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**TO: COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**FROM: SHERI FANAROFF**  
**RE: PROPOSED LOCAL BILLS FOR 2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION**  
**DATE: JANUARY 4, 2019**

The Howard County Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly has posted a list of bond initiative requests and local bills proposed for filing during the 2019 legislative session in Annapolis. As stated in the posting, the "list of proposed legislation is subject to change as determined by the Delegation Chairs." In some cases the proposed legislation is still in bill drafting, and a copy is not yet available for review.

This memo is being provided pursuant to a request by the Board at its December 13, 2018 board meeting that I provide a report on these bills to the extent they may be of concern to CA.

### **BOND INITIATIVE REQUESTS**

#### **Ho.Co. 05-19 - Butterfly Building for Visual Arts Gallery and Guest Services – Design and Build – \$2,000,000**

There is no written documentation at present in support of this bond request. It apparently would provide funding for the Inner Arbor Trust to proceed with plans for the design and construction of the Butterfly Building in Symphony Woods. This bill benefits CA in that it moves forward the development of the park.

### **PROPOSED BILLS**

#### **Ho.Co. 1-19 – Howard County Board of Education – Elected School Board**

This bill would provide for five members of the Board of Education to be elected by the voters of their Councilmanic districts and two members to be elected at large by the voters of the County. This bill does not impact CA but certain CA board members expressed interest in the bill at the December 13 board meeting.

#### **Ho.Co. 4-19 – Howard County – Authority to Impose Fees for Use of Disposable Bags**

This bill would allow the County to impose a fee, not to exceed five cents per bag, on a retail store that provides plastic disposable bags to customers at point of sale. This bill does not impact

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**Ho.Co. 6-19 - Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Marketplace License**

A version of this bill was filed during the 2018 session of the General Assembly. This bill would create a “marketplace liquor license” in Howard County, i.e. a “house license” covering an entire facility which would permit the license holder (owner/operator of the facility) to allow different food vendors within the facility to also sell liquor. This bill thus would create a type of liquor license that would cover the Butterfly Building food hall concept envisioned by Inner Arbor Trust. This bill benefits CA in that it allows for increased income for the Trust.

**Ho.Co. 16-19 – Property Tax Credit – Elderly Individuals – Eligibility**

This bill would broaden eligibility for the property tax credit by requiring that the claimant have lived in the same county rather than the same dwelling for 40 years. This bill may impact CA to the extent that it increases the number of property owners entitled to a tax credit because CA honors such credit by providing a corresponding percentage reduction in the annual charge.