

Bill would prohibit campaign contributions from active developers



Getting Money Out of Politics – Step by Step

GAN strongly supports a bill before the County Council that would prohibit developers with business before county government from contributing to sitting members of the County Council or County Executive or candidates. It would also require disclosure of two years' worth of prior contributions as well.

Introduced by D6 Councilwoman Rodvien, Bill 23-26 goes a long way to addressing the concerns of citizens who bring business before the county only to find their concerns trumped by big dollar donors to political candidates. GAN is working to make minor changes to further strengthen the bill by increasing the penalty for violations and increasing those it affects.

Those same concerns were raised just last week by residents of Millersville in a land use case reported in the Capital Gazette. Even if there was nothing untoward going on, it is hard to imagine that regular and multiple donations of \$3,000 or more aren't on the minds of legislators making decisions.

<https://www.capitalgazette.com/2026/03/26/millersville-rezoning-county-council-approval/>

We say to the County Council: Clean up politics. Clean up the perception of politics. Pass this bill by a 7-0 vote and tell the world that Anne Arundel is a great place to live, but it is not for sale to the highest bidders. And we say to our members and friends: Read the bill. <https://www.aacounty.org/sites/default/files/2026-03/bill-23-26.pdf> Submit testimony to the Council at <https://www.aacounty.org/county-council/meetings/meeting-participation> Testify in support of the bill at the Invitation to Audience at the April 6 th County Council meeting. And show up and testify in favor of the bill at the April 20 th County Council meeting.

We wrote in last week's GAN newsletter that the public campaign finance program was working, and working well (<https://conta.cc/4ovVZIM>). **Join GAN in getting big money out of politics, and return to the system of individual voters having the largest and loudest voice in the way our government governs.**

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Every 5 years, the State of Maryland requires Recreation and Parks to submit a **Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan (LPPRP)**. The foundation of the LPPRP is public feedback and serves as our roadmap for developing parks, improving recreation facilities and services, and advancing land preservation efforts in the county. By participating in the LPPRP 2027 survey, you ensure the recreation and parks system reflects your needs and priorities for the future.

To take the survey, please visit aarecparks.org/lpprpsurvey.

Save the Date: Third Annual Community Association Summit May 2nd

GAN is pleased once again to cosponsor this exciting event with the Community Engagement and Constituent Services office. Mr. Pittman is planning to open the day, followed by 4-6 sessions designed to address the issues confronting HOA and CA heads and board members (<https://www.aacounty.org/casummit>). At the end of the day, there will be a tour of some of the storm water remediation projects on the Anne Arundel County Community College Campus.

Remembering Pat Huecker

It is with great sadness that we pass along the news that long time Crofton citizen advocate, schoolboard member, and GAN board member Patricia Huecker died earlier month. Much of the work that we are doing today is based on the research and education efforts that Pat invested for all of us.

Her passing leaves a huge hole on our board and in our hearts.

<https://www.beallfuneral.com/obituaries/patricia-huecker>

Next GAN Board meeting is April 29, All members are welcome to observe and comment. See calendar for link.

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