

Council refuses to prohibit campaign contributions from active developers



Well, friends, we tried to bring citizen voice and trust back to Anne Arundel County government.

And, we failed. Developers won out. Again.

Despite our best efforts and citizen-led advocacy, the County Council rejected by a vote 2-5 a bill that would have restricted campaign contributions from developers with business before the County. And they did it at first hearing so there would be no further citizen input, and no further debate. And they did it without a question, debate, or even a word of explanation for their votes.

The Council allowed the developer's thumbs to continue to be on the scale of the weight of citizens voices versus corporate interests. They slammed the door that would have brought faith back into government. And they left in place the continued outsized influence that oversized donors have in our county government.

GAN acknowledges two heroes on this bill, sponsor Lisa Rodvien (D6) and Amanda Fiedler (D5) who voted yes on Bill 23-26. There was not a word spoken by any of the 5 who voted no. We want to thank the League of Women Voters for cosponsoring our Rally for Our Voice Monday night.

But mostly, we want to thank the many dozens of people who wrote to the Council and testified at the first (and only) hearing and who supported our campaign on Facebook.

We are not done advocating for better government. We will remember these votes in the elections, which are coming soon.

AACo Code Enforcement webinar Wednesday, April 29, 12pm

Register at [this link](#)

Understanding Code Enforcement in Anne Arundel County

Zoom Webinar

Wednesday, April 29th 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Curious about how code enforcement works in Anne Arundel County? Join us for an EngageArundel webinar with representatives from the Office of Law, Planning and Zoning, Inspections and Permits, and the Department of Health. We'll break down common violations, explain how the County enforces compliance, and walk through what happens when cases move forward—including into court. You'll also hear how the County balances enforcement with property rights—and have a chance to get your questions answered.

REGISTER TODAY

Presented by:
The Office of Law,
Office of Planning and Zoning,
Department of Inspections & Permits,
and the Department of Health

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Anyone needing special accommodations please contact James Kitchin at exkitez2@aacounty.org or 410-222-1241. TTY users, please call Maryland Relay 7-1-1. All materials available in an alternate format upon request.



Third Annual Community Association Summit May 2nd

We are excited again this year to co-sponsor the 3rd Community Association Summit, along with the Community Engagement and Constituent Service office. We've had great feedback on the first two, and this one promises to be even better. It is designed to provide help, support and just-in-time information for leaders of HOAs and community associations dealing with compliance issues, board management challenges, stormwater management, interfacing with the various departments in county government, and compliance with the latest requirements from the state.

We have a terrific lineup of speakers and activities, including an end-of-the-day tour of some stormwater projects similar to those in many HOAs. Visit <https://www.aacounty.org/ca-summit> to see the full agenda and to register.

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

LWV speaker May 13, 7pm "How to Raise a Citizen"

The League of Women Voters is sponsoring an appearance with educator and author Lindsey Cormack, PhD, who will discuss her book--**How to Raise a Citizen (And why it's up to you to do it)**. Drawing on years of research, Dr. Cormack explains how and why parents must help their children to learn about politics and government and why increasing civic engagement is critical to the future of our democracy. She offers concrete ways parents, grandparents, caregivers and others can help youth build the skills and confidence they need to engage in our democracy.

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