

February 15, 2022

Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary
House Ways and Means Committee
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Town Center Board Support for House Bill 93

Ms. Atterbeary,

The Town Center Board of Directors (TCCA) voted on February 9, 2022, to unanimously support **House Bill 93**, *Candidates for Offices of Municipalities and Common Ownership Communities-Reports of Donations and Disbursements*. The TCCA Board feels strongly that free and fair elections for all offices –community, local, state, and national –are an important part of the democratic process. We support election financing disclosures and reporting as described in the bill and will adopt such disclosures in line with HB 93 once it is passed and adopted into law.

This type of legislation provides more transparency in all Common Ownership Community elections at the community and local level such as in TCCA where outside interests may attempt to influence the TCCA Village Board elections or the election of the representative of TCCA to the Columbia Association Board.

Sincerely,

Kevin Fitzgerald

Kevin A. Fitzgerald
Town Center Community Association
Chair

Cc: Delegate Jen Terrasa