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MC 01-21

Montgomery County House Delegation Bill Hearing

Testimony on: MC 01-21 – Residential Property Sales – School District Information

Position: Support

Hearing Date: December 1, 2020

The Sierra Club supports MC 1-21.

The Sierra Club believes that America’s most critical environmental issue is *climate change*, and our most critical social issue is *racial justice and equity*. We strongly believe that our nation, our state, and our county need to address both issues together.

Thus, the Sierra Club advocates for a future MoCo where neighborhoods offer a variety of housing choices (especially a variety of purchase prices and rent levels). In this manner, neighborhoods will better represent a cross-section of county residents.

With integrated neighborhoods (in terms of race, ethnicity, economics), neighborhood schools also would be inclusive and equitable. Ultimately, we want the county to be a place where kids can walk or bike to equitable and diverse neighborhood schools.

Bill MC 01-21 is a small but important step in the right direction. It ensures that homebuyers have a “heads-up” that school attendance boundaries are subject to change, which means that as homebuyers continue to reside at their residence over a period of time, their kids may or may not attend, K through 12, the schools which are assigned at the time the home is purchased. This type of transparency is good for community relations, and promotes better understanding of how individual neighborhoods are part of the overall, larger community which makes up our county. Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

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