

Resolution

FOR DEFERRAL OF PLANMARYLAND
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WHEREAS each county and municipality within Maryland is responsible for planning within its own jurisdiction according to State Law;

WHEREAS local planning is the responsibility of local elected officials, and it appears PlanMaryland would place a greater degree of responsibility into the hands of non-elected boards and agency officials;

WHEREAS the lengthy and deliberative process involved in planning encompasses county and municipal governments, economic interests and citizens, and is not performed without serious time commitments from all interested parties within a jurisdiction;

WHEREAS PlanMaryland took years to develop, but local jurisdictions have had only a few months to analyze this plan and its potential effects on planning and development processes;

WHEREAS a Maryland Department of Planning community meeting overhead stated, "[the] plan will be implemented by a combination of admin, regulatory, and potential legislative actions."

WHEREAS the Plan has cultivated reasonable and legitimate concerns on matters related to degrees of freedom; span of control; and local autonomy on future land use decisions;

WHEREAS State determinations of Highest and Best Use must be implemented in a way so as to minimize potential exposure to "takings" litigation by affected property owners;

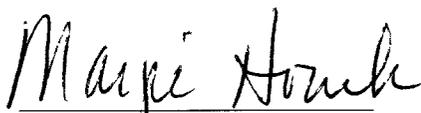
WHEREAS there are innumerable ambiguities in the Plan on matters related to premises; collaborative processes; respective responsibilities; remedies, etc.

WHEREAS local governments need more time to evaluate, discuss, understand, and analyze this Plan;

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREIN RESOLVE:

Adoption of PlanMaryland as a statewide planning document be deferred for a period of one year so that all jurisdictions can analyze this plan to their reasonable satisfaction; all necessary discussions between the State and local jurisdictions can be completed; and a majority of the counties support the final product.

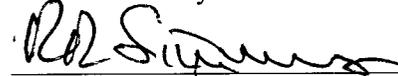
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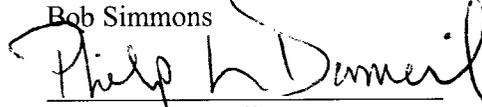

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