder for them to access their residences safely. This bill places an unfair burden on those least able to walk long distances from distant or unsafe parking spots.

Equity and Fairness:

Developers benefit when parking requirements are eliminated, but residents are left to absorb the negative consequences. Long-term homeowners and renters will face increased competition for limited curb space, more parking tickets, and greater inconvenience, while developers are relieved of the responsibility to plan responsibly for the vehicles their projects attract.

Environmental and Infrastructure Concerns:

More cars circling neighborhoods in search of scarce parking will worsen emissions and further deteriorate our streets, which are already in need of repair. The increased wear-and-tear on city infrastructure will raise costs that taxpayers—not developers—will be forced to bear.

Historic Neighborhood Character:

Neighborhoods such as Marble Hill were never designed to accommodate high-density development without adequate parking. This bill disregards the historic character and

architectural fabric of legacy communities, replacing thoughtful planning with a one-size-fits-all approach that undermines livability.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Planning Commission to recommend against the passage of City Council Bill 25-0065 (Parking). Thoughtful, neighborhood-specific planning must take precedence over blanket deregulation that disregards public safety, equity, and the lived experiences of Baltimore residents.

I appreciate your attention to this important matter and your commitment to preserving the safety and stability of our communities.

With appreciation,

Charles Williams
Marble Hill Resident

Testimony City Council Bill 25-0064

Hearing: City Council Land Use and Transportation Committee.

There are some major questions concerning City Council Bills 25-0064.

- Why this bill and why now?
- Whom does the bill benefit?
- How will these measures contribute to improving the quality of life and the well-being of existing residents and neighborhoods affected by the proposed zoning changes?
- How does this bill enhance/increase homeownership, especially Black homeownership in Baltimore, which is a major goal of this Administration?

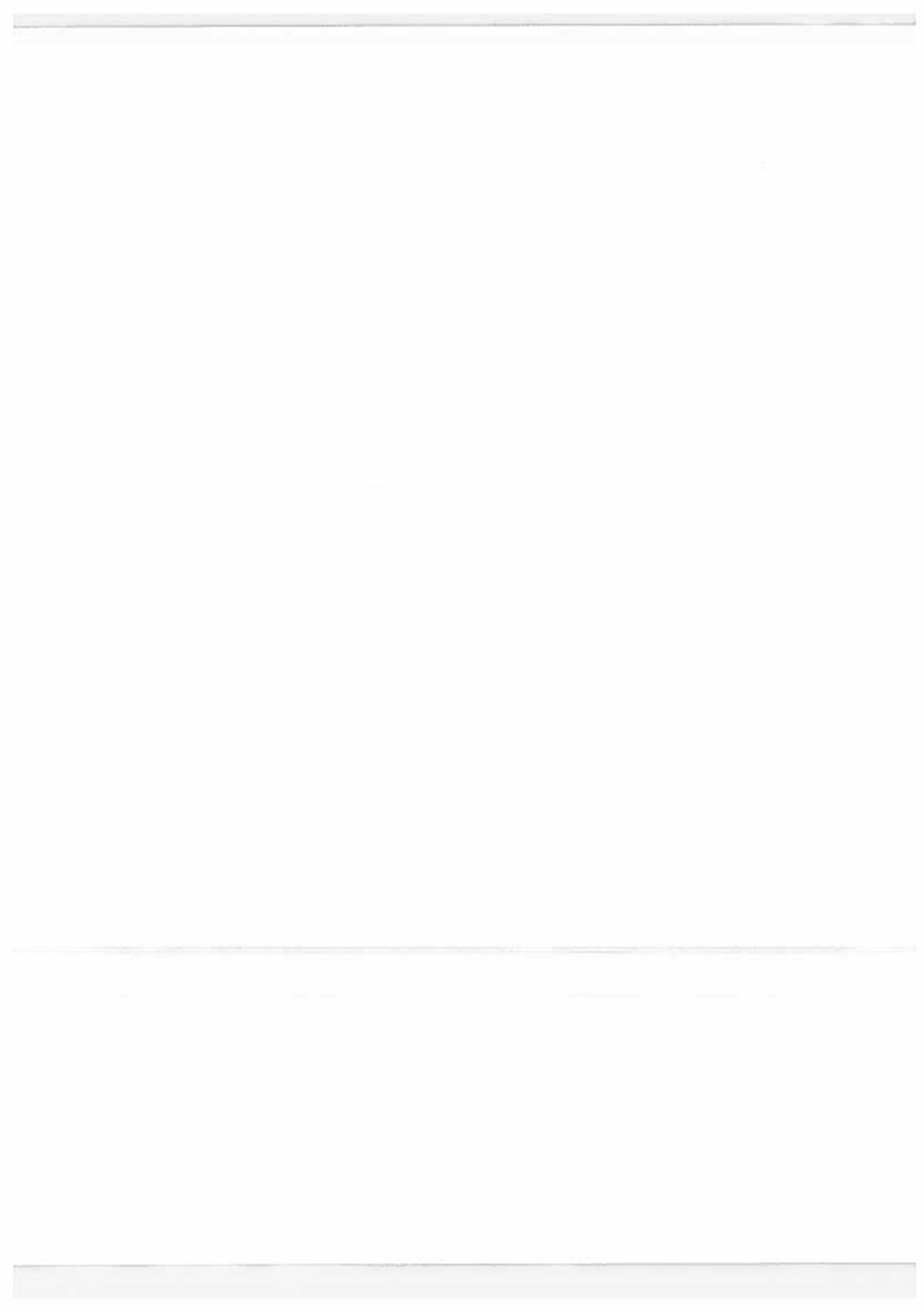
The Bills under consideration have been presented as solutions to problems, but problems for whom?

In fact this bill creates more problems for existing residents. Baltimore is known as a City of Neighborhoods and is blessed with a number of great neighborhoods that have remained stable, livable, affordable and attractive to homebuyers and residents over many decades. Our organization works as a Middle Neighborhoods partner to 11 great neighborhoods in Northwest Baltimore and in our meetings with them, no neighborhood association has supported these bills. Our partner communities are the following Healthy Neighborhoods communities in Northwest Baltimore: Ashburton, Callaway-Garrison, Dorchester, Central Forest Park, Forest Park, Forest Park Golf Course, Concerned Citizens of Forest Park, Garwyn Oaks, Hanlon, Howard Park, West Forest Park, and Hillsdale Heights. These communities are predominantly African American, low to moderate income, middle neighborhoods and comprised of mainly single-family homes. The availability of open, green space is one of the primary attributes individuals and families seek and choose when selecting to live in our Northwest communities.

It was stated in the Baltimore Sun that these bills were "an attempt to address ... structural racism of the past" Since the majority of the residents in our communities, and who own homes are African American, that excuse for this bill is misinformed at best and insulting at worse. Instead, what we hear from residents is their desire to protect, preserve and promote the very qualities and living experiences—the ample open and green space, off street parking and single family homes-- that have made their neighborhoods desirable to homebuyers and residents for generations.

Many voiced confusion and frustration about how these proposals seem to cater more to outside investment interests and the need for potential developers to be profitable than the needs of current residents and to the voices of those who live here. Rather than strengthening neighborhoods, these changes threaten to destabilize them by prioritizing short-term potential development over long-term community sustainability, stability, and security.

City Council Bill 25-0064 proposes amendments to bulk and yard requirements in residential zoning districts. While the changes may appear modest in raw numbers, the percentage increases in lot coverage and reductions in yard space range from 25% to 100% in some cases. These are not minor adjustments-- they represent a significant reduction in open and green space across the city. Decreasing the back and side yard requirements allows developers/builders to build larger buildings on the lots, reducing the green space between homes and in the rear yard. This change reduces open space for families' and individuals' outdoors activities and limits or eliminates



space for off-street parking, which is greatly needed now in our partner communities and communities like ours around the city. .

In meetings with our partner communities, residents expressed concerns about the bill lacked community engagement, input and support, and the residents want to be active participants in policies and zoning changes that impact them and their communities.

In summary, the concerns to be addressed are:

- Focus and beneficiaries of this bill
- Existing residents' interests not being considered nor their input sought before the development of the bill
- Preserving the amenities and quality of life of Baltimore communities
- Removing safeguards that protect neighborhoods from undesirable and unproductive development

Increasing the amount of housing does not necessarily increase homeownership or make it affordable. Equipping homebuyers achieve, grow and maintain financial capacity does. I would recommend the Council investigate and develop programs that can help homebuyers and homeowners in that regard to be able to buy and keep their homes affordably. Baltimore has several housing counseling and community oriented organizations and agencies that can help in that endeavor.

The City constantly asks residents to promote, partner with and support their city. It is now time for our City representatives to do the same for their constituents. We now ask that the City Council listen to and support the residents of the city and oppose this bill. I urge the City Council to prioritize the needs and voices of the Baltimore City residents who currently live here, invest here and are impacted by the changes that happens here and vote no to City Council Bill 25-0064. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mereida Goodman,

President, Garwyn Oaks United Neighbors Assn.

Executive Director, GO Northwest Housing Resource Center



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September 11, 2025

Land Use and Transportation Committee
Baltimore City Council
City Hall, Room 408
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Baltimore, MD 21202

**RE: Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership Testimony in Support of City Council
Bill 25-0064, Reducing Bulk and Yard Requirements for Residential Properties**

Dear Chair Dorsey, Vice Chair Middleton and Honorable Committee Members:

On behalf of the Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership (BRHP), I am writing to express our support for **City Council Bill 25-0064**, which proposes reducing bulk and yard requirements for residential properties in Baltimore.

As Baltimore faces a deepening housing affordability crisis, we must remove barriers that prevent the creation of diverse, accessible housing options—especially for low- and moderate-income families. Over half of renters in our city are cost-burdened, and far too many households are forced to choose between paying rent and meeting other basic needs.

Current zoning regulations—such as minimum yard sizes, lot coverage limits, and building height restrictions— limit the construction of housing space that can be built on properties and restrict families from modifying or expanding existing properties to meet their needs. The Journal of Housing & Community Development found that restrictive zoning practices significantly contribute to the ongoing housing affordability crisis, with a [staggering 70 percent of residential areas](#) in major cities restricting or banning apartment development that allows for multi-family usage.

Bill 25-0064 offers a practical solution to easing some restrictions, supporting the development of smaller, more affordable homes and enabling homeowners the

flexibility to make meaningful improvements to their properties that include creating more housing space. This change will increase the overall housing stock, creating new opportunities for housing on existing lots.

For the families BRHP serves—many of whom have been historically excluded and priced out of the housing market or subjected to living in overcrowded or substandard conditions—this bill represents more pathways to safe, stable, and affordable housing in communities of opportunity. BRHP has seen firsthand how access to safe, affordable housing in opportunity-rich neighborhoods can transform lives. As the Regional Administrator for the Baltimore Housing Mobility Program, we work with over 4,300 families to help them transition from areas of concentrated poverty to communities where they can thrive.

Bill 25-0064 is a forward-thinking reform that will help Baltimore modernize its zoning code, increase housing supply, and create more equitable opportunities for families across the city. We urge the committee to support its passage and support a more inclusive and responsive housing framework.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Adria Crutchfield
Executive Director

About the [Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership](#):

The Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership (BRHP) is a non-profit organization that expands housing choices for low-income families who have historically been excluded from housing in well-resourced neighborhoods by helping them access and transition successfully to safe, healthy, and economically vibrant communities. As the Regional Administrator for the Baltimore Housing Mobility Program, BRHP has been opening pathways to better futures for low-income families for over 10 years. BRHP currently provides over 4,300 low-income families rental assistance in the form of Housing Choice Vouchers coupled with counseling support for families as they move from areas of concentrated poverty to areas of opportunity in Baltimore City and the five surrounding counties.

September 10, 2025

Baltimore City Planning Commission
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Commissioners,

As a resident and homeowner in Marble Hill, I write to express my strong opposition to City Council Bill 25-0064 (Land Use), which is scheduled for discussion at the upcoming Planning Commission hearing.

While the stated intent of this bill may be to expand housing opportunities, its effect would be to significantly reduce bulk and yard requirements across all residential zones. Such a change poses serious risks to neighborhood stability and quality of life.

Parking and Traffic:

By encouraging more construction on smaller lots, this bill increases density without addressing the resulting demand for parking and traffic management. In neighborhoods like mine, where parking is already scarce, this will worsen congestion and create unsafe conditions for pedestrians and emergency vehicles.

Public Safety and Infrastructure:

Higher density without corresponding investment in water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure will place an unsustainable burden on already strained systems. Emergency services, which are stretched thin, will also be adversely impacted by greater density and less open space.

Property Values and Community Cohesion:

Reducing yard space and open buffers erodes the character of established neighborhoods, diminishing property values and discouraging long-term investment. These spaces are vital to maintaining safe, livable communities where neighbors can connect and families can thrive.

One-Size-Fits-All Approach:

Baltimore is a city of distinct neighborhoods, each with unique histories and needs. A blanket reduction in yard and bulk requirements ignores those differences and imposes unnecessary disruption on stable residential communities.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Planning Commission to recommend against the passage of City Council Bill 25-0064 (Land Use). Baltimore deserves development policies that respect neighborhood character, protect existing residents, and balance growth with infrastructure capacity.

I appreciate your commitment to safeguarding the character and stability of our community.

With appreciation,

Charles Williams
Marble Hill Resident

Dear Members of the Baltimore City Planning Commission,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Baltimore to express my strong opposition to City Council Bill 25-0064, which is scheduled for discussion at the Planning Commission hearing on August 7th.

This proposal, if enacted, would significantly alter the character of our neighborhoods and erode the quality of life for many residents. Bill 25-0064, which seeks to reduce bulk and yard requirements in all residential zones, threatens the very essence of what makes our communities livable. The proposed reduction of required yard space, by up to 50% in some zones, would eliminate critical green space, reduce tree canopy, and diminish the sense of openness that contributes to mental and physical health, especially in urban settings.

As a longtime resident, I value the balance between housing and open space. Front and side yards are more than visual buffers; they are where children play, neighbors connect, and gardens grow. Stripping away these buffers to allow for more construction will worsen stormwater runoff, reduce air quality, and increase the urban heat island effect. Within Marble Hill, we have maintained community green spaces on our own for years!

This bill prioritize density at the expense of equity, environment, and community cohesion. Baltimore needs thoughtful, inclusive planning, not one-size-fits-all deregulation that disproportionately impacts stable residential communities.

I respectfully urge the Planning Commission to recommend against the passage of Bill 25-0064. Let's work toward development that enhances, not erodes, Baltimore's neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Lewis P.E.,

Marble Hill Resident

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Kathleen Kotarba <kathleenkotarba@icloud.com>
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Please add our testimony below to the legislative files for each bill: #25-0064, #25-0065 and #25-0066. We oppose each bill. Thank you very much!

Kathleen and Mike Kotarba

From: Kathleen Kotarba <kathleenkotarba@icloud.com>
Date: July 31, 2025 at 10:57:42 AM EDT
To: Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov
Subject: **Oppose City Council Bills #25-0064, #25-0065 and #25-0066**

Dear Honorable Council President Cohen-

Please add our letter (below) to the legislative files for each bill. We checked on legistar and the letters are not yet included. Agency hearings are now proceeding and we want our comments to appear in the record.

Thank you very much.

Kathleen and Michael Kotarba
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Dear Honorable Council President
Cohen:

Re: **Oppose** City Council Bills #25-0064, #25-0065 and #25-0066

As Baltimore residents and homeowners for over four decades, we **strongly oppose** City

Council Bills #25-0064, #25-0065 and #25-0066. Please include this letter separately in the legislative record for each bill and consider our comments during the legislative process.

Baltimore's citizens are already well served by the recently updated Zoning Code. Homeowners have invested in Baltimore and depend upon residential zoning that protects their neighborhoods. Citizens and communities already count on zoning that:

- 1- encourages owner occupancy and long term commitment,
- 2- discourages institutional and absentee investors,
- 3- provides a reliable and stable tax base.

The three bills in question fail to address the following related concerns:

1- Treats all neighborhoods as though they have the same characteristics and needs. They do not.

2- Creates incentives for "tear downs" that destroy the character and desirability of neighborhoods.

3- Does not address the additional infrastructure requirements of producing additional multi family housing. These include road maintenance and traffic improvements, adequate parking, public transportation needs and funding, public utilities, fire and police services, and water/storm water services.

4- Does not address the additional housing and building inspection staffing requirements. Additional housing units will require additional monitoring and additional City attorneys when legal action is needed.

5- Does not address additional sanitation services.

6- There is no fiscal analysis or data to support this legislation. Does not address fiscal implications for the future, including potential increases to the City budget.

7- Does not address environmental impacts resulting from increased density.

8- Does not address potential difficulty in contacting absentee owners and insuring their accountability when something goes wrong. (Homeowners are typically onsite).

9- If all three bills become law there will be a layering effect. The resulting impacts are unknown and not addressed in the legislation.

In conclusion, these bills represent top down decision making that imposes upon the people of Baltimore. The package of bills, and their combined impact, is an experiment. Baltimoreans did not vote for this and expect better of their elected officials.

Respectfully,

Kathleen and Michael Kotarba

3021 Iona Terrace

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Michael Kotarba <kmkotarba@comcast.net>
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November 25, 2024
The Honorable President and Members
Of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Honorable President and City Council Members:

Re: City Council Bill 24-0544 – Zoning – Harford Road Overlay District – **OPPOSE**

We are homeowners who have lived in the Arcadia neighborhood for over 42 years. We treasure our community, as well as the adjacent Harford Road commercial corridor. During the last four decades we have seen its vitality improve and we have welcomed many new neighbors. We add our voices to those of the many (and growing) voices who are **OPPOSED** to this legislation.

The property owners along the Harford Road Corridor and in the adjacent neighborhoods can plan for the future from a position of strength. We already offer great diversity, variety and opportunity to residents and businesses. There is significant existing character of design, as well as a long and rich history to share. Successful businesses and home ownership are our current assets. The area is not a blank slate in need of a broad-brush “do over.”

We know that you have received an outpouring of **OPPOSITION**, so we will be succinct in our reasons to **OPPOSE**. They are as follows:

1. **Property Owner Notification and Community Involvement** – In reviewing the records for this legislation we did not see evidence of notifying the individual property owners of the proposed material changes affecting them. (All properties within the “blue” boundaries on the map). Isn’t this a standard courtesy, if not a requirement of City statute? The proposed legislation favors theoretical

developers of speculative high density housing over the current property owners. Are the tax-paying current owners even aware of this legislation? They have the right to be notified.

2. **The legislation is unclear and incomplete** – What are the applicable and existing circumstances that justify the proposed high density and taller development along the entire corridor, including intrusions into the residential side streets? What is the problem to be solved and is this the best way to solve it? Case in point: There are two recent Harford Road developments that are higher density, taller residential structures. Since the current Zoning did not prevent their construction, what is the problem we need to solve?

The legislation and the presentation (found online) do not include visual design studies, graphics of potential building heights and massing, traffic studies (current and projected), real estate market studies and other data essential to foster good decision making. At the least, the legislation should be tabled and perhaps revisited at a time when the necessary visuals and data become available.

3. **Lack of Design Planning and Guidelines** – Other than the overlay map, there is no visual content associated with the legislation. There is no content indicating that there will be a design review process or guidelines for existing and new construction along the corridor. The proposed zoning changes support dense, taller construction that is out of character with the historic development pattern of Harford Road. Currently, we have a variety of designs from different time periods, offering different sizes and spaces. In the future, we may have tall, dense construction that fills existing land parcels to the maximum. What would that look like and is that what we want? Also, in the future the community may see developers assemble blocks of buildings to build even larger characterless structures. We need to see a complete vision of the future, not an opportunistic one without design considerations.
4. **No Plan for Green Spaces** – There is no content, requirement or guidelines for green space. Additional trees and green spaces are a long-desired goal of the City and its residents. Why isn't tree planting, landscaping, etc. a required element of new dense, tall development? It should be.
5. **Failure to address Equity Needs** – There is no content in the legislation to address the mobility needs of the elderly and disabled. Not everyone will be able to walk, bike or take mass transit to establishments along the Harford Road Corridor. Instead, the legislation eliminates parking requirements and curb cuts. As a community we are all responsible for providing complete access to public spaces, including for those who rely on the automobile for mobility. We want our community to be welcoming and available to all!

In closing, we respectfully ask that you **OPPOSE** for the reasons stated above, and for those stated in the testimony included in the City Council's records for the legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

Michael and Kathleen Kotarba
Arcadia Community Residents

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: dillbwell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dillon Broadwell
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Dear City Council Testimony,

I am writing in support of Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

In order for Baltimore to grow, it must be a city that accommodates young families. #25-0062 will allow more diverse building designs in Baltimore City that more easily accommodate multiple bedrooms for families and allow for more windows in and better cross-ventilation of apartments.

Much of our built environment in Baltimore pre-dates present bulk and yard requirements. Adjusting those requirements, as #25-0064 seeks to do, will also further a diversity of building types in the city, allowing us to build both larger and smaller kinds of homes and enabling more people of different incomes and needs to live in more neighborhoods.

One of the largest costs associated with construction of new housing is parking. The city's remaining parking minimums are arbitrary and force up the cost of housing for everyone living in a building, even if they choose not to own a car. Devoting too much space to parking also degrades the walkability of neighborhoods, removing potential space for housing and small businesses in favor of car storage. #25-0065 would remove arbitrary parking minimums, and allow a developer or homeowner to determine their parking needs. Cities across the country have successfully repealed arbitrary parking minimums, and seen improvements to the walkability, affordability, and small business climate as a result.

All three of these bills are consistent with goals outlined in the city's recently adopted comprehensive plan, and will work to make Baltimore a more affordable, walkable, and family-friendly place to call home.

I encourage the Land Use and Transportation Committee to vote favorably, and for the full council to pass Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Sincerely,
Mr. Dillon Broadwell
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Dear City Council Testimony,

I am writing in support of Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

I agree with the message below, but I just wanted to add a few things.

Residential neighborhoods should not have more parking spaces than people. But when I used to live at 39th and Keswick, that was exactly the case. I don't just agree with the argument that tying parking to housing is ridiculous because it reduces housing options and drives up housing costs (although that is very true, and as a renter and as someone who averages one car trip per week, this affects me a lot). I also think it's a huge barrier to walkable neighborhoods for people who live here to constantly have to walk around parking lots in order to access services. Parking lots everywhere are an urban blight. Only rich people can afford to pay an extra \$150 a month to pay for a parking space in these developments anyway. And requiring parking lots for new developments encourages people moving to developments in already walkable neighborhoods to drive everywhere, creating more traffic.

I agree with Bikemore and have the same t-shirt that Jed Weeks wears everywhere: Street parking is theft. It swindles us of better designed communities to serve outdated, dinosaur concepts of what it means to live in the city. It is perfectly possible to look at research into ways to make sure that there is ample parking for local businesses - but taking valuable public space for new build apartments reduces the available resources to provide this.

In order for Baltimore to grow, it must be a city that accommodates young families. #25-0062 will allow more diverse building designs in Baltimore City that more easily accommodate multiple bedrooms for families and allow for more windows in and better cross-ventilation of apartments.

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Sincerely,
Mx Brittany Shannahan
319 E 27th St Baltimore, MD 21218-4414
bshannahan@citizen.org

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jacquiegreff@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jacqueline Greff
<jacquiegreff@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Jacqueline Greff
1607 Lancaster St Baltimore, MD 21231-3423 jacquiegreff@icloud.com

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Sincerely,
Ms Rachel Wobrak
511 W 28th St Baltimore, MD 21211-3028
rwobrak@gmail.com

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From: sanz.kermes@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michelle Kermes
<sanzi.kermes@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
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sanzi.kermes@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: faithowhonda@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Faith Owhonda
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Sincerely,

Ms. Faith Owhonda

2911 Gwynns Falls Pkwy Baltimore, MD 21216-2818 faithowhonda@gmail.com

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From: jolson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jason Olson
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Sincerely,
Mr. Jason Olson
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From: jillian.capewell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jillian Capewell
<jillian.capewell@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Jillian Capewell
216 W Madison St Apt 2F Baltimore, MD 21201-4683 jillian.capewell@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: davis.randolph@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Randy Davis
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Sincerely,
Randy Davis
2105 Hargrove St Baltimore, MD 21218-5802 davis.randolph@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Mr. Randy Davis
2105 Hargrove St Baltimore, MD 21218-5802 davis.randolph@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: klstewart76@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kristina Stewart <klstewart76@everyactioncustom.com>
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Ms. Kristina Stewart
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Sincerely,
Ambrym Smith
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Mr. Graham Coreil-Allen

3210 Auchentoroly Ter Baltimore, MD 21217-1949 graham@grahamprojects.com

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From: cbergh1313@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Chris Bergh <cbergh1313@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr Chris Bergh
2440 Woodbrook Ave Baltimore, MD 21217-1742 cbergh1313@gmail.com

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From: samjzisowmcclean@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sam Zisow-McClean
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Sincerely,
Mx. Sam Zisow-McClean
2608 Hamilton Ave Baltimore, MD 21214-1909 samjzisowmcclean@gmail.com

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Subject: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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Sincerely,
Mr. Collin Hayward
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: brodys2001@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brody Snook <brodys2001@everyactioncustom.com>
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Mr. Brody Snook
817 S Charles St Baltimore, MD 21230-3938 brodys2001@gmail.com

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From: jeffdalik@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeffrey Dalik
<jeffdalik@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Jeffrey Dalik
320 Westshire Rd Baltimore, MD 21229-2234 jeffdalik@gmail.com

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From: neville.ferns@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Neville Fernandes
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Sincerely,
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9 S Curley St Baltimore, MD 21224-2234
neville.ferns@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: livingbybike@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Claire Pomykala
<livingbybike@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Claire Pomykala
3970 Falls Rd Baltimore, MD 21211-1866
livingbybike@gmail.com

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Sincerely,
Vicki Vandenburg
1344 W 41st St Baltimore, MD 21211-1549 vicki.vandenburg@yahoo.com

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From: jedweeks@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jedediah Weeks
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Sincerely,
Mr. Jedediah Weeks
214 W 27th St Baltimore, MD 21211-3001
jedweeks@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Daniel Wilson <ds.wilson82@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 3:22 PM
To: Brandon M Scott; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Conway, Mark (City Council); Tiso, Eric (DOP); Testimony
Subject: City Council Bill #25-0064/Zoning---Bulk and Yard Requirements—Amendments (Citywide)

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Dear Sirs:

We should be encouraging builders to go up, not out. Too much of our cityscape is already built upon or paved over. Making this problem worse adds to flash-flooding risk and harbor pollution due to rapid rain run-off.

Who is asking for this change? I fear the influence of out-of-town (Wall Street) investors who create more non-owner occupied housing and airbnb's, resulting in the weakening of our community bonds.

Please oppose the reduction of setbacks.

Regards,
Daniel S. Wilson
6302 Boxwood Rd,
Baltimore City, MD 21212

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Michael Scepaniak <michael@baltpop.org>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 12:18 AM
To: rdorsey
Cc: Leva, Anthony F (City Council); Nicholes, Ash (City Council); Weiss, Sumner (City Council)
Subject: Re: Land Use & Transportation Committee - written testimony
Attachments: Baltimore City Bill 25-0065 Testimony (Zoning – Eliminating Off-street Parking Requirements) 20250907.pdf; Baltimore City Bill 25-0064 Testimony (Zoning – Bulk And Yard Requirements – Amendments) 20250907.pdf; Baltimore City Bill 25-0062 Testimony (Building Code – Single Exit From Residential Occupancy) 20250907.pdf

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Attached, please find testimony on behalf of BaltPOP to be considered in the upcoming Land Use & Transportation Committee hearings regarding the following bills:

- Bill 25-0062 (Building Code – Single Exit From Residential Occupancy)
- Bill 25-0064 (Zoning – Bulk And Yard Requirements – Amendments)
- Bill 25-0065 (Zoning – Eliminating Off-street Parking Requirements)

Please confirm receipt. Thank you for your time and efforts. Good luck!

Mike....

[BaltPOP - Baltimoreans for People-Oriented Places](#)

On Thu, Aug 28, 2025, at 11:07 AM, Weiss, Sumner (City Council) wrote:

Best to send it in a couple of days before. But the earlier, the better- it will give committee members more time to review.

Sumner Weiss (he/him)



Baltimore City Council

Director of Legislative Affairs
Councilman Ryan Dorsey
Baltimore City Council, District 3
sumner.weiss@baltimorecity.gov
(410) 396-4812

From: Michael Scepaniak <michael@baltpop.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 4:16 PM
To: rdorsey <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Leva, Anthony F (City Council) <anthony.leva@baltimorecity.gov>; Weiss, Sumner (City Council) <Sumner.Weiss@baltimorecity.gov>; Nicholes, Ash (City Council) <Ash.Nicholes@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: Land Use & Transportation Committee - written testimony

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Thank you. Is there a deadline other than "before the hearing starts"? Or do you need it by EOD one or two days before?

Mike.....

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On Tue, Aug 26, 2025, at 3:34 PM, rdorsey wrote:

Send them as a PDF attachment to me at this address and CC the three others I've CC'd here.

Ryan Dorsey
Baltimore City Council
District 3
o [410-396-4812](tel:410-396-4812)
c [410-925-4156](tel:410-925-4156)

"To be on the side of people who are struggling for something doesn't necessarily mean you are being political." -Bob Dylan

From: Michael Scepaniak <michael@baltpop.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 1:47:50 PM
To: rdorsey <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>
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Councilmember Dorsey,

We'd like to submit written testimony in support of the bills being considered in the Land Use & Transportation Committee on September 11th and 18th. What are the procedures for doing that? To whom should I send the testimony and by when? I don't see instructions posted for these meetings or prior meetings. Thank you.

Mike.....

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Kathleen Kotarba <kathleenkotarba@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 7, 2025 2:22 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Oppose City Council Bill #25-0065 -Zoning - Eliminating Off-Street Parking Requirements

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Dear Honorable President and Members of the City Council

Re: **Oppose** City Council Bill #25-0065 – Zoning – Eliminating Off-Street Parking Requirements

As Baltimore City residents and homeowners for over four decades, we **strongly oppose** City Council Bill #25-0065. Please share this letter with the members of the City Council and include it in the legislative record for this bill.

Baltimore's citizens are already well served by the recently updated Zoning Code. There is no defensible rationale to upend the legislated Off-Street Parking Requirements.

Homeowners have invested in Baltimore City and depend upon residential zoning that supports their neighborhoods. Citizens and communities already count on zoning that:

- 1- encourages owner occupancy and long term commitment,
- 2- discourages institutional and absentee investors,
- 3- provides a reliable and stable tax base,
- 4-maintains and encourages greenspaces, including homeowner and public yards and gardens
- 5-preserves thoughtful community design that builds upon existing community assets.

There are actually three current bills (#25-0064, #25-0065). If all three bills become law there will be a layering effect. The resulting impacts are unknown and not addressed in the legislation. We have no idea what this will look like if the legislation is enacted. We encourage the City Council to review the three bills as a whole and not make piecemeal decisions about such major changes.

Here are reasons the reasons we **oppose Bill #25-0065:**

1- Treats all neighborhoods as though they have the same characteristics and needs. They do not. It is self evident that Baltimore's neighborhoods offer a variety of uses and densities of structures. Many neighborhoods include both residential and commercial properties of a variety of sizes and scales. Many include churches,

schools, health care facilities, restaurants, grocery stores and specialty businesses. Each kind of use will have distinct parking needs associated with their specific location. Eliminating off-street parking requirements in all zoning categories will discourage homeowners, renters, church-goers, business customers, health care patients, tourists and people of all categories who need to find a parking place.

2- Creates incentives to cut corners and not include parking in new construction and business plans. Many Baltimore neighborhoods already lack sufficient parking spaces to accommodate existing stores, restaurants, churches, health care facilities and group homes. Already some households, both homeowner and rental, have multiple vehicles and resort to parking on front yards. Already there is inadequate Zoning enforcement of this type of illegal parking. Matters will only become worse if there are no minimum off-street parking requirements. It would be a serious mistake to discourage Baltimore City's homeowners by thwarting their current expectations to park near their house. Homeowners are key to the City's tax base and should be respected for their support of Baltimore's stability.

3- Does not address the additional zoning, housing, building and transportation inspection staffing requirements. There likely will be more double parking and illegal parking in general. There should be a plan to provide adequate parking and a plan for enforcement for those who violate the rules.

4- There is no fiscal analysis or data to support this legislation. It does not address fiscal implications for the future, including potential increases to the City budget. This short-sighted planning also ignores the needs of

visitors to our city. We seek the financial benefits of additional tourism, but frustrate our visitors when they come to see us by car. We want more residents, but not all are carless, Many of our residents and visitors have disabilities that require special transportation consideration. What is the physical and fiscal impact upon these individuals? Before passing this “one size fits all” legislation we need to consider some actual data that addresses the potential outcomes. It is not too much to expect before we take the risk.

5- While the legislation suggests an optimistic view of a Baltimore City with fewer cars, it fails to address our current realities. It is an admirable goal to increase the use of bicycles as a mode of transportation, but not all Baltimoreans are able to regularly use bikes. It is also an admirable goal to wean ourselves away from reliance on cars, but we do not have a fully viable public transportation system. While admirable as an idea, this legislation cannot assure public transportation funding. A highly functioning transportation system relies upon State and Federal dollars, and they are becoming increasingly scarce. Major public transportation projects often require decades to complete, assuming that there is sufficient political alignment to support construction. It would be irresponsible to eliminate off-street parking minimum requirements prior to achieving a fully viable public transportation system.

In conclusion, we strongly **OPPOSE Bill #25-0065**. This bill represents top down decision making that imposes upon the people of Baltimore City. It is one bill in a package of bills that, when combined, constitute an experiment that could be detrimental to Baltimore’s neighborhoods. Bill #25-0065 contradicts the effort that went into the recently updated Zoning Code. Baltimoreans did not vote for this and expect better of their City government.

Respectfully,

Kathleen and Michael Kotarba

3021 Iona Terrace

Baltimore MD 21214

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Kathleen Kotarba <kathleenkotarba@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 7, 2025 2:15 PM
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Subject: OPPOSE City Council Bill 25-0064 Zoning - Bulk and Yard Requirements - Amendments

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They do not. The City Council knows that Baltimore's neighborhoods offer a variety of designs with greenspace that is generally proportionate to the building types. This is an asset, offering a range of choices for everyone. Imposing a uniform change that reduces open and green space is misguided at best. This can lead to more hardscaping, increased run off and loss of green space overall. This is counter to decades of Baltimore City's sustainability planning and this is counter to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

2- Creates incentives for ill-conceived additions and "tear downs" that destroy the character and desirability of neighborhoods. Will there be any enforceable design standards that apply to new construction and additions? There is no evidence of that in the proposed legislation. With the exception of properties in CHAP Baltimore City Historic Districts, property owners need not follow any particular design standards. This legislation will allow property owners to cover more lot area and further reduce green space. The resulting additions and new construction could be in visual conflict with existing communities. No one will review the visual impact. There will be no recourse for bad design.

3- Does not address the additional housing and building permit and inspection staffing requirements. There will be more construction activity that requires

additional monitoring and additional City attorneys when legal action is needed.

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5- Does not address overall environmental impacts resulting from increased density.

In conclusion, we strongly **OPPOSE Bill #25-0064**. This bill represents top down decision making that imposes upon the people of Baltimore City. It is one bill in a package of bills that, when combined, constitute an experiment that could be detrimental to Baltimore's neighborhoods. Bill #25-0064 contradicts the thoughtful years long effort that went into the recently updated Zoning Code of several years ago. Baltimoreans did not vote for this and expect better of their City government.

Respectfully,

Kathleen and Michael Kotarba

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: ahinz61@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andrew Hinz <ahinz61@everyactioncustom.com>
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I encourage the Land Use and Transportation Committee to vote favorably, and for the full council to pass Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Less parking lots, more green space, more SAFETY.

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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Gabriel Kroiz <kroizarch@gmail.com>
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Dear Council,
Please consider my testimony regarding CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065:

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: renejcardona27@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rene Cardona <renejcardona27@everyactioncustom.com>
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Dear City Council Testimony,

I am writing in opposition to the city's proposal to relocate the Sisson Street Transfer Facility to the Potts & Callahan site along Falls Road in the Jones Falls Valley.

For years, the Mayor's Office and the Baltimore City Department of Transportation have made promises for improvements to this corridor that would make it safe for people of all ages and abilities to walk and bike from Maryland Avenue all the way to Union Avenue.

These promises included:

- 1) Widening the Jones Falls Trail to high quality trail standards between Maryland Avenue and the Round Falls switchbacks, as the trail along this section is below minimum trail width standards. Part of this proposal is currently in planning as part of the Jones Falls Gateway project.
- 2) Maintaining the closure to through traffic north of the Potts and Callahan site. This commitment was made by Mayor Scott in his first term to the Greater Remington Improvement Association to expand safe outdoor recreational space during the pandemic. Unfortunately, the commitment was broken and the road reopened. Baltimore City Department of Transportation was subsequently instructed to produce several designs including restoration of that traffic diverter, which were presented to the community with an anticipated installation timeline of 12 months. No improvements were installed.
- 3) Conversion of a small section of Falls Road and Clipper Mill Road to one-way, which would allow installation of a walking and biking sidepath on the most dangerous and narrow section of the corridor.

All three of these unrealized improvements--improvements already promised by the administration--are necessary to make the corridor safe and accessible to people of all ages and abilities walking and biking TODAY. Potential introduction of increased truck and personal vehicle traffic to the corridor with a relocation of the Sisson Street Transfer Facility makes all of these improvements even more urgent and necessary.

It's important to note that these improvements would not restrict vehicle access to any businesses or residences along the corridor. All would still be accessible by car, and via the routes currently most commonly used to access those residences and businesses. The only thing this proposal would do is prevent the most dangerous behavior on the corridor: through speeding by drivers seeking to avoid the JFX.

There is no safe path to relocation of the transfer facility to the Jones Falls Valley without all three of these improvements being installed in advance of or concurrently with relocation. Anyone supporting relocation without committing to these improvements is endorsing a plan that will injure and kill pedestrians and bicyclists.

I do not believe the proposed relocation site is a good one, but I urge you to commit to these improvements regardless of the outcome of the relocation proposal.

Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: natsbar@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nathan Sbar
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Dear City Council Testimony,

I am writing in support of Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

I know that the following message is a form letter, but I do sincerely approve the message. I believe that a city should be a city. Baltimore will never thrive if we can only imagine suburbs then try to force our city into that straightjacket of a development pattern. Allowing for developers in a city to build outside of the suburban pattern is necessary, even if not sufficient, to leading Baltimore to prosperity. The rest is the form letter part:

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I encourage the Land Use and Transportation Committee to vote favorably, and for the full council to pass Baltimore City Council bills #25-0062, #25-0064, and #25-0065.

Sincerely,
Mr. Nathan Sbar
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: JBeall0114@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jaden Beall <JBeall0114@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: dhbjorndalen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Bjorndalen
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Sincerely,

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: mel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melanie Scheirer
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: cohenrachels@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rae Cohen
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Sincerely,
Miss Rae Cohen
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: cohenrachels@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rae Cohen
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: shoestalk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Frank Szustak
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: murdock_ls@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lauren Murdock
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Sincerely,
Ms Lauren Murdock
3940 Via Lucero Santa Barbara, CA 93110-1669 murdock_ls@hotmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: jesskell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessie Keller
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Sincerely,
Ms Jessie Keller
3806 Beech Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-2222 jesskell@yahoo.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: asadahiro@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Artie Sadahiro
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Sincerely,
Mr. Artie Sadahiro
1602 Park Ave # 3R Baltimore, MD 21217-4305 asadahiro@mica.edu

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: mystereogotmono@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elyce Bloomfield
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Sincerely,
Ms. Elyce Bloomfield
425 Nottingham Rd Baltimore, MD 21229-2439 mystereogotmono@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: morah129@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tracy Barnes-Malone <morah129@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Tracy Barnes-Malone
3607 Clifmar Rd Windsor Mill, MD 21244-3114 morah129@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Ryan Kingsbury <ryankingsbury766@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Ryan Kingsbury
2 E Wells St Apt 551 Baltimore, MD 21230-4948
ryankingsbury766@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: michael.b.guyiii@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Guy
<michael.b.guyiii@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr Michael Guy
1315 Winston Ave Baltimore, MD 21239-3414 michael.b.guyiii@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: pessoa.stoner@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cecilia Pessoa Gingerich
<pessoa.stoner@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Cecilia Pessoa Gingerich
2105 Liberty Heights Ave Baltimore, MD 21217-2027 pessoa.stoner@gmail.com

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From: gtherk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gary Therkildsen
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Mr. Gary Therkildsen
2439 E North Ave Baltimore, MD 21213-1517 gtherk@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: kroizarch@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gabriel Kroiz
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Mr. Gabriel Kroiz
251 W Lafayette Ave Baltimore, MD 21217-4217 kroizarch@gmail.com

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Mr George Bourozikas
719 Park Ave Baltimore, MD 21201-4712
george@bourozikas.net

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: nickybainbridge@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nicky Meara-Bainbridge
<nickybainbridge@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 12:30 PM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Nicky Meara-Bainbridge

929 Homestead St Baltimore, MD 21218-3607 nickybainbridge@gmail.com

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Brian Line <brian.a.line@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 12:00 PM
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Subject: Fwd: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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Sincerely,
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From: **Cohen, Zeke (City Council)** <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Date: Wed, Sep 3, 2025 at 10:11 AM
Subject: Re: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065
To: brian.a.line@gmail.com <brian.a.line@gmail.com>

Good morning,

Thank you for your email. To ensure your comments are included in the official bill file and received by the committee, please submit your testimony to testimony@baltimorecity.gov.

Thank you,
Hailey Kancherla

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From: brian.a.line@everyactionadvocacy.com <brian.a.line@everyactionadvocacy.com> on behalf of Brian Line
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Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 8:32 AM

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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Andrew Waldman <andrew.r.waldman@gmail.com>
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I am very supportive of moving our housing policies beyond the stagnation they have suffered at the hands of the feckless leadership of Baltimore's past. We cannot afford to let our city's housing policies fester in a toxic soup of outdated thinking. There is nothing holding us back from doing this now, and we must do so. We will be left behind if we do not find ways to make housing more available to more people who want to live in Baltimore.

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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: melissafreilich@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melissa Freilich
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Blake Barnett <blakebarnett43@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: PSINNIS@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Photini Sinnis
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Mead, Nancy (City Council)
Sent: Thursday, July 3, 2025 11:32 AM
To: Leva, Anthony F (City Council)
Subject: FW: Personal Opposition to Zoning Bills 0064,0065 and 0066

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Cc: Brenda Allison <bkayeallison@gmail.com>; Joel Kurz <joe@thegardenbaltimore.com>; Bullock, John (City Council) <John.Bullock@baltimorecity.gov>; Jules Dunham Howie <juleshouse@hotmail.com>; Malcolm Lewis <Malcolm.Lewis1130@gmail.com>; JC Peralta <mpjcruz@gmail.com>; Jeff Thompson <jtphil3.8@gmail.com>; Jamaalttaylor86@gmail.com; Rafael McFadden <rafaelmac33@gmail.com>; Eric Brown <mobybrown@aol.com>; William Blackwell <willmarionb1510@verizon.net>; Savarese, Brandy (City Council) <brandy.savarese@baltimorecity.gov>; Torrence, James (City Council) <James.Torrence@baltimorecity.gov>; Charleus, Tyriq (DOP) <Tyriq.Charleus@baltimorecity.gov>; Bolden, Tarek (DOP) <tarek.bolden@baltimorecity.gov>; Al Hathaway <alhathaway@gmail.com>; nnenna ochuba <nnenna.ochuba@gmail.com>; keni hines@gmail.com; Cynthia Ryals <cicirials@renaissancebc.com>; Fred Tillman <metropropsllc@gmail.com>; Atiba Nkrumah <atiba.nkrumah@gmail.com>; marble hill <marblehillimprovement@gmail.com>; bullock@baltimorecity.gov; Kennedy, Alice (DHCD) <Alice.Kennedy@baltimorecity.gov>; Henson, Brandi (DHCD) <Brandi.Henson@baltimorecity.gov>; yoko.robinson@baltimorecity.gov; Marti Pitrelli <erasmocho@yahoo.com>; Yates, Ericka (DHCD) <Ericka.Yates@baltimorecity.gov>; DHCD MPIA Request <dhcd.mpia@baltimorecity.gov>; Quarles, Chantel (DHCD) <Chantel.Quarles@baltimorecity.gov>; Mead, Nancy (City Council) <Nancy.Mead@baltimorecity.gov>; Wanda Best <wgbest@verizon.net>; Brandon M Scott <brandonm.scott@baltimorecity.gov>; km@kathleenmitchell.com; kweisi.mfume@house.state.md.us; District11 <District11@baltimorecity.gov>; aaronleonardcoleman@gmail.com; info@historiciupton.com; Upton@historiciupton.com; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Brandon M Scott <brandonm.scott@baltimorecity.gov>; neighborsforsfzoning@gmail.com; Pierre Wright <wrgpr@aol.com>; stephanhanley@gmail.com; president@mvba.org
Subject: Personal Opposition to Zoning Bills 0064,0065 and 0066

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Dear Councilmember Blanchard,

I hope this message finds you well.

First, I want to sincerely thank you for attending our Marble Hill community meeting on May 20, 2025. I truly appreciated your presence — especially since this marked your **second visit** with us. Your continued engagement and the insights you shared regarding the Housing Options and Opportunity Act did not go unnoticed and mean a great deal to our community.

I'm reaching out personally to express my strong concern for Zoning Bills 25-0064, 25-0065, and 25-0066.

As a resident of historic Marble Hill, I care deeply about the long-term health, character, and stability of our neighborhood. While I fully understand the importance of promoting affordable and flexible housing options, these particular zoning changes raise serious concerns that I believe would have unintended, yet damaging, consequences for communities like ours.

Here's why:

- **Bill 0066** would allow up to four units to be built on lots currently zoned for single-family homes. This opens the door for increased investor activity and the conversion of homes into multi-unit rentals, making it harder for local families and first-time buyers to compete. Just this past April, our community had to actively push back against this exact type of predatory development — where duplexes were improperly being converted into quadruplexes. With support from Commissioner Alice Kennedy and the Department of Housing and Community Development, we were able to intervene and stop it. Adopting this bill now would feel like reversing that victory and signaling that those zoning protections no longer matter.
- **Bill 0065** would remove the requirement for off-street parking. Parking is already scarce in Marble Hill. Removing this requirement would increase congestion and create frustration for residents, particularly in older neighborhoods not designed to absorb that kind of density.
- **Bill 0064** proposes to reduce yard and green space requirements. These spaces are more than aesthetic — they contribute to safety, health, and the historic character that makes our community feel like home. Reducing them would strip away part of what gives Marble Hill its identity.

I'm not opposed to thoughtful growth — but I strongly believe that growth should be equitable and community-centered. The cumulative effect of these three bills would promote investor-driven development while diminishing the quality of life for existing homeowners and long-time residents.

Zack, I'm asking you not just as a constituent, but as someone who is deeply invested in preserving our neighborhood's integrity — please reconsider your support for these bills. I would also appreciate being notified of any upcoming hearings or public comment opportunities so I can continue to make my voice heard.

Thank you again for your time, your accessibility, and your ongoing commitment to public service. Your consistent presence in our community matters, and I trust you'll weigh our lived experience and local history in your decision-making.

Sincerely,
Charles Williams

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: Joan Floyd <joanlfloyd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 7:31 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Bill 25-0064: Additional Written Opposition

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To the Land Use and Transportation Committee:

Maryland Law imposes numerous requirements that must be met by the Mayor and City Council when adopting zoning regulations. In particular, Baltimore City zoning regulations must be designed to:

- control street congestion
- promote health, public safety, and general welfare
- provide adequate light and air
- promote the conservation of natural resources
- prevent environmental pollution
- properly manage growth and development
- promote or facilitate adequate transportation, water, sewerage, schools, recreation, parks, and other public facilities

(Land Use Article 10-302(2))

Baltimore City zoning regulations must include reasonable consideration for:

- the character of the district or zone and its suitability for particular uses
- the conservation of the value of buildings and other structures
- encouragement for orderly development and the most appropriate use of land throughout Baltimore City

(Land Use Article 10-302(3))

Baltimore City Code sets forth purposes of zoning regulations that include:

- to promote and protect public health, welfare, and quality of life for current and future generations
- to protect the physical environment and public natural resources for all residents
- to preserve and enhance the value of structures, communities, and neighborhoods

(Article 32 Zoning 2-101)

Amending the Zoning Code text requires the City Council to consider such issues as:

- whether the amendment would promote the public health, safety, and welfare
- the amendment's consistency with the intent and general regulations of the Zoning Code
- whether the amendment would effect a change in policy

(Article 32 Zoning 5-508(c))

The proceedings to date on Bill 25-0064 have failed to address, let alone satisfy, these requirements.

— Joan Floyd

Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: View Mail <maronick@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 5:50 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Testimony
Subject: Council Bill #25-0064

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Dear Council President Cohen:

The purpose of my letter is to underscore my objection to bill #25-0064 as its passage will greatly affect my trust in the commitment of the City government to protect my investment of having purchased property in the City of Baltimore.

As I have written previously, in 1983 living in a row house development in Baltimore County, my husband and I wanted more open and green space for our family to enjoy. We purchased property that was zoned R-1 E with 10-foot setbacks in a single-family community. Those zoning requirements assured us that the zoning meant that not only our property had 10-foot setbacks with a restricted percentage of lot coverage, but that our neighbors' properties did as well. The R -1 E zoning assured us of the open and green space that we had sought and was the reason for our purchase

We trusted the City of Baltimore to live up to those zoning requirements. Bill # 25-0064 along with Bill # 25-0066 will destroy that assurance of the open and green space environment that we thought we had attained in the purchase of the property. The Bill represents a betrayal of that trust that the City of Baltimore will live up to what our contract said we had purchased --- a single-family home zoned R-1-E with 10-foot setbacks. Passage of these bills does not reflect the trust that people placed in the City of Baltimore that their legislators would protect their investment of purchasing a home in the City.

Passage of the bills puts our investment at risk. Setbacks and lot coverage maximums have value which were reflected in the premium price we paid for the property to acquire them for the assurance of the open and green space we desired. The City should live up to the commitment that the zoning code provided.

Not only is our investment and the investments of all who bought property in R-1-E zones put at risk by passage of these bills, but their passage will put single-family communities at risk as well. How many of the 12,000 vacant buildings and 22,000 vacant lots in Baltimore are in R zones? Please do not put what is going right in Baltimore at risk in trying to achieve affordable housing. There are other solutions that will achieve that goal without jeopardizing what is already a wonderful success of which the City government should be proud--- its single-family communities. Once passed, the bills will put at risk those wonderful successes. Please provide a set aside to preserve the open and green space of the R zoned single-family communities.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns. Please do not pass these harmful bills.

Yours truly,

Nancy P. Maronick
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