GROWTH ACTION NETWORK

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GAN Meeting with CE Pittman

Monday, October 5, 11:00 am



Join the GAN board and membership for our final conversation with outgoing County Executive Steuart Pittman on Monday, October 5th, 11a-12n. We'll ask about his success and failures and unfinished business. We'll share our own perspectives, and invite you to share yours.

This will be a virtual meeting using Zoom. All GAN members are invited to attend.

Log on to the meeting using this link:

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GAN Annual Membership Meeting

November 17, 7 - 8:30
Friends Meeting House,
351 Dubois Rd,, Annapolis, MD 21401

The winner of the County Executive election will be our featured speaker. We are eager to hear their plans for the future, we will have some questions, and you can bring yours, too. Look for more details in our next several newsletters.

Legislation corner

The County Council is considering the following bills:

DATA STORAGE CENTERS

Bill (63-26) would set a moratorium on new data storage center development through January 31, 2028. The Council has amended the bill to repeal the personal property tax assessment reduction for data storage centers, and made provisions for forming a work group to review and recommend to the Council best practices for various aspects of the regulation of data storage centers, and included a prohibition on the County from accepting applications of any type for development of a data storage center. GAN supports this legislation with the amendments.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Bill 65-26 would require any entity associated with any application for development submitted to the Office of Planning and Zoning (OPZ) to submit an affidavit disclosing campaign contributions made by that entity in the preceding 12 months to the County Executive (CE) or County Council members, candidates for those offices, or political committee established to support or oppose those candidates. It also prohibits contributions from any person seeking changes in zoning under Comprehensive Zoning, or submitting requests for consideration during the process, and those seeking zoning text amendments or land use legislative actions before the Council.

This is a less comprehensive bill than one that did not pass earlier this year that included contributions from family members of the entities, but is a start in the right direction of reducing developer money influence in politics.

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