



**Friends of Harford, Inc.** focuses on Harford's land use issues, working for a fair balance between the rights of those wanting to develop a property and the rights of neighbors who might be impacted by that development.

Land use is controlled by the County Executive and County Council members. In anticipation of the upcoming election, **Friends of Harford** is asking you to please respond to the questions below, so we may understand your perspectives and reasoning on these issues. We will post your responses on our website and notify our members that they are available.

Responses from candidates are due back to us by June 20, 2022 ([email@friendsofharford.com](mailto:email@friendsofharford.com)). Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in keeping Harford County citizens aware and informed of your goals and objectives.

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**1. The Master Plan, HarfordNEXT, calls for a study on expanding the development envelope in an area beginning at I-95/MD 543 moving northwest along MD 543/Shucks Road to Harford Community College and beyond to US 1 at Hickory. What is your view on expanding the development envelope, specifically the aforementioned MD 543 proposal**

**Will you support any expansion of the Development Envelope? If yes, what location(s) and reason for expansion?**

**My view is not to expand the Development Envelope. We currently have enough Infrastructure issues within the envelope that need addressing before we expand.**

**2. Would you approve a request by a landowner or other interested party, as done in neighboring Baltimore County, to downzone their property? If yes, under what circumstances?**

**I'm not one to make exceptions to the Master Plan once adopted but would have to know all the issues for the exception, have community input and make a decision on a case-by-case request. I cannot give you a global yes or no to this question.**

**3. Would you consider introducing legislation to define, measure and reduce noise, light, and air pollution?**

**Yes**

**4. Traffic congestion and problems are encountered daily by Harford County citizens. What do you propose to address traffic issues?**

**Most traffic congestion issues are on state roads within Harford County. Need to strongly interact with our state officials on the areas. Promote more teleworking within the workplace. Have state of the art traffic lights to help improve traffic flow.**

**5. Would you support amending approval procedures of Zoning Code 267-39 - Retention and Afforestation, specifically (F) tree waiver grants, to commission a Waiver Advisory Board?**

**Yes**

**6. Do you commit to meeting with advocates to discuss the amendment or repeal of legislation that citizens find changed the Zoning Code unfavorably? For example, Bill 21-003 Motor Vehicle Filing or Service Stations and Bill 18-036 Zoning Definitions Intermittent Streams and Perennial Streams?**

**Yes**



**7. Do you approve of Light Industrial (LI), Commercial Industrial (CI) or General Industrial (GI) zoning adjacent to residential communities or within a Village District? If not, would you amend the zoning code to uphold your views? Would you research and recommend increased protections for residences from commercial and industrial neighbors by increasing buffers and their types?**

**No, Yes, Absolutely**

**8. Do you support legislation to create graduated zoning districts next to residential except Mixed Use districts?**

**Yes**

**9. Would you consider reestablishing the public's right to receive a timely interpretation of the Zoning Code rather than the current determination definition used? If not, why?**

**Yes**

**10. Why are you running for office?**

**I have been a public servant serving my community as a police officer protecting my community, also as Clerk of the Court giving my community the best customer service in the courthouse, I have been an adjunct professor at Harford Community College teaching my community to obtain a job, or promotions. I have a heart for service. I still have more to give to my community. Harford County is a great place to live, work and play and I want it to continue. That can only happen with strong leadership of someone who wants to serve the community not themselves.**

**Sent from my iPhone- James Reilly**