

**IN THE MATTER OF
COUNTY ORDINANCE 11-10**

*** BEFORE THE COUNTY
* COMMISSIONERS OF
* QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

FINDINGS AND DECISION

A hearing was held on July 26, 2011 by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County ("the Commissioners") in the Commissioners' meeting room, Liberty Building, 107 North Liberty Street, Centreville, Maryland, 21617 on proposed County Ordinance 11-10, An Act Concerning a Citizen Sponsored Text Amendment Requiring Disclosure of All Persons Having an Economic Interest in a Development Proposal.

This matter was initiated by four citizens pursuant to §18:1-218 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, for the stated purpose "of providing greater transparency in regulation of development, by requiring that applications for subdivision or site plan approval identify persons having an economic interest in the development project that is the subject of the application."

The Petition was referred to the Queen Anne's County Planning Commission who held a hearing on April 14, 2011 and received public comment on the proposal. After tabling the matter to allow the Planning staff and attorney to work on ways to improve the amendment, the Planning Commission ultimately, on May 12, 2011, issued an unfavorable recommendation. The recommendation of the Planning Commission and the extensive history of this and a prior, similar

proposal are part of the record of this proceeding and have been considered by the Commissioners.

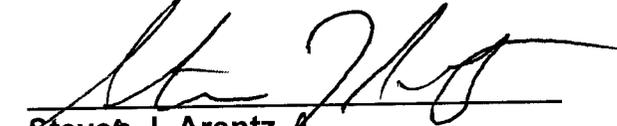
The Commission have also considered the testimony received at the July 26 public hearing, the purposes set forth in Article 66B of the Annotated Code, the Comprehensive Plan and Chapter 18:1 of the County Code and hereby make the following findings and decision:

A. While the suggested rational for the proposed amendment (full disclosure and transparency) is laudable, the many issues and problems noted by the Planning Commission with respect to this proposal and the prior proposed CO 09-17 far outweigh any beneficial interest to the public.

B. We find nothing in Article 66B, the Queen Anne's Comprehensive Plan, or Chapter 18:1 which support the disclosure requirements of CO 11-10. It is impossible, therefore to find consistency with those documents as required by §18:1-221 B(2) which mandates that without such consistency we "may not approve any amendment."

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County do hereby agree that County Ordinance 11-10 be and is hereby DENIED.

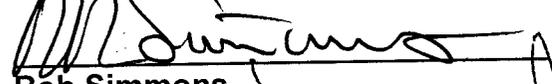
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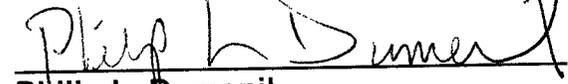
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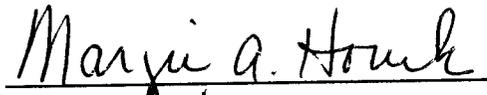


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