

# **Baltimore City Council**



**Land Use & Transportation**

**Committee**

**Bill:25-0094**

**Title: Sale of Properties – 2840 and 2842  
Sisson Street**

**Public Testimony**

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** April Herring <april.herring@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2025 2:03 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Falls road dump

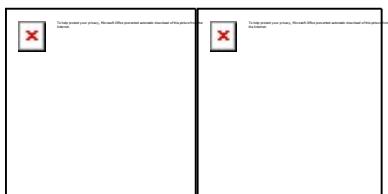
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I ride my bike along falls road as part of the jones falls pathway. I want the area to be green and clean. The sections near cold spring are so nice and I keep hoping the city will continue to invest in this unique and special bike path. I read the proposal to move a trash processing facility there and I strongly oppose the plan. Not only will it destroy the bike bath and overall feel, but it is bad for the environment. Please do not move forward with this plan.

April Herring Ed.D.

Life Coach | Somatic Healer | Speaker | Trainer



## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** nicole.runde@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nicole Runde  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2025 1:50 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.

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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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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. Nicole Runde  
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**From:** Heather Hax <heatherhax@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** re: transfer station

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Hi there -

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed relocation of the Sisson Street Transfer Facility to the Potts & Callahan site, as it threatens pedestrian and cyclist safety along the Jones Falls corridor. The city has yet to deliver on key promises including widening the Jones Falls Trail, restoring the traffic diverter north of the site, and converting sections of Falls and Clipper Mill Roads to one-way to make this area safe and accessible. Relocation would increase traffic and make these long-promised improvements even more urgent. These changes would not restrict access to local businesses or residences, but would reduce dangerous cut-through speeding. Relocating the facility without implementing these safety measures is a reckless plan that endangers lives.

Sincerely,

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** kmr2223@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katrina Rodriguez <kmr2223@everyactioncustom.com>  
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**To:** Testimony  
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Sincerely,

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Kris Northrup <krisnorthrup1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2025 11:29 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Fwd: Oppose the Jones Falls Transfer Station proposal, especially without safety improvements

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Please see my email below regarding relocating the Sisson street dump to Falls Road. I am totally against it for the specified reasons I outlined below.

Thank you.

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <[Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov)>  
**Date:** Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 1:16 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Oppose the Jones Falls Transfer Station proposal, especially without safety improvements  
**To:** [krisnorthrup1@gmail.com](mailto:krisnorthrup1@gmail.com) <[krisnorthrup1@gmail.com](mailto:krisnorthrup1@gmail.com)>

Good afternoon,

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](mailto:testimony@baltimorecity.gov).

Thank you,  
Hailey Kancherla

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen  
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**From:** [krisnorthrup1@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:krisnorthrup1@everyactionadvocacy.com) <[krisnorthrup1@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:krisnorthrup1@everyactionadvocacy.com)> on behalf of Mary Kristin Northrup <[krisnorthrup1@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:krisnorthrup1@everyactionadvocacy.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 11:19 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <[Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov)>  
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Sincerely,

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** Robi Rawl <robirawl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2025 10:36 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** OPPOSED – Bill # 25-0066--Zoning--Housing Options and Opportunity Act

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Good morning,

I am writing in STRONG OPPOSITION to Bill # 25-0066--Zoning--Housing Options and Opportunity Act.

Enactment of this bill will severely and negatively impact the unique character of so many of Baltimore's neighborhoods.

It has the potential to drastically limit green space in large sections of the city where the green space and peace and quiet are the main draw for residents still choosing to live within City limits.

This has the potential to negatively change what we moved here for. If I wanted to move to a more densely populated neighborhood, Baltimore has a lot of wonderful choices. But my family and I want something different, more spacious, and Baltimore currently has that, too.

I appreciate the intent of this bill. However, its passage would gravely impact the choices of city residents like me looking for a quieter, more open place to live while still living within City limits.

Please OPPOSE Bill # 25-0066.

Sincerely,

Robi Rawl  
Baltimore City Resident  
192 Hollen Road

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Elizabeth Grove <egrove@probonomd.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2025 10:36 AM  
**To:** Young, Calvin (Mayor's Office); rdorsey; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Brandon M Scott; Testimony  
**Cc:** 'newstips@baltimoresun.com'; 'Dalya.Attar@senate.maryland.gov'; 'sean.stinnett@house.maryland.gov'; 'samuel.rosenberg@house.maryland.gov'; 'malcolm.ruff@house.maryland.gov'; 'Fern Shen'; 'Woodward, Cal'; 'isaac.schleifer@gmail.com'; 'info@bluewaterbaltimore.org'; 'mde.webmaster@maryland.gov'; 'mde.secretary@maryland.gov'  
**Subject:** RE: Strongly OPPOSE relocation of NWCCC to Falls Road

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Per Council President Cohen, I am adding [testimony@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:testimony@baltimorecity.gov) to this chain in order for ensure these “comments are included in the official bill file and received by the committee.”

To be clear, our position is firmly *against* the proposed assault on the natural ecosystems along the Jones Falls which are already degraded in the lower section by polluted stormwater runoff as proven by Blue Water Baltimore’s regular testing. Stopping this ludicrous plan in its tracks right now would give some reassurance that the City does not always put profit ahead of public and environmental protection concerns.

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**Elizabeth L. Grove, Executive Assistant**  
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**From:** Elizabeth Grove  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 6:05 PM  
**To:** 'calvin.young@baltimorecity.gov' <calvin.young@baltimorecity.gov>; 'ryan.dorsey@baltimorecity.gov' <ryan.dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>; 'zeke.cohen@baltimorecity.gov' <zeke.cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; 'mayor@baltimorecity.gov' <mayor@baltimorecity.gov>  
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**Subject:** Strongly OPPOSE relocation of NWCCC to Falls Road  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mr. Young,

As a life-long Baltimorean and very involved resident of Mt. Washington, I am writing to **STRONGLY OPPOSE the relocation of the “Northwest Citizens’ Convenience Center” to Falls Road**. Having already received letters of support/agreement from Councilman Schleifer and Senator Attar, I know *the fight against this offensive proposal is quickly gaining momentum*, and I urge you to drop it now.

Why do I care, and **why should you?** Multiple reasons, and this is only a small sampling:

**PERSONAL:** My daily bike commute to work takes me along the Jones Falls Trail and often onto the East Coast Greenway, of which Falls Road is an integral part.

**COMMUNITY:** That corridor is a relatively safe and popular road/path for cyclists and walkers every single day. **To relocate the dump there would cause myriad confusing and challenging traffic challenges and make that section of the JFT/ECG considerably more dangerous for all involved.**

**ENVIRONMENT:** Just the idea of placing a dump right *alongside the Falls River, after decades of effort* to clean that body of water, is obscene, irresponsible, and offensive. This is a smack in the face of organizations like Blue Water Baltimore who do so much to protect the water sources that feed our Bay.

**BUSINESS:** The proposed relocation to Falls Road would have a devastating effect on the many businesses and residents who have invested in the area, especially over the last decade. I have no doubt that even more citizens will rise up along with the business owners to protest this unnecessary ruination.

As one neighbor so aptly put it, Falls Road is “**a unique part of our city—peaceful, scenic, and well-used by cyclists, walkers, birdwatchers, and runners alike.**”

Another stated succinctly, “**The Jones Falls is a wonderful asset and a critical habitat for wildlife. The area in question has so much potential. Would love to see more of it converted to a park.**” I’ve heard many caring people and community organizations talk about just that, *enhancing Falls Road to provide a space for playgrounds, farmers and pop-up markets, events and celebrations, and the like.* Indeed, the Friends of the Jones Falls recently received funding to create a strategic plan for the Jones Falls watershed and has focused much of its work on the Falls Road corridor between Station North and Hampden. Their good efforts on behalf of everyone’s best interests should be a huge factor in these discussions.

More exploration and consideration should be given to *renovating* the existing dump site, *relocating* it to the MTA/North Avenue, or *doing away with it* altogether in favor of improving the City’s other dumps.

Many would like to know *the truth* about what is *really* driving you to harm that green corridor along Falls Road.

**More urgently, what can YOU do to help protect the Falls River from this potential destruction?**

Respectfully,

Elizabeth L. Grove  
Mt. Washington

P.S. Similar messages have been sent to:

- Baltimore Mayor’s Office: [mayor@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:mayor@baltimorecity.gov) (and online)
- Baltimore City Council President: [zeke.cohen@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:zeke.cohen@baltimorecity.gov)
- Councilman: [isaac.schleifer@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:isaac.schleifer@baltimorecity.gov)
- Transportation & Land Use Committee: [ryan.dorsey@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:ryan.dorsey@baltimorecity.gov)
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- Congressman: Van Hollen (online)
- Senator: Alsobrooks (online)
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- Blue Water Baltimore: [info@bluewaterbaltimore.org](mailto:info@bluewaterbaltimore.org)
- Friends of the Jones Falls: (multiple addresses)
- Baltimore Brew: (multiple addresses)
- The Associated Press: (multiple addresses)
- The Baltimore Sun: (multiple addresses)

I can only hope you take this to heart and ***do the right thing to protect The Jones Falls.***

**Elizabeth L. Grove, Executive Assistant**

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Robi Rawl <robirawl@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** OPPOSED - Bill #25-0064/Zoning---Bulk and Yard Requirements—Amendments

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Good morning,

I am writing to encourage you to OPPOSE Bill #25-0064/Zoning---Bulk and Yard Requirements.

This bill has the potential to negatively and permanently alter the character of large swaths of Baltimore's neighborhoods.

It is also unnecessary to meddle with current setbacks in an effort to create more dense housing when the city has an inordinate amount of underutilized land and vacant lots that could be repurposed and rebuilt.

Let's work with what we already have. Don't make new changes that will negatively alter the character of so many of Baltimore's neighborhoods.

Thank you.

Robi Rawl  
Baltimore City Resident  
192 Hollen Road

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**From:** Robi Rawl <robirawl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2025 10:35 AM  
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**Subject:** Fwd: OPPOSED - Bill #25-0062 / Bldg Code – Single Exit

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Good morning,

I am writing to OPPOSE Bill #25-0062 / Bldg Code – Single Exit from Residential Occupancy.

Allowing certain residential buildings of up to 6 stories to have only a single exit is unsafe and is a tragedy waiting to happen. At least two exits are imperative to ensure safety during fire and other emergencies.

I encourage you to OPPOSE this bill.

Sincerely,

Robi Rawl  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Yiannis Sakellaridis <nisyros@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2025 10:15 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Waste station relocation

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Dear City Council,

I am concerned about the proposed relocation of the Sisson Street waste facility to a site adjacent to the Jones Falls river. Instead of following through with its Greenway Trails Network master plan, the city is degrading its existing trails. Baltimore has lots of degraded, post-industrial properties – why does the relocation have to happen in a floodplain adjacent to a river recovering from decades of pollution?

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Sincerely,

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** meb\_53@mac.com  
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**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Relocation of transfer center

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Sirs

I strongly oppose relocating the waste transfer station into the Fallway as proposed. That corridor, from The Trolley Museum north, should be improved as a pedestrian and bikeway with proper bike paths, cleaned up and maintained. It should not be a trash transfer station where toxins will leach into the Falls River every time it rains. Further the roads are not capable of handling the traffic that will be drawn by the transfer station.

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**From:** Shelley Krowe <skrowe5250@verizon.net>  
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**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Sisson Street

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I am opposed to moving the Sisson Street Transfer Station to Falls Road because this is a place to go when you need a break from the city. This should be a park. There is new wildlife there, pretty birds, small animals, and other new wildlife this will surely get rid of them. I love going there and watching the birds and the other wildlife. The Streetcar Museum is there and expanding, who want to take their children to see the museum and ride the Streetcars with a dump there. How are you going to get to the museum with hundreds of cars blocking Falls Road. People will be dumping trash after the transfer station is closed and if there is a storm all of that junk will end up in the Jones Falls and the inner harbor. This is a flood area, and it is not if this will flood it is when it will flood with the way the weather on earth is now. Volunteers work really hard to make the Falls a beautiful place in the city and to put a dump there is just plain stupid. Most people in Hampden and Medfield didn't even know about this since all of the meetings were in Remington, why were the people of Hampden and Medfield not notified about this. I did not find out about this until after the last meeting was held. Seemed a little underhanded to me. I grew up in Hampden and now live in Medfield right off of 41st street. We used to wade in the Jones Falls when I was a child. City Hall should be trying to make the city nicer instead of ruining what we have that is nice, but I am not surprised by it. It is like City Hall is all about the money. The property on Sisson St. is built on top of a filled in quarry. I would love to know just what can be built there.

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** nisyros@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Yiannis Sakellaridis  
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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** rophma@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Philip Romero  
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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** ascampiglio@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alessandro Campiglio  
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**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 11:59 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Good afternoon,

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](mailto:testimony@baltimorecity.gov).

Thank you,  
Hailey Kancherla

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen  
Baltimore City Council  
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<[jane.backert@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:jane.backert@everyactionadvocacy.com)> on behalf of Jane Backert  
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**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 11:21 AM  
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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**To:** Testimony  
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LO25-0026 - Crisis Response

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** melanieann47@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melanie Stegman <melanieann47@everyactioncustom.com>  
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**From:** Robin Jacobs <robinjacobs@gmail.com>  
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August 27, 2025

Robin L. Jacobs  
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Testimony on LO25-0026: Legislative Oversight Hearing on Crisis Response

My name is Robin Jacobs, and I am a resident of Remington, Baltimore City District 12. I am submitting this testimony on 25-0026– Baltimore City Council Committee of the Whole Hearing on Crisis Response.

I have lived in Baltimore City for more than 20 years, working in the justice system for most of that time. In my career, I have seen this issue from multiple angles, in which I have seen our justice system fail to serve those with mental health crises. I worked with:

- incarcerated individuals who were fighting for access to basic health care;
- a judge who oversaw the juvenile docket, where many young people were both in the foster care and facing delinquency (criminal charges), often struggling to find any of the social supports they needed;
- communities who suffer a disproportionate amount of disinvestment, many working closely with the police department to try to make their neighborhood safer but often not getting the resources needed for the other interventions that would make their neighborhood a better place to live;
- low-income elders who facing homelessness and isolation; and
- government agencies focusing on preventing lead poisoning, which affects so many of our residents, leading to a lot of lifelong diagnosis that often require lifelong supports.

While I was not new to these issues, when the Freddie Gray uprising shined a national spotlight on criminal justice issues here in Baltimore, I knew I had to do more to show up for my neighbors in reforming the system. I am grateful to all the peace movement and criminal justice reform activists in this city, like the Campaign for Justice, Safety & Jobs. Many of these reformers are the people have been most impacted by the criminal justice system, and so they know what reforms could save our neighbors' lives. I write to you today to support their work.

I am concerned about police response to mental and behavioral health crises. I was deeply saddened to learn that two members of the community died in police custody while experiencing behavioral health crises: Ms. Brooks, a 70-year-old Black senior citizen, and Mr. Melton, a 31-year-old Black young adult. I believe that mental health disabilities and behavioral health incidents are not crimes, but public health

matters that must be treated as medical issues by people with expertise in the City's behavioral health infrastructure, not the Baltimore Police Department.

These recent stories and my own experiences working in the justice system underscore the importance of strengthening the 988 program/mental health division in Baltimore. Today, I am writing to ask the following:

- Public education must be designed to shift crisis response away from police intervention.** There is currently a lack of common knowledge about (1) the existence of the 988 helpline and (2) the fact that 988 is intended to be a non-police alternative to 911 for mental or behavioral health emergencies.
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In all my experience, the justice system is ill-equipped to address mental health crises - it leads to a vicious cycle that harms the person experiencing the crisis, and ripples outward to their families, friends, and the wider community. We must be better at responding to these residents with the help they need and deserve. Community safety is not just about preventing police contact but improving social determinants of health. Investment in social services can create longer-term stability and safety, reduce costs, and eliminate crisis incidents in the first place.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,  
Robin L. Jacobs

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Patty Lora <loraxx44@gmail.com>  
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Dear Council President Zeke Cohen,

I plan on investing in Baltimore in part because I feel safe and can enjoy riding my bike in the city. The area I describe below is a part of what makes me love this city. Please do not forsake the cyclists and other pedestrians in attempts to improve other issues.

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Good afternoon,

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](mailto:testimony@baltimorecity.gov).

Thank you,

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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<noelle.battle@everyactioncustom.com>  
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**Subject:** We can't have a dump site along the Jones Falls

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Relocating the Sisson Street transfer facility to within the flood plane of the Jones Fall trail is a disaster waiting to happen which would threaten the waterway in unprecedented ways.

I am also an active cyclist in the city and I am very worried about the safety implications of this proposal.

While I 100% do not support the movement of this facility and think we should do everything possible to prevent that from happening, if it were to be re-located there would need to be serious improvements needed to ensure the safety of all of the city residents and visitors who walk and bike on this corridor.

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**Subject:** Testimony

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Date: Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 4:23 PM  
Subject: Re: Oppose the Jones Falls Transfer Station proposal, especially without safety improvements  
To: [klstewart76@gmail.com](mailto:klstewart76@gmail.com) <[klstewart76@gmail.com](mailto:klstewart76@gmail.com)>

Good afternoon,

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](mailto:testimony@baltimorecity.gov).

Thank you,  
Hailey Kancherla

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen  
Baltimore City Council  
100 Holliday Street, Room 400  
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**From:** [klstewart76@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:klstewart76@everyactionadvocacy.com) <[klstewart76@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:klstewart76@everyactionadvocacy.com)> on behalf of Kristina Stewart  
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Ms. Harley Stokes  
Baltimore, MD 21231-1655

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Mr Warren Palmer

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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-Ray Szymczak

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**From:** Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <zeke.cohen@baltimorecity.gov>  
**To:** raynman59@yahoo.com <raynman59@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 at 02:23:34 PM EDT  
**Subject:** Re: Oppose the Jones Falls Transfer Station proposal, especially without safety improvements

Good afternoon,

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](mailto:testimony@baltimorecity.gov).

Thank you,  
Hailey Kancherla

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen  
Baltimore City Council  
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**From:** raynman59@everyactionadvocacy.com <raynman59@everyactionadvocacy.com> on behalf of Raymond Szymczak <raynman59@everyactionadvocacy.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 1:24 PM  
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Bottom line; without 'significant' improvements, relocating the waste facility should be voted down!

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**From:** Noah Tobias <njacobtobias@gmail.com>  
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**From:** Gerardine M. Delambo <sparky4242@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 2:46 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Sisson Street facility proposed move to Jones Falls area.

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Please do not let this proposal go through! It is such a poor idea for so many reasons. The environmental impact would be grave as oil would leak into the Jones Falls. It would impact people's ability to drive from Hampden to Downtown and the Amtrak station easily. It would impact our enjoyment of the walking running biking path along the Jones Falls. Please do not vote for this proposal.

Gerardine M. (Jeri) Delambo

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Baltimore, MD

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**From:** Roxanne Clement-Rorick <roxanne5788@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 2:40 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Opposing the Jones Falls Transfer Station location

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Sincerely,  
Roxanne

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Ms. Roxanne Clement  
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[roxanne@yikes.com](mailto:roxanne@yikes.com)

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 2:29 PM  
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I don't know if you've ever experienced a flash flood—it is terrifying. Putting the dump in a flood zone not only increases the chances of polluting the Jones Falls but also increases the chance of DPW workers being affected by flood waters that threaten any water-level buildings on that road. The threat of flooding is only increasing with climate change. To move the dump to Jones Falls is foolish.

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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)

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**From:** Michele Wallen <michele.314.lynne@gmail.com>  
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Dear Council President Zeke Cohen,

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. I am the president of the Greenmount West Community Association and I oppose this proposal.

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.

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Sincerely,  
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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** heatherhax@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Heather Hax  
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Dear City Council Testimony,

I endorse this message below and couldn't have said it better myself:

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Sincerely,

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Simply dont sell a useful paid-off sisson street lot. Please don't listen to any toxic management on the urge to redevelop. It's fine. Get rid of anyone addicted to a management toxin ideation that's not serving people who aren't ill-ionaires!

Sincerely,  
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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** meredithpurvis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Meredith Purvis  
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Sincerely,  
Ms Meredith Purvis  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Natalie West <natalie.elizabeth.west@gmail.com>  
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Dear President Cohen and City Council Members,

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. As a frequent cyclist, avid runner, and Mount Vernon resident, I rely on this stretch of the Jones Falls Trail to exercise outdoors safely, without exposing myself to excess risk from vehicle traffic. It also provides my best bicycle and pedestrian access to green space, in Druid Hill Park.

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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. Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,  
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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** Klaus Philipsen <kphilipsen@archplan.com>  
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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.

There is a huge untapped potential for the Jones Falls corridor between MD Ave and Union Ave with a greenway, attractions (a new Streetcar Museum), the revitalized mills and a better experience of the falls of the river.

Sending any kind of waste facility, any associated truck circulation and noise into the corridor would greatly reduce the potential and be extremely shortsighted.

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**From:** skincaid10@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stacy Kincaid <skincaid10@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,

Ms Stacy Kincaid

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** bsmiller25@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Benjamin Miller <bsmiller25@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Dear City Council Testimony,

Good afternoon,

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. This stretch is a part of my daily commute. Transferring the facility to this proposed location is completely inconsistent with the Jones Falls Gateway Project ([https://secure-web.cisco.com/1iCA12oMVvk-lmCiH1JhkCWNxs0Vbui5txOqO9Pbf4O2LW3R5FNHogROfgaiz7LsG3kYWZWT-VeQgtUQvKA4X3z4H4VMfE9AOzunfvu-pZq60Px7UzdH-OMn49z2B1zdFevZpWIrANtCOPFuJ1e4MUD-H2snKRAnbRMB74Gqg\\_omaWIjePUwq1HtOpasY4Kn91oSdaRcvxzhxyzlXvqGidl84\\_7I33mxEw46BoVr0pNx\\_yxIG6w0oDsfIWuJGFwPeznHWfzcsTt7lYwdxGrj9bmwyO-jTkKjvES38AIKRAAxsTk327usendadtVH90npJlbHliDTXjZdmQ8dxJel-OC7lhFLhbUesAqAsPkVP8JZ8aFNx815XQDQgsdUGuzXgaXXIX-nc60AiWM\\_7q8mDW3w8Kb2VOEBb7RbSvKKh5qV4wp6-mTf9pcDhpqVEdh/https%3A%2F%2Fstreetsofbaltimore.com%2Fjonesfallsgateway](https://secure-web.cisco.com/1iCA12oMVvk-lmCiH1JhkCWNxs0Vbui5txOqO9Pbf4O2LW3R5FNHogROfgaiz7LsG3kYWZWT-VeQgtUQvKA4X3z4H4VMfE9AOzunfvu-pZq60Px7UzdH-OMn49z2B1zdFevZpWIrANtCOPFuJ1e4MUD-H2snKRAnbRMB74Gqg_omaWIjePUwq1HtOpasY4Kn91oSdaRcvxzhxyzlXvqGidl84_7I33mxEw46BoVr0pNx_yxIG6w0oDsfIWuJGFwPeznHWfzcsTt7lYwdxGrj9bmwyO-jTkKjvES38AIKRAAxsTk327usendadtVH90npJlbHliDTXjZdmQ8dxJel-OC7lhFLhbUesAqAsPkVP8JZ8aFNx815XQDQgsdUGuzXgaXXIX-nc60AiWM_7q8mDW3w8Kb2VOEBb7RbSvKKh5qV4wp6-mTf9pcDhpqVEdh/https%3A%2F%2Fstreetsofbaltimore.com%2Fjonesfallsgateway)) which is already underway.

The Jones Falls Trail is also a part of the East Coast Greenway network and having the facility there damages that regional project.

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Sincerely,  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Noah Shumway <noah.c.shumway@gmail.com>  
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Sincerely,

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Sincerely,

Mrs Alexandra Laham

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** rgracevn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rachel Vann  
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Ms Rachel Vann  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Andrew Caporaso <forzadrew@gmail.com>  
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From: **Cohen, Zeke (City Council)** <[Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov)>  
Date: Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 1:17 PM  
Subject: Re: Oppose the Jones Falls Transfer Station proposal, especially without safety improvements  
To: [forzadrew@gmail.com](mailto:forzadrew@gmail.com) <[forzadrew@gmail.com](mailto:forzadrew@gmail.com)>

Good afternoon,

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](mailto: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

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**From:** [forzadrew@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:forzadrew@everyactionadvocacy.com) <[forzadrew@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:forzadrew@everyactionadvocacy.com)> on behalf of Andrew Caporaso  
<[forzadrew@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:forzadrew@everyactionadvocacy.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 11:16 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <[Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov)>  
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Mr. Andrew Caporaso  
3512 Newland Rd Baltimore, MD 21218-2512  
[forzadrew@gmail.com](mailto:forzadrew@gmail.com)  
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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** Michele.314.lynne@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michele Ward  
<Michele.314.lynne@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Rev. Michele Ward

328 E Federal St Baltimore, MD 21202-2904 Michele.314.lynne@gmail.com

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** ibbyauguste@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ibrahim Auguste  
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Sincerely,

Mr Ibrahim Auguste

708 Newington Ave Baltimore, MD 21217-4627 [ibbyauguste@gmail.com](mailto:ibbyauguste@gmail.com)

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** lou.fusco.lf@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lou Fusco  
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Sincerely,  
Mx. Lou Fusco  
3450 Elm Ave Apt 1 Baltimore, MD 21211-2417 lou.fusco.lf@gmail.com

## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** raynman59@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Raymond Szymczak <raynman59@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Bottom line; without 'significant' improvements, relocating the waste facility should be voted down!

Sincerely,

Mr. Raymond Szymczak

1412 Redfern Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-1529 raynman59@yahoo.com

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** esmcl1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emily McLanahan <esmcl1@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Ms. Emily McLanahan  
1006 Union Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-1820 esmcl1@gmail.com

## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** seanbaltimore@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sean Byrne  
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Sincerely,

Dr. Sean Byrne

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Emma Grace <emmagracedunbar@gmail.com>  
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HEY! Do NOT put more trash in Baltimore's waterways!

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Sincerely,  
Ms Emma Dunbar  
1720 Linden Ave. Baltimore, MD 21217-4486  
emmagracedunbar@gmail.com  
(410) 608-2372

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Vicki Vandenburg <vicki.vandenburg@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 1:17 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Dump transfer site

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This IS a HORRIBLE PLAN. Not only damaging bike and runners infrastructure but also damage to our water ways.

Anyone who lives in the area know that at times. We can smell the raw sewage being dumped into the Jones Falls. Now the plan is ADD A DUMP. Mess up the water forever. I do. Lot know who this benefits ? Certainly not the residents!!!! Someone's pockets must be getting lined. PROVE THAT BALTIMORE IS NOT THE CITY THAT Trumps shouts bout. We ARE BETTER THAN THIS. PROVE IT TO US BALTIMORE LEADERS. SHOW US YOU CARE ABOUT US.

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Joe Kraemer <kraemerjoseph5@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 1:16 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Jones Falls Transfer Station proposal, especially without safety improvements

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Dear Council President Zeke Cohen and Members of the Baltimore City Council,

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There is a huge untapped potential for the Jones Falls corridor between MD Ave and Union Ave with a greenway, attractions (a new Streetcar Museum), the revitalized mills and a better experience of the falls of the river.

Sending any kind of waste facility, any associated truck circulation and noise into the corridor would greatly reduce the potential and be extremely shortsighted.

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Sincerely,  
Mr. Joseph Kraemer  
701 Berry St Baltimore, MD 21211-2527  
[kraemerjoseph5@gmail.com](mailto:kraemerjoseph5@gmail.com)

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Alexander Schwartz <aschwa1228@gmail.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Mr. Al Schwartz  
3029 Remington Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-2844  
[aschwa1228@gmail.com](mailto:aschwa1228@gmail.com)  
(443) 812-6866

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Jason Mathias <jmathias6@gmail.com>  
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**From:** Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <[Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov)>  
**Date:** Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 1:13 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Oppose the Jones Falls Transfer Station to Falls Road  
**To:** [jmathias6@gmail.com](mailto:jmathias6@gmail.com) <[jmathias6@gmail.com](mailto:jmathias6@gmail.com)>

Good afternoon,

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](mailto: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

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**From:** [jmathias6@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:jmathias6@everyactionadvocacy.com) <[jmathias6@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:jmathias6@everyactionadvocacy.com)> on behalf of Jason Mathias  
<[jmathias6@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:jmathias6@everyactionadvocacy.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 11:40 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <[Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov)>  
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Dear Council President Zeke Cohen,

I am writing in strong 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. The current site or 2nd option with in Remington are preferable from a safety, environmental, traffic flow, and long term economic stance.

Sincerely,  
Mr Jason Mathias  
4514 Schenley Rd Baltimore, MD 21210-2524  
[jmathias6@gmail.com](mailto:jmathias6@gmail.com)  
(443) 974-3288

## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** njacbtobias@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Noah Tobias  
<njacbtobias@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Mr. Noah Tobias  
2615 N Calvert St Baltimore, MD 21218-4678 njacobtobias@gmail.com  
(704) 776-6407

## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**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](mailto:livingbybike@gmail.com)

## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** alliesheedy5@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Allie Sheedy <alliesheedy5@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Allie Sheedy

263 Rodgers Forge Rd Apt D Baltimore, MD 21212-1365 alliesheedy5@gmail.com

(443) 791-7556

## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** akallaugher@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amy Kallaugher  
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Sincerely,  
Ms. Amy Kallaugher  
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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** kimberlylodge@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kimberly Lodge  
<kimberlylodge@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 12:58 PM  
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In addition to the highlighted issues below, a trash dumping site in a flood plain, in an area adjacent to our already ailing Jones Falls River, could pose the likelihood of further contamination and destruction of our city's precious waterways. 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.

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Sincerely,  
Ms. Kimberly Lodge  
305 Woodlawn Rd Baltimore, MD 21210-2308 [kimberlylodge@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlylodge@gmail.com)

## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** david.e.wolfe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Wolfe  
<david.e.wolfe@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Mr. David Wolfe  
8222 Carrbridge Cir Towson, MD 21204-1810 [david.e.wolfe@gmail.com](mailto:david.e.wolfe@gmail.com)  
(410) 296-1829

## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** kraemerjoseph5@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joseph Kraemer  
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701 Berry St Baltimore, MD 21211-2527  
kraemerjoseph5@gmail.com

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What in the world are you thinking!! The promised improvements are critical and I oppose this relocation without them. With them Baltimore becomes a much better place for non gas powered transportation!

Sincerely,  
Ms Robin Kessler  
5316 Brabant Rd Baltimore, MD 21229-3160 [robdkess@msn.com](mailto:robdkess@msn.com)  
(443) 956-5685

## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** garygillespie80@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gary Gillespie <garygillespie80@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Mr. Gary Gillespie

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

(443) 208-2757

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Jeremy Sanders <jeresand@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 12:34 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Keep the Jones Falls Valley Safe for Everyone

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I urge you to commit to these improvements regardless of the outcome of the relocation proposal.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jeremy Sanders

<7111 Park Heights Ave Baltimore, MD 21215-1695>

## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** harley.stokes@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Harley Stokes  
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Sincerely,  
Ms. Harley Stokes  
2117 Moyer St Baltimore, MD 21231-1655  
[harley.stokes@gmail.com](mailto:harley.stokes@gmail.com)  
(860) 382-5445

## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** aschwa1228@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Al Schwartz <aschwa1228@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Mr. Al Schwartz  
3029 Remington Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-2844 aschwa1228@gmail.com  
(443) 812-6866

## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** soilranch@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Turner  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Turner

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** natalie.elizabeth.west@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Natalie West  
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As a frequent cyclist and avid runner living in Mount Vernon, I rely on this stretch of the Jones Falls Trail to exercise outdoors safely, without exposing myself to excess risk from passing vehicle traffic. It also provides my best bicycle and pedestrian access to the green space of Druid Hill Park.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Natalie West

802 Cathedral St Apt 3 Baltimore, MD 21201-5255 natalie.elizabeth.west@gmail.com

## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** ariadne.sinnisbourozikas@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ariadne Sinnis-Bourozikas <ariadne.sinnisbourozikas@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Ms. Ariadne Sinnis-Bourozikas  
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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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Dear City Council Testimony,

I am writing in strong 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. Simply put: this is the wrong location for such a facility.

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

The commitments included:

1. Widening the Jones Falls Trail to high-quality trail standards between Maryland Avenue and the Round Falls switchbacks.
2. Restoring the closure to through traffic north of the Potts and Callahan site, as pledged by Mayor Scott during his first term.
3. Converting a section of Falls Road and Clipper Mill Road to one-way, to allow a safe walking and biking sidepath through the narrowest, most dangerous stretch of the corridor.

These improvements were not optional extras—they were necessary steps to ensure safety. Yet not one has been delivered. Instead, the City now proposes to add a waste transfer facility and the heavy truck and commuter traffic that comes with it, directly undermining every safety promise ever made to this corridor.

To be clear: these improvements would not deny access to businesses or residences. They would only prevent the reckless, high-speed through-traffic that turns this corridor into a danger zone.

Relocating the Sisson Street Transfer Facility to Falls Road without first honoring these long-standing commitments would not just be negligent—it would be a decision that predictably results in serious injury or loss of life to pedestrians and bicyclists. The public record would make that cause-and-effect impossible to ignore.

The city must abandon Falls Road as a potential relocation site. At the very least, no relocation should be considered until the promised safety improvements are fully delivered. Anything less is a plan built on broken commitments, and a plan that will carry direct and foreseeable consequences.

Sincerely,  
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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** ken.bird09@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kenny Perry <ken.bird09@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.

I am a cyclist, birdwatcher, gardener and trail user of the Jones Falls corridor, and I was horrified to learn of this proposal supported by my own Councilman. In an area so primed to be a gem of green infrastructure and recreation (Jones Falls gateway, Streetcar Museum expansion, etc.), the City appears to be prioritizing a plan straight out of the 19th century, and it must not proceed as outlined. I implore the Councilman to protect the wildlife, waters, and users of this vital corridor by considering the alternative options for the Sisson St relocation, in addition to the promised traffic safety improvements below:

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Sincerely,

Mr. Kenny Perry

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** buckleyworks72@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Frank Buckley <buckleyworks72@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** ekwilkinson0@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ethan Wilkinson <ekwilkinson0@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Dear City Council Testimony,

No brainer here - let's focus on leveraging our natural resources to increase the city's curb appeal - not throwing a dump in a flood plain. This city needs to become more livable if we want outside investment.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Ethan Wilkinson

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Jed Weeks <jed@bikemore.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 11:58 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Cc:** Henry, Bill (email); rdorsey; McBeth, Veronica (DOT); Fleming, Patrick A. (DOT); Hasiuk, Ethan (City Council)  
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Hi,

I've attached testimony records of the ~1000 emails sent in the past week in opposition to relocation of the waste transfer station to the Jones Falls Valley, especially without full trail expansion and a closure to through traffic - which was promised by BCDOT and the mayor even before this proposal.

This action is now updated to submit testimony directly to the testimony@ email so going forward we will not need to send this summary unless it is helpful.

Please include this in the bill file.

**Please remove personal addresses and emails from this testimony before posting.** I've included them to show evidence of district support and in the event you would like to contact anyone. Removal is important because Bikemore supporters have reported being harassed at their employers and at their homes because of their testimony in the past.

Director McBeth, I've copied you on this so you can see the level of support in just one week for transportation improvements, including closure to through traffic, on the corridor.

Jed Weeks

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Jed Weeks  
Executive Director / Policy Director



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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** dave@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Zielnicki  
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Dear City Council Testimony,

As a professional landscape architect and resident who frequently utilizes both the Sisson Street Transfer Facility and the Jones Falls corridor, I am writing to strongly oppose the city's proposal to relocate the Sisson Street Transfer Facility to the Potts & Callahan site along Falls Road in the Jones Falls Valley.

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Sincerely,  
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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** dmoore78@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Drew Moore <dmoore78@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Mr. Drew Moore

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**From:** matthewlincolnyake@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Matthew Yake  
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Sincerely,

Mr Matthew Yake

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** nyekarinye@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kari Nye  
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**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 11:41 AM  
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Sincerely,  
Ms. Kari Nye  
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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** jmathias6@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jason Mathias <jmathias6@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Dear City Council Testimony,

I am writing in strong 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. The current site or 2nd option within Remington are preferable from a safety, environmental, traffic flow, and long term economic stance.

Sincerely,

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** wbaker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Will Baker  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Will Baker

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** petermatchette@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Peter Matchette  
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**From:** vicki.vandenburg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vicki Vandenburg  
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Sincerely,

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** snyder\_ns@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Natalie Snyder  
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349 Homeland Southway Baltimore, MD 21212-4153 snyder\_ns@yahoo.com

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**From:** hellolaurelady@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laurel Ady  
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**From:** kphilipsen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Klaus Philipsen  
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Sending any kind of waste facility, any associated truck circulation and noise into the corridor would greatly reduce the potential and be extremely shortsighted.

Klaus Philipsen, FAIA

Sincerely,

Mr. Klaus Philipsen

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** alexandra.laham@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alexandra Laham <alexandra.laham@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Mrs Alexandra Laham  
1332 W 37th St Baltimore, MD 21211-1921 alexandra.laham@gmail.com

## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** rpnealon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rory Nealon  
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Hello,

As a frequent bicyclist along Falls Road, 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.

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Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Rory Nealon  
538 Saint Mary St Baltimore, MD 21201-1924 rpnealon@gmail.com

## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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<injuryboy@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Ms. Teresa Duggan  
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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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I don't know who will make out with this project. NOT US. Are some pockets being lined???????

Sincerely,

Ms Vicki Vandenburg

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**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Keep Jones Falls Safe!

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Anna Bickers <annabickers1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 24, 2025 4:35 PM  
**To:** Ramos, Odette (City Council); Jones, Jermaine (City Council); Young, Calvin (Mayor's Office); Zaied, Khalil; chris.ryer@baltimoreplanning.gov; Burnett, Sean (DOT)  
**Cc:** Testimony; Blanchard, Zachary (City Council); dontrashthefalls@gmail.com  
**Subject:** We Can Protect Sanitation Workers AND The Jones Falls

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My name is Anna Bickers and I am from 21201.

I am a constituent of Zachary Blanchard and a resident of Mount Vernon of 10 years. I walk or bike past the proposed Falls Road Sanitation Facility area and turnaround point multiple times a week for recreation and active transportation to other areas of the city.

• I've been walking the Falls in this section for the 10 years I've lived in Mount Vernon. I travel this section of the Falls to birdwatch, as it is home to 9+ nesting pairs of Yellow Crowned Night Heron, listed as endangered in multiple states. I'm also a community scientist involved in improving water quality in our watersheds and The Bay. I have volunteered with and donated to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation since 2014. I am also an artist and use sites all along the Falls as part of my craft.

I've always hoped the trail's conditions would improve as I've lived here, and there are ongoing efforts to do just that which conflict with the proposal I am contacting you about today.

It is commendable and important that the city is determined that the trash transfer facility not be relocated to a disadvantaged neighborhood. Too often wealthy, white neighborhoods push their waste into Black and Brown communities. Access to healthy greenspace is also an equity and justice issue for our city. Moving the facility to the Jones Falls once again reduces the availability and quality of such greenspace.

Every day wind and rain already carries trash from the existing site down this hill. At least now there are multiple potential points of interception, for example fences, before it enters the falls. Moving it closer means more trash in the water, even if the bins are placed as far uphill as possible. As the city's plans show, this site is on the edge of the 100 year, and well into the 500 year flood plain. 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.

The Jones Falls is already overburdened by pollution and has a long history of being treated like a waste receptacle. That has started to change in recent years. Placing the sanitation center here would damage the immense progress we've made toward improving water quality in the stream and in the Bay. Not only is the proposed site adjacent to the Jones Falls, it is literally on top of the buried Stony Run. If a parking lot is built at the old Sisson Site, it will increase the amount of runoff, trash, and other pollutants carried down this natural confluence onto the trail and into the waterway. This contradicts so many of our clean water goals and requirements.

It is not clear how the proposed plan improves conditions for our Sanitary Workers – the plan presented at the community meeting just had a single bullet point “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. Worker exploitation and habitat degradation are interconnected issues. Extreme heat in a changing climate is causing dangerous conditions for sanitation workers around the city, state, country, and the world. Climate change also means urban forest spaces like this narrow strip along Falls Road are under increased strain, and are more important than ever for breaking up heat island effects. Workers and the watershed should be put over the interests of developers.

Although presented as compatible with various initiatives already underway in this area, this plan directly contradicts the vision articulated by the many overlapping efforts to steward and revitalize The Falls, including The Falls Gateway Project, improvements to the Streetcar Museum, the Jones Falls 2076 Project, and more.

During the week, approximately 100-200 vehicles pass through the Sisson Convenience Center every day. On Saturdays, this can exceed 300 vehicles. The claim that this won’t change traffic makes no sense. It seems like more, and much bigger vehicles, now moving trash, would constantly be traveling this road. Pedestrians, cyclists, and wildlife already have precarious interactions with vehicles on this stretch every day – This will still be a problem, even if the road stays open from the north and even if the drop off queue gets moved inside the facility.

Will you reject the proposal to move the Sisson Street facility to Falls Road and re-examine alternate sites explored during the RFP process, or expand the search if necessary?

Sincerely,  
Your constituent,  
Anna Bickers

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Catherine Miller <catherine@refocus.world>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 24, 2025 3:09 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Vote NO to relocating the dump to Falls Road

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Hello,

As a business owner in Johnston Square and a homeowner in Hampden, I want to urge the Mayor and City Council to vote **against** relocating the Sisson Street waste transfer and citizen drop-off center to 2801 Falls Road.

That stretch of Falls Road is our daily route to work and back home, but more than that, it's one of the **nicest roads left in Baltimore City**. It serves as a peaceful, green corridor for walking, biking, and enjoying nature. Please do not take this away from us.

The proposed site is in a 100-year floodplain and near areas with frequent sewer overflows. Locating a waste transfer facility here would not only threaten the Jones Falls watershed but also **violate** the city's own prior RFP standards, which prohibit such facilities in flood zones. It would also destroy one of the best and only walking/biking areas we have left.

Traffic would be far worse on Falls Road than at the current Sisson Street site. The proposed plan to close a portion of Falls Road would force vehicles through Station North and Lafayette Avenue, creating congestion and inconvenience for both residents and waste haulers.

This relocation appears driven by private redevelopment interests, not community needs. While projects like R House have brought some attention to neighborhoods, Baltimore doesn't need to lose more functional infrastructure and open space to make room for private development. What we *do* need is more green space, safe recreation areas, and strong protections for our waterways.

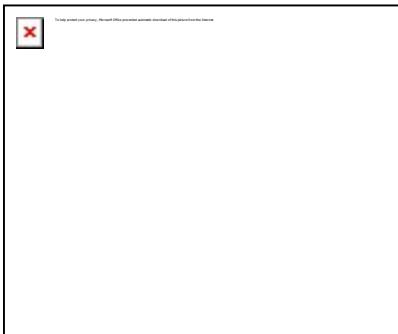
The current dump is in a location that works well for access and minimizes disruption. Moving it to Falls Road would be a **major loss** for the environment, the community, and the city's already lacking transportation system.

For all of these reasons, environmental, recreational, traffic, and fairness-related, I strongly urge **NOT** relocating the dump to Falls Road.

Sincerely,

**Catherine Miller Gonçalves**

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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** Ramos, Odette (City Council)  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 23, 2025 5:28 PM  
**To:** Kerry S. Brady; Young, Calvin (Mayor's Office); Jones, Jermaine (City Council); Zaied, Khalil; chris.ryer@baltimoreplanning.gov; Burnett, Sean (DOT); District 7 Staff  
**Cc:** Brandon M Scott; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Relocation of Sisson Sanitation Yard

Hi Kerry

Thanks so much for your very thoughtful email, and for taking the time to write to us. My sincere apologies for not getting back to you in a more timely manner.

DPW has already made changes to the site knowing about the 100 and 500 year flood plain. The bins will be up above the flood plain and removed each day. There has been a request to have the household hazardous waste in a different site in the city, which is not an unreasonable request. That is under discussion now and I'll report back.

There are also other actions we can do. I'm shocked that we still have not seen mitigation along the banks of the Jones Falls like we have along the Stony Run. The Jones Falls right next to Falls road is banked by cement and rocks which makes run off go into the water so much easier. The mitigation we did along the Jones Falls was installing more vegetation and forest to make sure sediment did not go into the water. We should absolutely do that on the Jones Falls no matter how this goes.

The workers need much improved conditions, including locker room for the women workers, hvac that works, and ways to ensure they are not always in super hot or horrible cold. Traffic and the queuing has been a problem and the site would have more room for that. More details will be available soon on this.

One last point, this is a long conversation we've been having for several years. We have looked at several sites including Howard and 25<sup>th</sup>/Huntington, Camp Small, and salt dome on North Ave. none of these are viable for several reasons, and we will not have this in a Black neighborhood.

Kerry, I'm really glad you wrote to us and are engaged in this process. I look forward to the dialogue and continued engagement. There will be more meetings and we look forward to the feedback.

Thanks

## **Odette Ramos**

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**From:** Kerry S. Brady <kerry.s.brady@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2025 6:34 PM  
**To:** Young, Calvin (Mayor's Office) <calvin.young@baltimorecity.gov>; Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>; Jones, Jermaine (City Council) <jermaine.jones@baltimorecity.gov>; Zaied, Khalil <kzaied@baltimorecity.gov>; chris.ryer@baltimoreplanning.gov; Burnett, Sean (DOT) <sean.burnett@baltimorecity.gov>; District 7 Staff <District7Staff@baltimorecity.gov>  
**Cc:** Brandon M Scott <brandonm.scott@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Testimony <Testimony@baltimorecity.gov>  
**Subject:** Proposed Relocation of Sisson Sanitation Yard

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God afternoon,

My name is Kerry Brady and I am a Baltimore City resident and registered voter in the 21211 ZIP code writing to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed relocation of the Sisson Street Sanitation Yard and Drop Off Center to a new site located on Falls Road.

While not necessarily against the proposed sale of the Sisson Street parcel to Thibault Manekin and Seawall Development, or the construction of new DPW facilities to address worker safety, I do not believe the recently publicized location along Falls Road in the Jones Falls Watershed is an appropriate setting for this type of land use. The Jones Falls is already overburdened by pollution and has a long history of being treated like a waste receptacle. Placing the sanitation center here would negate any of the progress that has been made in recent years towards improving water quality in the stream, the Inner Harbor, and in the Chesapeake Bay.

Although presented as compatible with various initiatives already underway in this area, the plan as proposed directly contradicts the vision articulated by the many overlapping efforts to steward and revitalize The Falls. These include The Falls Gateway Project, the Jones Falls 2077 Project, improvements to the Streetcar Museum, and more. As the city's plans show, this site is on the edge of the 100-year flood plain and located deep into the 500-year flood plain. The city's own RFP for a new site requires that it not be situated on a flood plain. As someone who has resided in the Clipper Mill area since 2014 - I can easily picture a flooding event where large amounts of trash, recycling, and hazardous waste stored at the edge of the site gets swept into the falls and carried down towards the harbor. The city would need an army of Trash Wheels to address the additional volume of debris caused by such an event.

It is also unclear how the proposed plan significantly improves conditions for our sanitation workers. Their safety and well being is vitally important and it should be possible to protect sanitation workers without causing unnecessary damage to this unique ecosystem. Worker exploitation and habitat degradation are interconnected issues. Extreme heat in a changing climate is causing dangerous conditions for sanitation workers around the city, state, country, and across the globe. Climate change also means urban forest spaces like this narrow strip along Falls Road are under increased strain and are more important than ever for breaking up heat island effects. Workers and the watershed should be put over the interests of developers.

During a typical week, approximately 100-200 vehicles pass through the Sisson Street facility every day and on Saturdays this number can exceed 300 vehicles. The proposed closure of Falls Road to vehicular through traffic in order to accommodate ingress and egress to the new site will also cause major disruptions for neighboring residents and businesses, especially those located at Mill No. 1, as well as putting the recently announced expansion of the nearby Streetcar Museum in jeopardy. On a personal note, I do commute to and from work using this part of Falls Road on a semi-regular basis and have also seen increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic along the accompanying Jones Falls Trail in recent years as efforts to improve and preserve the surrounding environment take root.

In summary, I **strongly encourage** you to reject the current proposal to move the Sisson Street facility to Falls Road and request that you instead work to find an alternative site, such as Camp Smallwood or the existing railroad yard near MTA facilities located just off North Avenue, either of which would be a more appropriate fit providing direct access to and from major roadways such as Interstate-83.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kerry S. Brady  
1429 W 37th Street  
Baltimore, MD 21211

C: 443-310-8473  
Sent from my iPhone

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** barbara ogden <barb.ogden@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 8:34 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** I oppose plan for a Jones Falls trash site

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Dear City “Leaders”,

I’ve hung in there for this city for a long time, despite the OBVIOUS corruption and mismanagement. This will be the straw that breaks the camels back. I have no reason to believe that the leaders in this city care at all for me or for others except in the case where we have something that they want. I really thought Odette Ramos was one of the good ones. I have zero faith in politicians. First Trump and now this bullshit. It’s all way too much.

Barbara L Ogden  
3660 Buena Vista Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21211

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Ethan Horn <ethanchorn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 2:27 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Keep the Jones Falls Valley Safe for Everyone

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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 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)

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**From:** Maria Leasca <mleasca@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 11:30 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Jones Falls Valley

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Sincerely,  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Madison Kafer <mkafer1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 10:06 PM  
**To:** City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Torrence, James (City Council); Ramos, Odette (City Council); Young, Calvin (Mayor's Office); Jones, Jermaine (City Council); Zaied, Khalil  
**Cc:** Madison Kafer; Testimony  
**Subject:** Opposition to Relocating Sisson Street Transfer Facility to Proposed Jones Falls Site

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Councilman Cohen, Councilwoman Ramos, Councilman Torrence, Councilman Jones, Deputy Mayor Zaied, and Chief of Staff Young:

My name is Madison Kafer, a proud 10 year Baltimore City resident and voter, and I live in the 21211 area code in West Hampden. I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed relocation of the Sisson Street Transfer Facility to the Jones Falls corridor.

I frequently walk, bike, or run along this part of Jones Falls. It is a crucial (and beautiful) connecting point between several Baltimore neighborhoods. I also am a supporter of the local businesses that surround this area, as well as the Baltimore Streetcar Museum. The proposal to move the Transfer Facility to the new site will absolutely adversely impact both citizens ability to utilize this corridor safely, as well as negatively impact the small businesses that operate in this area. I also deeply care about conditions of our DPW workers and recognize modernization efforts required to keep them safe and healthy while on the job.

There has been a profound and troubling lack of transparency surrounding this proposal. It has become increasingly clear that the primary motivation for this relocation is not operational necessity or public benefit, but rather to facilitate the sale of the existing Sisson Street site to a private developer. While the plan claims (with a single bullet point) to improve employee worksite safety, there are no teeth to how this will be the case, nor why the existing site cannot be improved. The proposal also ignores several legitimate constituent concerns with little benefit to counter them. Those concerns include continued/worsening pollution of the Jones Falls watershed with trash and hazardous material, susceptibility to flooding due to proximity to both 100- and 500-year flood plains, traffic conditions and pedestrian/cyclist safety, and impacts to neighboring nonprofits and small businesses.

The real issues of work safety and site access are being used to justify a decision that benefits the developer seeking the land (Seawall). The Council and City leadership appear to be advancing this proposal without meaningful engagement or honest communication in order to finish the deal. The handling of this issue has done absolutely nothing to inspire confidence in our City leaders interest in serving **their community**. Workers, the watershed, and safety should be put above the interests of developers.

I urge you to reject the proposal to move Sisson Street Facility to Falls Road, and do a transparent assessment of the alternatives to moving the facility that puts public interest first.

Sincerely,

Madison Kafer

District 7

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Lexi Gibbons <lexigibbons@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 9:40 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Keep the Jones Falls Valley Safe for Everyone

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing about the city's proposal to relocate the Sisson Street Transfer Facility to the Potts & Callahan site along Falls Road in the Jones Falls Valley. I ride my bike along Falls Road multiple days each week so ensuring this road is safe is very important to me. There are many walkers, runners, and bike commuters each day when I am riding.

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Sincerely,  
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On Thu, Aug 21, 2025 at 10:38 AM Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <[Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov)> wrote:  
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](mailto:testimony@baltimorecity.gov).

Thank you,  
Hailey Kancherla

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**From:** [lexigibbons@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:lexigibbons@everyactionadvocacy.com) <[lexigibbons@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:lexigibbons@everyactionadvocacy.com)> on behalf of Alexa Gibbons  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 20, 2025 8:45 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <[Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov)>

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Louise Hildreth-Grasso <louise@louisehg.info>  
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**Subject:** Sisson Street Transfer Facility

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Sincerely,  
Mrs Louise Hildreth-Grasso  
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[louise@louisehg.info](mailto:louise@louisehg.info)

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Úrsula Fernández del Castillo <ufdelcastillo@gmail.com>  
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Dear Council President Zeke Cohen and others with a vote on this matter,

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I urge you to commit to these improvements regardless of the outcome of the relocation proposal, I urge you to avoid relocating this facility at all.

Sincerely,  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**To:** [johnasawyerjr@gmail.com](mailto:johnasawyerjr@gmail.com) <[johnasawyerjr@gmail.com](mailto:johnasawyerjr@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](mailto:testimony@baltimorecity.gov).

Thank you,  
Hailey Kancherla

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<[johnasawyerjr@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:johnasawyerjr@everyactionadvocacy.com)>  
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Sincerely,  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** John Patrick Delaney III <jpdelane@syr.edu>  
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I am a frequent runner and cyclist in the area and I can tell you that this proposal will make me far less likely to utilize the linear park along the Jones Falls. There are already segments on Strava, an activity tracking app, called "the falls stink stretch". Furthermore, as mentioned above, this area could be a critical connection for pedestrians and cyclists any proposal should only enhance and encourage alternate forms of transportation through the area.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Delaney

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Mike <charmcityrising@gmail.com>  
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Greetings, and thank you for your service to our city.

I am writing about the city's proposal to relocate the Sisson Street Transfer Facility to the Potts & Callahan site along Falls Road in the Jones Falls Valley. As a frequent bike rider and pedestrian on this corridor, as well as a taxpaying resident of Baltimore City for the past 21 years, I have a number of concerns.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Cross-Barnet

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Christina Taylor <christinataylor614@gmail.com>  
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To Whom it May Concern,

I am appalled by the idea of moving the dump along the corridor of Falls Road by the Streetcar Museum. The wildlife in the area will certainly be affected and the beautiful space of greenery for bikers, walkers, etc, will be diminished. This can not happen just so Seawall Construction can have their way. We need to think of the people of the city who use this area on a daily basis instead of big companies and the money they are willing to shell out. You cite worker safety, yet you don't do enough to keep the workers safe. It is not a good move for the people who love this city, it's just a good move to line pockets with money.  
**PLEASE RECONSIDER!!!!**

- Christina Taylor

## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**Subject:** Re: Keep the Jones Falls Valley Safe for Everyone  
**To:** [allanmai+bike@gmail.com](mailto:allanmai+bike@gmail.com) <[allanmai+bike@gmail.com](mailto:allanmai+bike@gmail.com)>

Good afternoon,

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](mailto:testimony@baltimorecity.gov).

Thank you,  
Hailey Kancherla

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<[allanmai+bike@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:allanmai+bike@everyactionadvocacy.com)>  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Rachel Snack <rachsnack@gmail.com>  
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Hello Councilwoman Ramos

My name is Rachel Snack and I am a Hampden resident from zip code 21211 as well as the parent of two young children who use our local parks and green spaces constantly. Because of this I am appalled at the initiative to move the Sisson Street dump to Falls Road, beside the river. Trash overflow often happens and we cannot risk this damage to our local green spaces, and our beautiful city.

The dump works well where it is. Seawall has no right to move an existing structure for their next business venture - not when the natural spaces and ecosystems that make Baltimore beautiful are at stake. All of my neighbors and community members think this is a horrible idea and certainly not one that will help us regular people.

I'm begging you to reconsider and value the everyday citizens' needs over the whims of wealthy business owners.

Thank you,

Rachel Snack

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Ali Ibrahim <abrahim2k2@gmail.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Mr. Ali Ibrahim  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Kristine <kristinekay.dennis@gmail.com>  
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**To:** [o.d.larson@gmail.com](mailto:o.d.larson@gmail.com) <[o.d.larson@gmail.com](mailto:o.d.larson@gmail.com)>

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Thank you,  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Bruce Willen <bruce@posttypography.com>  
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**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Don't trash the Jones Falls Valley — keep the transfer station out

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I am writing to **strongly oppose** the City's proposed relocation of the Sisson Street Transfer Facility to Falls Road in the Jones Falls Valley.

The Jones Falls valley is one of the City's greatest untapped assets. For over many years community leaders, advocates, and residents have been working towards a vision for a restored Jones Falls and linear park that creates new connections between Baltimore communities and destinations such as Druid Hill Park and Penn Station. These visions are finally beginning to build momentum, and they promise a new forward-thinking future for the Jones Falls.

In 2025 alone, new projects such as the Jones Falls Watershed Strategic Plan, Jones Falls Gateway Project, Baltimore Streetcar Museum expansion, and Jones Falls 2076 have launched and are attracting financial and public support for renewing this asset in the heart of Baltimore.

As creator of the [Ghost Rivers public art project](#), resident of nearby Old Goucher, and frequent visitor to the Jones Falls, I've spoken with hundreds of community members who wish to see this area become an ecological crown jewel and welcoming parkland for central Baltimore — a space of resilience that mitigates the effects of climate change and provides a green respite for Baltimore residents and visitors alike. **World-class cities from Philadelphia to Paris to Seoul to Detroit have renewed and reimaged their waterways. Baltimore can do the same.**

The City must focus its resources on *improving* the Jones Falls and supporting 21st-century initiatives such as the Jones Falls Gateway Project, planned trail improvements and traffic calming, stream restoration, and the Streetcar Museum's expansion.

In an era of extreme heat and widening inequality, let's take steps to restore our natural resources for *all* city residents — don't trash them. Moving the Transfer Facility next to the river is an outdated, 20th-century approach. Baltimore can — and must — do better.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Willen  
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410-299-0028

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Caleb DeMario <cdemario42@gmail.com>  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Monica Blair <blairandmunda@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Opposition to the Sisson St. Dump Move to Falls Road

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My name is Monica Blair, and I am a resident of the Hampden neighborhood. I am writing today to oppose the move of the Sisson St. dump to Falls Road.

This city has been doing so much work to clean up our waterways, work I am proud of. But now you are proposing moving a dump with hazardous materials right next to the Jones Falls. That stretch along Falls Road has so much potential. I would love to see a walking trail and a bike lane so that I can safely travel by bike from my house to Station North or Downtown along the waterway.

I think it is a tragedy that Baltimore buried or covered so much of the Jones Falls, and where you propose putting the dump is one of the nicer stretches of the waterway. It would be wrong to put a dump in an area that risks flooding just to help some developer make money.

I am very disappointed in this proposal, and I ask that you all vote no on the relocation proposal.

Sincerely,  
Monica Blair  
727-692-9951

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Subject: Re: Keep the Jones Falls Valley Safe for Everyone  
To: [harriet.martyn@gmail.com](mailto:harriet.martyn@gmail.com) <harriet.martyn@gmail.com>

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Thank you,  
Hailey Kancherla

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**From:** [harriet.martyn@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:harriet.martyn@everyactionadvocacy.com) <harriet.martyn@everyactionadvocacy.com> on behalf of Harriet Martyn <[harriet.martyn@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:harriet.martyn@everyactionadvocacy.com)>  
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I use this route regularly as a cyclist to get to Druid Hill Park or safely to Hampden from Midtown. It's also part of the Jones Falls Trail, which is a selling point for many people moving to and living in Baltimore looking for safe, green, recreation areas.

This area is in need of investment by the City Council to make it even safer to all road and path users (as part of Complete Streets) and to clean up the Jones Falls river. Since I move to Baltimore 13 years ago, unfortunately I have seen the opposite occur with buildings along the road falling into disrepair and increased encampments under the bridge near Baltimore Bikeworks, all leading a less safe space for all road users as well as increased waste and pollutants in the Jones Fall river, despite efforts to clean up the Bay, where the river discharges

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I urge you to commit to these investment and improvements in this area regardless of the outcome of the relocation proposal.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Melanie Stegman <melanieann47@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Jones Falls Way

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Most of us in Baltimore City live in the concrete and brick blocks of Balmer that are HOT, unfriendly and devoid of plans and animals. I live on Preston, for example.

However, when I ride my bike I can quickly get to a quiet, peaceful place, where it is dark at night, quiet and cool, under trees...and even next to a stream! The Jones Falls Way is my solitude. The Jones Falls Way makes Baltimore healthy and homey where it is so often overheated and barren!

Our local government is our only recourse against people with financial interests who want to make Baltimore less livable for us who actually live our lives here!!

Please protect our green, quiet, cool spaces!!! Protect Jones Falls Way!!

Thank you!!!

Melanie

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Rolla Chng <rollac@yahoo.com>  
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**From:** Elissa Suarez <elissacsuarez@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025 4:23 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Fwd: Falls Rd Trash Relocation

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From: **Elissa Suarez** <[elissacsuarez@gmail.com](mailto:elissacsuarez@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Aug 19, 2025 at 14:11  
Subject: Falls Rd Trash Relocation  
To: <[zeke.cohen@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:zeke.cohen@baltimorecity.gov)>

I am a concerned resident of Baltimore City (district 14) reaching out to urge you not to allow trash dumps to relocate to Falls Road. This is one of the most beautiful natural spots in the city and contributes to the city's continually developing reputation as a great place to live. This does not seem to be a logical place to relocate trash to as it is a celebrated natural, public space, and would ruin the flow of traffic in this area. Additionally, it poses substantial risk of environmental harm as this area frequently floods! I don't want any more trash in my water than is already there. As someone who walks on this road (Falls Rd) often to appreciate the greenery and fresh air, my daily life would be negatively impacted to a substantial degree if this walking route were to reek of rotting trash (especially after river flooding), and be filled with the sounds of cars stuck in jams. I understand the need to relocate, but also know that this particular site on Sisson St is not one of the sites presenting the largest problems or sources of danger to sanitation workers.

I strongly believe if the city council were to proceed with this relocation as planned, it would be a detriment to the overall health of our community, contribute to worsening traffic, waste valuable publicly accessible green space (which is already limited in the city), contribute to a negative image of our city, and for myself and many of my peers, would imply that our elected representatives are not willing to accurately represent our needs and desires.

I urge you to prevent this relocation from taking effect.

Best,  
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## **Leva, Anthony F (City Council)**

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**From:** george frazier <baskitman1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025 2:31 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Cc:** Cohen, Zeke (City Council)  
**Subject:** Jones Falls trash dump relocation

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Another example of city government under this mayor selling off beloved green public space to pay for exorbitant administration hiring practices. Man, what a racket, "\$195,000"!

So I am against relocating the transfer station to the proposed Falls Road location.

George Frazier  
424 s Dallas street  
Baltimore Md., 21231

Sent from my iPad

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Melissa Freilich <melissafreilich@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025 2:15 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Support keeping the sisson Street transfer station in Remington, with improvements on falls ave

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Dear Council President Zeke Cohen,

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

I live in Remington and want to keep the transfer station nearby. I don't want it moved to a disenfranchised area. Also, I use it to drop off my compost several times a week. People who say that the transfer station can be done away with and replaced with periodic neighborhood drop off days clearly don't know how valuable a resource it is.

But this is also an opportunity to make falls road safer for everyone. 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.

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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 urge you to commit to these improvements regardless of the outcome of the relocation proposal.

Sincerely,  
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Melissa Freilich  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Tori McReynolds <torimcreynoldmsmw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025 2:16 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Keep the Jones Falls Valley Safe, Peaceful & Beautiful

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### Dear Baltimore City Council:

I write regarding the city's proposal to relocate the Sisson Street Transfer Facility, also known as the Northwest Citizens Convenience Center, to the Potts & Callahan site along Falls Road in the Jones Falls Valley.

Please don't relocate the Sisson St. dump to lower Falls Road!! Falls Road between Maryland and Roland Avenues is one of my favorite places on Earth. I discovered its magic during the pandemic, when I lived a short walk away. The unique juxtapositions there are part of what I love about Baltimore: blue herons perched atop phenomenal graffiti art, streetcar tracks beside waterfalls, turkey vultures circling industrial rail, kudzu surrounding urban decay, cyclists whizzing past the Streetcar Museum....there's so much to discover. I walked that same stretch of road daily for two years and each day I found something new to appreciate. If change were to come to the area, the change should improve access to the waterfall and increase safety for cyclists and pedestrians, particularly at two blind curves in the road between the Horseshoe Falls and Chestnut Avenue.

Even if bike trails and access to the Horseshoe Falls are maintained under the current proposal, who wants to appreciate nature next to a trash heap? How would cyclists become somehow safer in an already dangerous area that would see dramatically increased car and truck traffic? As it is, that road regularly floods, and in winter, that water freezes, making hazardous conditions. More traffic on an icy road adjacent to a rocky precipice isn't a great idea. The Potts & Callahan site is located in an area expected to be underwater within 100 years, meaning that Baltimoreans of the future will need to either relocate old trash or tolerate periodic outflows of refuse into downtown. Given the accelerating pace of climate change, a dump in that area could begin to flood long before anticipated, causing toxic incursions into the Jones Falls River and the likely involvement of the Maryland Department of the Environment.

I don't have any idea what the city *should* do with the Potts & Callahan site. I'm also not convinced that development plans will come to fruition if the Sisson St. dump is sold to Seawall Development. It is a dump, after all, and it wouldn't surprise me if the necessary environmental remediation proves impossible or too expensive to complete. At which point Sisson Street would have a hulking hunk of nothing next to an already-extant hulking hunk of nothing (see 2800 Sisson Street), and one of Baltimore's hidden gems would have been ruined -- needlessly.

There are a number of suggestions around town regarding a future location for the Sisson St.

dump, including closing it and switching to rotating neighborhood dumpster days. What remains unclear is, does the dump on Sisson Street need to close at all, and if it does close, who benefits?

Let's decouple the question of what, if anything, to do with the Sisson Street dump from the future of the Potts & Callahan site on Falls Road. Kill the proposal to put a trash dump beside the Horseshoe Falls!

Sincerely,  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Jared Nielsen <jnielsen@fastmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025 12:57 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Keep the Jones Falls safe and green for everyone

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

This proposal is destructive to the natural environment as well as the urban environment. There are countless studies and examples of cities around the world becoming destinations for new residents and tourists through investment in walkability and access to green space. There are thousands of vacant homes and storefronts in Baltimore, yet the city wants to trade its precious green space for a mixed-use development. This proposal is regressive and shortsighted. Baltimore is a heat island and we need to preserve and increase green space throughout the city, not swap it for more concrete developments. Furthermore, this proposal will only increase traffic on 28th street, which is already congested, making it more dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists.

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.

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- 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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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)

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**From:** Jessica Locke <jesslocke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025 12:43 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Fwd: Keep the Jones Falls Valley Safe for Everyone

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Dear Baltimore City Council,

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

I do not in any way support this plan. It's as if the city asked itself, "what beautiful natural area with enormous potential for a world class park could we completely and permanently ruin???" And this is the plan y'all came up with.

I use the Jones Falls trail regularly right in this exact location. I walked it every day with my son when he was an infant because it was one of the few calm, green areas that was good for walking with a stroller that was easily accessible from Greenmount West, where I live.

If the city is to do anything with this area, it should be invested in as a linear park. Do NOT put a dump in it!!! For heavens sake.

Please commit to improving - rather than ruining - the Jones Falls Corridor.

Sincerely,  
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From: **Cohen, Zeke (City Council)** <[Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov)>  
Date: Tue, Aug 19, 2025 at 1:30 PM  
Subject: Re: Keep the Jones Falls Valley Safe for Everyone  
To: [jesslocke@gmail.com](mailto:jesslocke@gmail.com) <[jesslocke@gmail.com](mailto:jesslocke@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](mailto:testimony@baltimorecity.gov).

Thank you,  
Hailey Kancherla

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**From:** [jesslocke@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:jesslocke@everyactionadvocacy.com) <[jesslocke@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:jesslocke@everyactionadvocacy.com)> on behalf of Jessica Locke  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Alex Holt <arholt2@comcast.net>  
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**Subject:** 25-0094

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I am writing about the city's proposal to relocate the Sisson Street Transfer Facility to the Potts & Callahan site along Falls Road in the Jones Falls Valley. While I have no problem with the proposal to close the current facility or the prospect of selling it for redevelopment, I do question the current choice of a replacement site due to the risk of flooding at the new site and the danger that could pose to the health of the Jones Falls River, as well as the longstanding and still very much in-progress efforts to clean the river up. Likewise I am concerned about the threat this new site could pose to the Jones Falls Gateway plans already in development. I understand that some neighborhood and business associations oppose efforts to not fully replace the SSTF in favor of community dumpsters and encouraging greater use of other existing facilities but I do suspect this is likely the best solution, both in terms of cost and best responding to the needs of the communities who've borne the burden of the SSTF and would be forced to do the same for any such future facilities in the Jones Falls Valley.

Regardless of what decision is reached on replacing the SSTF though, 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.

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I urge you to commit to these improvements regardless of the outcome of the relocation proposal.

Sincerely,  
Alex Holt

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Cole, Brittany (City Council)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025 11:36 AM  
**To:** Kerry S. Brady; Young, Calvin (Mayor's Office); Ramos, Odette (City Council); Jones, Jermaine (City Council); Zaied, Khalil; chris.ryer@baltimoreplanning.gov; Burnett, Sean (DOT); District 7 Staff  
**Cc:** Brandon M Scott; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Testimony  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Relocation of Sisson Sanitation Yard

Good morning, Kerry,

I hope this message finds you well. Thank you for sharing your position and concerns regarding the proposed development at the Sission Street dump site. We appreciate your insights on how these changes may impact our Hampden and Woodberry communities. I want to confirm that I have received your email on behalf of the district 7 office. I have forwarded your concerns, along with those from other neighbors to Councilman Torrence for his review and consideration. Thank you for taking the time to engage in this important discussion.

Many Thanks,

*Brittany Cole*

Constituent Service Representative  
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**From:** Kerry S. Brady <kerry.s.brady@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2025 6:34 PM  
**To:** Young, Calvin (Mayor's Office) <calvin.young@baltimorecity.gov>; Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>; Jones, Jermaine (City Council) <jermaine.jones@baltimorecity.gov>; Zaied, Khalil <kzaied@baltimorecity.gov>; chris.ryer@baltimoreplanning.gov <chris.ryer@baltimoreplanning.gov>; Burnett, Sean (DOT) <sean.burnett@baltimorecity.gov>; District 7 Staff <District7Staff@baltimorecity.gov>  
**Cc:** Brandon M Scott <brandonm.scott@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Testimony <Testimony@baltimorecity.gov>  
**Subject:** Proposed Relocation of Sisson Sanitation Yard

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God afternoon,

My name is Kerry Brady and I am a Baltimore City resident and registered voter in the 21211 ZIP code writing to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed relocation of the Sisson Street Sanitation Yard and Drop Off Center to a new site located on Falls Road.

While not necessarily against the proposed sale of the Sisson Street parcel to Thibault Manekin and Seawall Development, or the construction of new DPW facilities to address worker safety, I do not believe the recently publicized location along Falls Road in the Jones Falls Watershed is an appropriate setting for this type of land use. The Jones Falls is already overburdened by pollution and has a long history of being treated like a waste receptacle. Placing the sanitation center here would negate any of the progress that has been made in recent years towards improving water quality in the stream, the Inner Harbor, and in the Chesapeake Bay.

Although presented as compatible with various initiatives already underway in this area, the plan as proposed directly contradicts the vision articulated by the many overlapping efforts to steward and revitalize The Falls. These include The Falls Gateway Project, the Jones Falls 2077 Project, improvements to the Streetcar Museum, and more. As the city's plans show, this site is on the edge of the 100-year flood plain and located deep into the 500-year flood plain. The city's own RFP for a new site requires that it not be situated on a flood plain. As someone who has resided in the Clipper Mill area since 2014 - I can easily picture a flooding event where large amounts of trash, recycling, and hazardous waste stored at the edge of the site gets swept into the falls and carried down towards the harbor. The city would need an army of Trash Wheels to address the additional volume of debris caused by such an event.

It is also unclear how the proposed plan significantly improves conditions for our sanitation workers. Their safety and well being is vitally important and it should be possible to protect sanitation workers without causing unnecessary damage to this unique ecosystem. Worker exploitation and habitat degradation are interconnected issues. Extreme heat in a changing climate is causing dangerous conditions for sanitation workers around the city, state, country, and across the globe. Climate change also means urban forest spaces like this narrow strip along Falls Road are under increased strain and are more important than ever for breaking up heat island effects. Workers and the watershed should be put over the interests of developers.

During a typical week, approximately 100-200 vehicles pass through the Sisson Street facility every day and on Saturdays this number can exceed 300 vehicles. The proposed closure of Falls Road to vehicular through traffic in order to accommodate ingress and egress to the new site will also cause major disruptions for neighboring residents and businesses, especially those located at Mill No. 1, as well as putting the recently announced expansion of the nearby Streetcar Museum in jeopardy. On a personal note, I do commute to and from work using this part of Falls Road on a semi-regular basis and have also seen increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic along the accompanying Jones Falls Trail in recent years as efforts to improve and preserve the surrounding environment take root.

In summary, I **strongly encourage** you to reject the current proposal to move the Sisson Street facility to Falls Road and request that you instead work to find an alternative site, such as Camp Smallwood or the existing railroad yard near MTA facilities located just off North Avenue, either of which would be a more appropriate fit providing direct access to and from major roadways such as Interstate-83.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kerry S. Brady

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Sent from my iPhone

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** dominique ryan <dominique.ryan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025 10:51 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Stop the Sale/Relocation of the Sisson St Sanitation Center Land

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I'd like to express my disapproval of the upcoming sale and plans to relocate the sanitation center to Falls Road. This whole plan reeks of our city government giving into the developers who line their pockets.

While I agree that this center should be moved elsewhere it should NEVER be located in a flood plain area or in a manner that takes away from one of the heavily used green spaces in Baltimore. My family and I frequently walk along the pathway and as birders every year we along with many others watch and document the progress of the Yellow Crowned Night Herons that use this area as a nesting colony. With the addition of a center this would create noise and excess trash from people who could care less if the center is open to accept items. Combined with the frequent flooding of this area this could have a negative impact on the area. Furthermore, no one thinks that closing off traffic on this road is a great idea for use. The addition of a sanitation center to this plot of land is ill thought out favors developers vs. the environment and enjoyment of citizens of Baltimore.

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Katie Zaeh <kezaeh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025 10:34 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Don't relocate the Sisson Street Dump to Old Falls Road!

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To whom it may concern:

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

I don't feel food Falls Road is an appropriate location for a waste location. It is constantly flooding, posing issues with access to the facility and risk of further polluting the Jones Falls.

It seems the best use of this land is for a linear park. I use the current greenway nearly every day to commute between my home, my child's daycare, and my work. I worry about the increased traffic and cars and trucks with large loads and reduced visibility hitting my child and I as we bike to school.

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.

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**To:** [henryowenw@gmail.com](mailto:henryowenw@gmail.com) <[henryowenw@gmail.com](mailto:henryowenw@gmail.com)>

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Thank you,

Hailey Kancherla

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**Cc:** Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Conway, Mark (City Council)  
**Subject:** No DPW facility along the Jones Falls!

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To members of the Baltimore City Council,

I am writing to express my opposition to the City relocating the Northwest Convenience Center to the proposed location along the Jones Falls. As you consider the sale of the current Sisson Street drop-off center real estate, keep in mind that the proposed future location is not acceptable from a public health and environmental perspective as well as an insult to the Baltimoreans who have worked so hard to restore the Jones Falls watershed.

In the year of 2025, how are we even considering this? Haven't we learned anything? Misusing river valleys and waterways as nothing more than conduits for infrastructure is an archaic concept. Look, for instance, at the spills, damage and replacement costs associated with sanitation pipes running along our streams and rivers. We don't need to continue the mistakes of the past.

Baltimore has enviable waterfront and waterways. They should be sacrosanct. We as a City should be protecting them for the good of the environment, public health and public enjoyment, not degrading with a trash facility.

Please oppose the proposed Sisson Street sale until such time there is a safe and acceptable replacement location.

Thank you.

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[marthakjohnston@gmail.com](mailto:marthakjohnston@gmail.com)

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Chris Plano  
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Mary Fasano  
2414 Kentucky Avenue

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Laura Ruas <lmruas@yahoo.com>  
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On a weekly basis I ride my bike to and from work along Falls Road. As many improvements have been made, there are several outstanding that need to be implemented in order to make the road safe for all. This road is an important and well utilized access way to downtown Baltimore and back.

Promised Improvements have been ignored and forgotten. The placement of a city dump next to the Falls will exacerbate the dirt, sewage, smell and grime in the area, making it unusable for walking, Biking or running. It will also further pollute the Falls waterway with dumping and the like.

The city has spent tax dollars on studies and planning for the Falls Road Gateway Project - money that will once again be wasted because the plans are being scrapped for one developer. A developer who will most likely get a large tax break, putting more stress on the finances and lives of residents in Remington, Hamden and the surrounding areas. Every tax break given is money paid when the development or the developer fails and residents end up paying for. (see Chasen and Co, and other developers the City has put ahead of its citizens)

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Sincerely,  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Ellen Brown <ellenbrown811@gmail.com>  
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Dear Council President Cohen, Councilwoman Ramos, Mayor Scott, Senator Hayes, Delegate Conaway, Delegate Wells, and Delegate Amprey,

The proposal to relocate the Sisson Street Transfer Facility to the Potts & Callahan site along Falls Road in the Jones Falls Valley is problematic for the health and wellbeing of residents and the economy & environment of Baltimore. I urge you to oppose the Potts and Callahan site and find a more suitable relocation site.

The City's stream valleys are a gem which fueled the growth of Baltimore. If Baltimore is to be a climate resilient city we will need to continue investing in our stream valleys as the lungs and water filters of our city, while providing for beneficial uses such as recreation, education, and active transportation. Development in any of our stream valleys including the Jones Falls must elevate improvements to green infrastructure and natural climate solutions such as more permeable surfaces, increased tree canopy, and expansion of public access to cultural resources like the Street Car Museum, the Jones Falls Trail, and The Baltimore Greenway Trails Network. The relocation of the transfer center to the valley is not compatible with the ecology of the valley and the important opportunity the valley provides to connect Baltimoreans to our water and our public open spaces.

DPW workers deserve a modern and safe facility. Those upgrades and safety enhancements should be included in any site relocation. It is insincere to say that the necessary upgrades will only happen at the proposed Potts and Callahan site.

Additionally, this relocation jeopardizes the promises the Mayor and the Department of Transportation have made to improve this corridor to make it safe for people of all ages and abilities to walk and bike from Maryland Avenue all the way to Union Avenue.

I urge you to oppose the relocation to this unsafe and unsuitable location on Falls Road.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Brown  
604 Craycombe Ave



## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Reilly Furellis <reillyfurellis@gmail.com>  
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To: [reillyfurellis@gmail.com](mailto:reillyfurellis@gmail.com) <[reillyfurellis@gmail.com](mailto:reillyfurellis@gmail.com)>

Good afternoon,

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](mailto:testimony@baltimorecity.gov).

Thank you,

Hailey Kancherla

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Sincerely,

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Kerry S. Brady <kerry.s.brady@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Young, Calvin (Mayor's Office); Ramos, Odette (City Council); Jones, Jermaine (City Council); Zaied, Khalil; chris.ryer@baltimoreplanning.gov; Burnett, Sean (DOT); District 7 Staff  
**Cc:** Brandon M Scott; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Testimony  
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God afternoon,

My name is Kerry Brady and I am a Baltimore City resident and registered voter in the 21211 ZIP code writing to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed relocation of the Sisson Street Sanitation Yard and Drop Off Center to a new site located on Falls Road.

While not necessarily against the proposed sale of the Sisson Street parcel to Thibault Manekin and Seawall Development, or the construction of new DPW facilities to address worker safety, I do not believe the recently publicized location along Falls Road in the Jones Falls Watershed is an appropriate setting for this type of land use. The Jones Falls is already overburdened by pollution and has a long history of being treated like a waste receptacle. Placing the sanitation center here would negate any of the progress that has been made in recent years towards improving water quality in the stream, the Inner Harbor, and in the Chesapeake Bay.

Although presented as compatible with various initiatives already underway in this area, the plan as proposed directly contradicts the vision articulated by the many overlapping efforts to steward and revitalize The Falls. These include The Falls Gateway Project, the Jones Falls 2077 Project, improvements to the Streetcar Museum, and more. As the city's plans show, this site is on the edge of the 100-year flood plain and located deep into the 500-year flood plain. The city's own RFP for a new site requires that it not be situated on a flood plain. As someone who has resided in the Clipper Mill area since 2014 - I can easily picture a flooding event where large amounts of trash, recycling, and hazardous waste stored at the edge of the site gets swept into the falls and carried down towards the harbor. The city would need an army of Trash Wheels to address the additional volume of debris caused by such an event.

It is also unclear how the proposed plan significantly improves conditions for our sanitation workers. Their safety and well being is vitally important and it should be possible to protect sanitation workers without causing unnecessary damage to this unique ecosystem. Worker exploitation and habitat degradation are interconnected issues. Extreme heat in a changing climate is causing dangerous conditions for sanitation workers around the city, state, country, and across the globe. Climate change also means urban forest spaces like this narrow strip along Falls Road are under increased strain and are more important than ever for breaking up heat island effects. Workers and the watershed should be put over the interests of developers.

During a typical week, approximately 100-200 vehicles pass through the Sisson Street facility every day and on Saturdays this number can exceed 300 vehicles. The proposed closure of Falls Road to vehicular through traffic in order to accommodate ingress and egress to the new site will also cause major disruptions for neighboring residents and businesses, especially those located at Mill No. 1, as well as putting the recently announced expansion of the nearby Streetcar Museum in jeopardy. On a personal note, I do commute to and from work using this part of Falls Road on a semi-regular basis and have also seen increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic along the accompanying Jones Falls Trail in recent years as efforts to improve and preserve the surrounding environment take root.

In summary, I **strongly encourage** you to reject the current proposal to move the Sisson Street facility to Falls Road and request that you instead work to find an alternative site, such as Camp Smallwood or the existing railroad yard near MTA facilities located just off North Avenue, either of which would be a more appropriate fit providing direct access to and from major roadways such as Interstate-83.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kerry S. Brady  
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Sent from my iPhone

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Jodie Misiak <jmisiak@gmail.com>  
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Hello,

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

As a long time neighbor of this corridor and a frequent user of the current Jones Falls Trail, I am opposed to this relocation. While already unique and beautiful, this corridor has the potential to be an even greater destination for residents and visitors, similar to the High Line in NYC and the 606 in Chicago. It is an amazing amenity that should not be wasted.

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I urge you to reject the proposal to relocate the Sisson Street Transfer facility and re-commit to these improvements.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Kelly Brady <kellyelle@gmail.com>  
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My name is Kelly Brady and I live in 21211.

I am a local resident and am **strongly opposed** to the proposed plan to relocate the Sisson St center near the Jones Falls and cut off all local traffic on Falls Road.

I have only just learned that the proposed sale will be discussed at a city council meeting this evening, but was conveniently left off the public agenda. I will not be able to attend the meeting tonight in person, but plan to attend virtually.

**I am opposed to the relocation and closing of Falls Road for the following personal reasons:**

- I frequently visit the Jones Falls watershed to walk my reactive dog in a less populated area.
- I use Falls Road to access southern parts of the city directly from my neighborhood.
- I worked in an office directly on the Jones Falls and experienced flooding events numerous times within the last decade, and am all too aware of the effects on infrastructure.

**Additionally, relocating to the Jones Falls and closing Falls Road severely impacts the community at large:**

- The Jones Falls is already overburdened by pollution and has a long history of being treated like a waste receptacle. That has started to change in recent years. Placing the sanitation center here would damage the immense progress we've made toward improving water quality in the stream and in the Bay.
- It may seem that this is just an industrial area that doesn't matter to people because it is not in a neighborhood, but this section of the falls functions as connective tissue between many Baltimore neighborhoods, including historically redlined neighborhoods.
- Although presented as compatible with various initiatives already underway in this area, this plan directly contradicts the vision articulated by the many overlapping efforts to steward and revitalize The Falls, including The Falls Gateway Project, improvements to the Streetcar Museum, the Jones Falls 2076 Project, and more.
- It is not clear how the proposed plan improves conditions for our Sanitary Workers. Their safety and well being is vitally important, and it should be possible to protect both sanitation workers and this unique ecosystem.

**PLEASE, I ask of the city council and our elected representatives:**

**Reject the proposal to move the Sisson Street Facility to Falls Road.**

Find an alternate site for the Sisson Street Facility, or make needed upgrades to the existing facility.

Sincerely, Your constituent,  
Kelly Brady

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Jaime Mears <jrm7qy@gmail.com>  
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**Jaime Mears**

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Please see below for my testimony!

Nora Kelleher

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Dear Council President Zeke Cohen,

I am writing about the sisson St dump relocation. Not only all the stuff below, but also I hear that the current dump property will be basically GIVEN to a developer seems like moving in the wrong direction and against your own vision for the city. Moving the dump to make the city worse for stuff people share (the linear park) and better for private interest is like ugh. Guys you gotta be the change thank you for listening to my ted talk.

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Sincerely,

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Sanzi <sanzi.kermes@gmail.com>  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Jennifer Ashlock <bearvshark@hotmail.com>  
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**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** I bike the Jones Falls Trail nearly every day

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Dear Council President Zeke Cohen,

I'm writing with deep concern about the city's proposal to relocate the Sisson Street Transfer Facility to the Potts & Callahan site along Falls Road in the Jones Falls Valley.

This isn't an abstract issue for me—I bike this trail almost every day to and from work, traveling between Hampden and Camden Station. What should be a healthy, sustainable commute often leaves me worried for my safety. The trail feels too narrow in some stretches, cars speed past dangerously close, and I constantly have to calculate risks just to make it home in one piece.

That's why the promises the City has already made to improve this corridor matter so much. These include:

1. Widening the Jones Falls Trail between Maryland Avenue and the Round Falls switchbacks, since that section is below basic trail standards.
2. Restoring the closure to through-traffic north of the Potts and Callahan site, as was promised to the Greater Remington Improvement Association during the pandemic but never delivered.
3. Converting a small section of Falls Road and Clipper Mill Road to one-way, so there could finally be space for a safe walking and biking sidepath on the most dangerous stretch of the corridor.

All three of these improvements were pledged to the community but remain unfulfilled. Adding more truck and car traffic to the corridor without first making it safe will only put people like me—and countless others who bike or walk here—at greater risk.

I also want to stress that these changes would not block vehicle access to homes or businesses. They would simply make it harder for drivers to use this corridor as a high-speed cut-through, which is exactly the behavior that endangers people every day.

I urge you to commit to completing these safety improvements regardless of whether the transfer facility is relocated. Without them, relocation is not just short-sighted—it is dangerous.

Thank you for considering the perspective of those of us who rely on this trail daily for work and safety.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ashlock  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Esmail Hamidi <esmailhamidi@gmail.com>  
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Thanks,

Esmail

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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Carl Passen <cpassen@ymail.com>  
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I personally cycle on the Jones Falls. I find it to be one of the more safe roads to travel on by bike. I wish it was even safer than it currently is. But this road is one of the few places that I feel safe enough to cycle in the city and I do not want to lose access to it, or for it to become even more riskier to cycle on than it already is. Please reconsider your proposal to relocate the Sisson street transfer station to Falls Road. This would be a great loss to hundreds of cyclists, pedestrians and motorists who use it daily.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Jim Brown <jimbrown8@msn.com>  
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Dear Baltimore City Council,

The proposal to relocate the Sisson Street Transfer Facility to the Potts & Callahan site along Falls Road in the Jones Falls Valley is problematic for the health and wellbeing of residents and the economy & environment of Baltimore. I urge you to oppose the Potts and Callahan site and find a more suitable relocation site.

The City's stream valleys are a gem which fueled the growth of Baltimore. If Baltimore is to be a climate resilient city we will need to continue investing in our stream valleys as the lungs and water filters of our city, while providing for beneficial uses such as recreation, healthy activity, education, and active transportation. Development in any of our stream valleys, including the Jones Falls must elevate improvements to green infrastructure and natural climate solutions such as more permeable surfaces, increased tree canopy, and expansion of public access to cultural resources like the Streetcar Museum, neighborhoods, local businesses, the Jones Falls Trail, and The Baltimore Greenway Trails Network. The relocation of the transfer center to the valley is not compatible with the ecology of the valley and the important opportunity the valley provides to connect Baltimoreans to our water, our communities, and our public open spaces.

DPW workers deserve a modern and safe facility. Those upgrades and safety enhancements should be included in any site relocation. It is insincere to say that the necessary upgrades will only happen at the proposed Potts and Callahan site. They must be included in any more appropriate relocation sites.

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I urge you to oppose the relocation to this unsafe and unsuitable location on Falls Road.

Jim Brown  
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Baltimore MD 21211

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**From:** Randolph Davis <davis.randolph@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Re: Keep the Jones Falls Valley Safe for Everyone  
**To:** [davis.randolph@gmail.com](mailto:davis.randolph@gmail.com) <[davis.randolph@gmail.com](mailto:davis.randolph@gmail.com)>

Good afternoon,

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](mailto:testimony@baltimorecity.gov).

Thank you,

Hailey Kancherla

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen  
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**From:** [davis.randolph@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:davis.randolph@everyactionadvocacy.com) <[davis.randolph@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:davis.randolph@everyactionadvocacy.com)> on behalf of Randy Davis  
<[davis.randolph@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:davis.randolph@everyactionadvocacy.com)>  
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## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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Good afternoon,

I am forwarding my comments on the proposed Sisson Street Transfer Facility Relocation to this address as requested. Thank you!

Best,  
Courtney Pasko

Dear Council President Zeke Cohen,

I am writing about 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.
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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.

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Though less significant than safeguarding city resident safety, I'm also dismayed at the suppressive effect the city's proposal would have on the Baltimore Streetcar Museum, which only a few days ago announced a new initiative with some approved city funding to expand their site. The Streetcar museum has the potential to become a great, revenue-generating destination that could only complement a linear park destination, and I suspect much of that growth would be completely curtailed by the proposed changes to Falls Rd, the proposed traffic, and the immediate proximity to the waste station. While I'm aware that the transfer station is not a dump, is also isn't a site that I would anticipate museum visitors and other tourists want to park, picnic, and recreate next to. It would be a shame to waste that opportunity.

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)

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Dear Council President Zeke Cohen,

As the former president of the Remington neighborhood association, and a family cyclist, I am writing about 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 to my community in public meetings for improvements along Falls Road 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:

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I urge you to commit to these improvements regardless of the outcome of the relocation proposal.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Robin Jacobs <robinjacobs@gmail.com>  
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Dear Council President Zeke Cohen,

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

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.

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** Keith Uram <keith@baltimorebicycleworks.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2025 2:30 PM  
**To:** Testimony; contact email  
**Subject:** Falls Road Closure/Refuse Transfer Station

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To Whom it May Concern,

We at the Baltimore Bicycle Works are concerned about plans for the new dump site and potential closure of Falls Road southbound. When Falls Road was closed during the pandemic, we saw an immediate decrease in customers. People driving from Hampden and farther north went elsewhere rather than route down and around through the city to get to our shop.

We're also concerned to have dump trucks and the debris from dump trucks around people biking and running. Since Baltimore lacks in bike infrastructure, Falls Road serves as an important north-south connector for cycling. (The current version of the Jones Falls trail through that area is primarily a sidewalk, used much more by walkers and joggers than people biking.) Adding dump trucks and the bits of metal and glass they would inevitably drop would be a safety issue for everyone involved.

Finally, passing through that section of Falls Road regularly, we see how often it floods. Even relatively minor storms can bring large amounts of runoff flowing through that site, across the road, and into the Jones Falls. As Baltimore works to reduce trash in our waterways, this would be a big step backwards.

Would you be able to help us understand where this is in the decision making process and who else we should be talking to about our concerns?

Yours,

Keith B. Uram, Worker/Owner  
Brent Boggs, Worker/Owner  
Bernardo Vigil, Worker/Owner  
Linus Owens, Worker/Owner  
Jonna Lacock-Nisly, Worker/Owner  
Tom Tiberio, Worker/Owner  
Alia Herndon, Worker/Owner

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[baltimorebicycleworks.com](http://baltimorebicycleworks.com)



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**From:** Gary Therkildsen <gtherk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2025 2:31 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Re: city's proposal to relocate the Sisson Street Transfer Facility to the Potts & Callahan site along Falls Road

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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)

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**From:** Gina Grinstead <ginagee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2025 2:26 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Keep the Joes Falls valley safe for everyone

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Sincerely,  
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[ginagee@gmail.com](mailto:ginagee@gmail.com)  
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**From:** Thee Jasmine Monk <eric.p.florence@gmail.com>  
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I urge you to commit to these improvements regardless of the outcome of the relocation proposal.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <[Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov)>  
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**To:** [eric.p.florence@gmail.com](mailto:eric.p.florence@gmail.com) <[eric.p.florence@gmail.com](mailto:eric.p.florence@gmail.com)>

Good afternoon,

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](mailto:testimony@baltimorecity.gov).

Thank you,

Hailey Kancherla

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen  
Baltimore City Council  
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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 urge you to commit to these improvements regardless of the outcome of the relocation proposal.

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**From:** Drew Beier <[dbeier@smp-architects.com](mailto:dbeier@smp-architects.com)>  
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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.

Widening the Jones Falls Trail to high quality trail standards between Maryland Avenue and the Round Falls switchbacks should be a top priority, 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.

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, should also be strongly considered.

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.

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Additionally, the impact of relocating a solid waste transfer facility to an environmentally sensitive area like the Jones Falls Valley should be more strongly considered. The Potts and Callahan site is located immediately adjacent to an area within the 100-year floodplain and partially sits within the 500-year floodplain. Floods aside, any runoff from this site will lead directly into the Jones Falls, which will then lead to the Inner Harbor, which will then lead to the Chesapeake Bay. These are all waterways that the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland have vowed to protect and improve. Relocating the Sisson Street facility to this location runs directly contrary to those goals.

There is no safe path to relocation of the transfer facility to the Jones Falls Valley. Anyone supporting relocation to the Valley is endorsing a plan that will contribute to increasing unsafe conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as the continued degradation of our fragile urban ecosystem.

I urge you to commit to these improvements regardless of the outcome of the relocation proposal.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Emily Riehl <eriehl@jhu.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2025 2:18 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Jones falls should be for recreation, not trash

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I live in Mount Vernon and visit the Sisson street dump site a few times a year. The plan to move the waste facility to Falls Road is very bad. This is very highly used recreational area for runners, cyclists, walkers, birders, etc. You can find pedestrians there at all hours of the day, despite the fact that the river and river bank are filthy. The city should clean it up, not move in more trash!!

Emily

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**From:** Patricia White <mrshophoop@hotmail.com>  
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**To:** Testimony  
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Let me add that that Jones Falls Valley area is a gem of a green space in the heart of the city and should be celebrated and protected. It should not become a thoroughfare for trash. The StreetCar museum just got funds to expand and improve. A city with vision would see that as a tourist destination and an important part of Baltimore City's history and the history of Maryland and it would be the centerpiece of this linear park area to be enjoyed by city residents and visitors alike. This area should be a fantastic recreational area for biking and runners/pedestrians and wildlife and the watershed.

Trish White  
Sent from my iPhone

## Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

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**From:** Nick Modha <nickmodha@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2025 2:13 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Keep the Jones Falls Valley Safe for Everyone

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