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NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	DATE
CHAD S GETTIER	2005 NEAL PYLESVILLE MD	<i>Chad S. Gettier</i>	9/26/20
Patrick McGann	504 David Dr., Bel Air, MD	<i>Patrick McGann</i>	9/26/20
Lisa McGann	504 David Dr Bel Air, MD	<i>Lisa McGann</i>	9/26/20
DEIRDRE GETTIER	2005 NEAL RD PYLESVUIE MD	<i>Deirdre McGettier</i>	9/26/20
TERESA KOTULA	2501 MUMFORD DR	<i>Teresa Kotula</i>	9/26/20
Patricia Finney	127 West Gordon St. bel Air MD	<i>Patricia Finney</i>	9/27/20

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Leroy Fleming	2 North Reed St	<i>Leroy Fleming</i>	9-25-20
Chris Wilkinson	12 N REED ST	<i>Chris Wilkinson</i>	9/25/20
DENNA SMITH	16 N Reed St	<i>Denna Smith</i>	9/25/20
JASON KOHLHAGEN	14 N Reed St	<i>Jason Kohlhagen</i>	9/25/20
Lisa Kohlhagen	14 N Reed St	<i>Lisa Kohlhagen</i>	9/25/20
Darlene Secrest	18 N Reed St.	<i>Darlene Secrest</i>	9/25/20
Frank Secrest	18 N Reed St	<i>Frank Secrest</i>	9/25/20
Maria B Kridenoff	20 N. Reed St.	<i>Maria B Kridenoff</i>	9/25/20
BILL KRIDENOFF	20 N Reed St	<i>Bill Kridenoff</i>	9/25/20
Stacey Kridenoff	20 N. Reed St.	<i>Stacey Kridenoff</i>	9/25/20
Bruce Young	19 N Reed St	<i>Bruce Young</i>	9-25-20
Karen Young	19 N. Reed St	<i>Karen Young</i>	9-25-20
Warren + Beth Monks	11 N. Reed St	<i>Warren + Beth Monks</i>	9/25/20
CAROL PECORINO	9 N Reed St	<i>Carol Pecorino</i>	9/25/20

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Tammy Ward	1201 Fergus Ct - 21014	Tammy Ward	9-26-2020
William "Wm"	" " "	William "Wm"	9/26/20
Kathy Brandon	1413 Redfield B 2015	Kathy Brandon	9/26/20
Joe Brandon	" "	Joe Brandon	9/26/20
Sally Todd	P.O. Box 372, Fallston, MD 21049	Sally Todd	9/26/20
Paul P. Schmitt	1321 Moores Mill Rd. Bel Air, Md 21014	Paul P. Schmitt	9/26/20

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Michael Ray	335 W Gordon St	Michael Ray	9/26/20
Andrea A Carrino	331 W. GORDON ST	Andrea A Carrino	9/26/2020
MARCELO CARNEIRO	331 W. GORDON ST	Marcelo Carneiro	9/26/20
Bernie Gemmell	330 W Gordon St	Bernie Gemmell	9/25/20
Dorothy Long	330 W Gordon St	Dorothy Long	9/25/20
Donna A. Finney	187 W. Gordon St	Donna A. Finney	9-25-20
Isaac Morman	162 Williams St	Isaac Morman	9/26/20
Courtney Morman	162 Williams St	Courtney Morman	9/26/20
Kenneth Davis	312 Williams St	Kenneth Davis	9/26/20
Maria Beall	110 W. Broadway	Maria Beall	9/26/20
Sam Bigdan	117 Nichols	Sam Bigdan	9/26/20
Donna Kirk	410 CATHERINE ST	Donna Kirk	9/26/20
DANIEL KIRK	410 CATHERINE ST	Daniel Kirk	9/26/20

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William Derby	405 W. Gordon St, Bel Air, MD 21014		9/25/20
Erika Antanaukaite	405 W. Gordon St. Bel Air, MD 21014		9/25/20
Sharon Taylor	410 W. Gordon St, Bel Air, MD		9/25/20
Andy Taylor	410 West Gordon St, Bel Air MD		9/25/20
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Bernadette Taylor	349 West Gordon St		9-25-20
Brea Abel	126 W Gordon St		9-25-20
Michele Sauers	124 W Gordon St		9-25-20
Debra Callahan	112 W Gordon St		9-25-20
Angela Monroe	308 Courthouse Rd Bel Air		9-25-20
Geoff Graft	4027 Old Federal Hill Rd 21084		9-26-2020
Kim Cantler	3813 Maryland Ave Bel Air 21014		9-26-2020
Cathy Magaha	3402 Albemarle Way 21040		9-26-20
Danielle Meadows	910 Hilltop Ave Bel Air, MD 21014		9/26/2020
Carol New	2300 Northcliff Jarrettsville 20854		9/26/2020
Alli Baker	2512 Parliament Drive		9/26/2020
Bamy Baker	2512 Parliament Drive		9/26/2020
NANCY MAXWELL	1485 PERSIMMON PLACE		9-26-20
Steve Minton	125 W. Broadway		9/26/20
Kathy Butler	1208 E. MacPhail Rd		9/26/20

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COLEEN WEST	411 W. GORDON ST BELAIR	<i>Coleen West</i>	9/25/20
Michelle Blevins	776 Country Village Dr	<i>Michelle Blevins</i>	
Charles Shiflett	112 Kipling Court	<i>Charles Shiflett</i>	9/26/20
Ornard Shiflett	112 Kipling Court	<i>Ornard Shiflett</i>	9/26/20
Kauren Kellaghan	104 Canvas Pl Bel Air	<i>Kauren Kellaghan</i>	9/26/20

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Michelle Enger	1123 Royston Pl. Bel Air, md	<i>Michelle Enger</i>	9/25/20
PAUL TANENBAUM	604 IDLEWILD RD, BELAIR, MD	<i>Paul Tanenbaum</i>	25 2020
Sue Uebereray	405 Fox Catcher Rd	<i>Sue Uebereray</i>	25 2020
Susan Grosschloss	316 WEBSTERS BERN	<i>Susan Grosschloss</i>	9/25/20
Rennis Heutscher	1209 Vance Ct	<i>Rennis Heutscher</i>	9/25/20
DAVID WALONER	1419 NORTH BEND R.	<i>David Waloner</i>	9/26/20
Sharon Kollar	5207 W. Heaps Rd. Pylesville MD	<i>Sharon Kollar</i>	9/26/20
Nichole Havel	508 Kenmare Ave Bel Air MD	<i>Nichole Havel</i>	9/26/20
Andrey Streett	911 Old Fallston Rd Fallsbr MD	<i>Andrey Streett</i>	9/26/20
Tom Pollock	243 E Glen Ct, Bel Air, MD	<i>Tom Pollock</i>	9/26/20
Cynthia PreVatte	410 Amy Dr Abingdon MD	<i>Cynthia PreVatte</i>	9/26/20
Jessica Taylor	602 Maplewood Dr Bel Air	<i>Jessica Taylor</i>	9/26/20
Melissa W. Harrah	710 Hayden Ct Bel Air	<i>Melissa W. Harrah</i>	9/26/20
Lucy Campbell	4016 Conowingo Rd Darby	<i>Lucy Campbell</i>	9/26/20

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Jonathan West	411 W. Gordon St. Bel Air, md 21014	<i>Jonathan West</i>	9-25-20
EDNA HYNES	938 CHESNEY LANE 21014	<i>E. Hynes</i>	9/26/20
Abigail Brobst	101 Spencer Cir 21050	<i>Abigail Brobst</i>	9/26/20
Crest Brobst	101 Spencer Cir 21050	<i>Crest Brobst</i>	9/26/20
Katelyn Wolf	1060 Mirqua St. HDG 21078	<i>Katelyn Wolf</i>	9/26/20

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Agnieszka Fuhman	660 Carleton Trail Bel Air MD 21014	<i>Agnieszka Fuhman</i>	9/26/20
CHRIS FUHRMAN	660 CARLETON TRAIL BEL AIR MD 21014	<i>Chris Fuhman</i>	9/26/20
William Pitts	1204 N FORTWA.2 GREEN RD BEL AIR	<i>W. Pitts</i>	9/26/20
Amanda Wagoner	1419 N. Bond Road Jaysville, MD 21084	<i>Amanda Wagoner</i>	9/26/2020
Dorothy Ward	10 Roland Pl. Bel Air MD 21014	<i>Dorothy Ward</i>	9/26/2020
Brooke Tyler	13 Easton Ave Bel Air MD 21014	<i>Brooke Tyler</i>	9/26/2020
Stephanie	1802 Mar Sun Dr Bel Air MD	<i>Stephanie</i>	9/26/20
DAN FELDMAN	2320 CULLUMY RD BEL AIR	<i>Dan Feldman</i>	9/26/20
Kenna Minton	125 W Broadway, Bel Air 21014	<i>Kenna Minton</i>	9/26/20
Kay Deitz	1310 Grafton Shop Rd 21014	<i>Kay Deitz</i>	9.26.20
Carol Anne Cassidy	530 Cressy Rd. Bel Air 21014	<i>Carol Anne Cassidy</i>	9/26/20

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Katie Barneck-Jones	152 Drexel Drive Bel Air, MD 21014	Katie Barneck-Jones	9/27/20
Casey Knott	606 Sandray Terr. Bel Air MD 21015	Casey Knott	9/27/20
Hannah Metz	295 McCawley Blvd. Conowingo MD 21118	Hannah Metz	9/27/20
Erica Schmitzlein	28 Cardinal Trl Delta PA 17314	Erica Schmitzlein	9/27/20
Melodi Vest	1841 Randle Dr Bel Air, MD 21015	Melodi Vest	9/27/20
Billie Brindley	67 LAKE AVE 21040	BILLIE BRINDLEY	9/27/20
LINDA HEUR-LAORANGE	1702 HARBINGER TRAIL 21040	Linda Heur-Lorange	9/27/20
STEPH LAORANGE	" " " "	Steph Lorange	"
HARRY CATON JR	2606 ROSE LAWN AVE	Harry Caton Jr	9/27/20
MELODY CATON,	" " " "	Melody Caton	9/27/20
Adam Nastalski	134 Coretta Way, 21050	Adam Nastalski	9/28/20
Susan Ward	483 Copeland Rd Fallston	Susan Ward	9/28/20

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Larry Mize	1815 Selvin Dr., Unit #301, Bel Air	Larry Mize	9/26/20
Sherrilyn Wilmar	3815 Chesley Ave Baltimore	Sherrilyn Wilmar	9/26/20
Denise Quinn	809 BEAR CABIN DR, FOREST HILL	Denise Quinn	9/26/20
SUE M CAMPBELL	513 PLUMTREE RD BEL AIR MD	Sue M Campbell	9-26-20
STIEVE MARCIN	510 Fountain Green Rd	Steve Marcin	9-26-20
Matthew Campbell	2208 Hampshire Dr. Fallston, MD ²¹⁰⁴⁷ ₂₁₀₄₇	Matthew Campbell	9/26/2020
Laura Campbell	2208 Hampshire Dr. Fallston ^{MD} ₂₁₀₄₇	Laura Campbell	9/26/20
Margaret Matthews	508 OLD STONE PL BEL AIR 210	Margaret Matthews	9/26/20
Benjamin Matthews	905 Featherstone Ct., Bel Air MD 21014	Benjamin C. Matthews	9/26/20
DIANE MATTHEWS	905 Featherstone Ct., Bel Air	Diane Matthews	9/26/20
Jeffrey Bonner	1506 Fountain Glen Dr., Bel Air, MD 21015	Jeffrey Bonner	9/26/20
James T Steele	5 Manor Ave Bel Air 21036	James T Steele	9/26/20

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Lindley Campbell	8 N Atwood	Lindley Campbell	9/27/2020
Sean Campbell	8 N Atwood RD	Sean H Campbell	9/27/2020

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Kathy S. Pearce

From: Catherine <gecollin1@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 4:27 PM
To: Planning Department
Subject: Property at west end of W. Gordon Street

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To whom it may concern:

I am unable to attend the Planning Commission meeting this evening in reference to the property at the west end of W. Gordon Street. I am against any development of that property and would have liked it to be purchased by Harford County to add to the lovely Liriodendron. I understand that it has been sold to a developer by the Kelly family who owned it. As a resident of Bel Air, I am requesting that any development of this property have a minimal impact on the beauty of the Liriodendron, which we should all be working to preserve for generations to come.

With respect,
Catherine Collins
1508 Regent Court
Bel Air, MD 21014
443-752-2736

Kathy S. Pearce

From: edkitb@verizon.net
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Planning Department
Subject: Liriodendron

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Dear Sir,
We are very concerned about the proposed development around Liriodendron. Any development would ruin the historic value of the estate as well as the aesthetic value of the surrounding area.
We vote NO to developing the land.
Sincerely,
Edward and Kathleen Bowen
Sent from my iPhone

Kathy S. Pearce

From: Anne Ober <achober1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Planning Department
Cc: Hic Robert FX Hickey
Subject: Zoning - Meeting Oct 1, 2020 at 7 pm regarding input about zoning for property by Liriodendron Mansion

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Dear Mr. Small and / or current committee members, It is our desire to attend the meeting Oct 1, 2020 to OPPOSE changes to the current utilization, and to OPPOSE building and further development in the area at the end of Gordon Street next to the Liriodendron Mansion. In the event that we cannot attend, please note we ask that you leave the area green and natural and undeveloped. Do not build more. It is our belief, that the town of Bel Air and Harford County as a whole, needs to protect more undisturbed land - grass, trees and forests, and engage in less residential and commercial development. In particular, the area near the Liriodendron is already well populated. The community / town / county will not sufficiently benefit environmentally, or economically in approving this change. The risks of further development in the community do not outweigh any (personal) benefits to current government decision makers; or to current property owners.

Please share this with all those authorized to vote or make decisions. Thank you and Warm
Regards, Anne C. Hickey from 3 Linwood Ct Bel Air, Md 21014 (410-838-8525). Anregan@aol.com
and Anne H. Ober 443-504-5500 achober1@gmail.com 3 Linwood
Ct. Bel Air, Md 21014

Kathy S. Pearce

From: Tami <tstahalek48@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 9:13 AM
To: Planning Department
Subject: Zoning notice 10P-20-01-AX

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I am unable to attend tomorrow evening's (10/1) meeting at 7 pm. I would like it to be known that I am against any construction or building on the property.
Thank you! Have a nice day!
Tami Stahelek

Dear Board Members,

I am 43 years old and have grown up in Bel Air. I have watched the green spaces in Bel Air and Harford County decrease while the congestion and development continue to increase. I find it very sad and so do many others. There is a Facebook page called, "You May Have Grown Up In Harford County, Maryland If..." Often times it is filled with nostalgia and people making connections via friends and family they have in common. Photos taken at parks, on farms etc are shared. However, too often lately, articles about development and building are shared with the comment section being filled with residents that are opposed to, saddened and frustrated by all the development. That page is actually how I found out about the proposal for the Liriodendron annexation. I urge you to deny the petition for annexation. I am so tired of our "representatives" accommodating builders and developers without understanding that once this space is gone, it is gone for good. Bel Air cannot continue to be developed at the current rate and stay a safe, beautiful, comfortable community.

Jessica Hammond

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I am writing because of my concern for the town's consideration to take land so near to the Liriodendron, the one significant structure for which Bel Air is known. The land to be annexed is within the grounds of the Liriodendron building; this development would distract from the entire area. Three houses cannot possibly be needed that badly that the town would consider losing the aesthetic beauty of the building and its surroundings.

Please consider this carefully before approving such a development. The town has few green spaces that are open for anyone to walk. Additionally, the space is used quite often for weddings, and the addition of backyard spaces leading up to the wedding area would detract from the beauty and serenity of the space.

This is not a decision to be taken lightly for it defaces a piece of land that has been a part of Bel Air and Harford County for many years. It should remain as such for it improves nothing to build houses in this space and it only detracts from the area.

Sincerely,

Sheila Allen

332 West Gordon St.

Dear Town Commissioners: I was chatting with a neighbor of the parcel under consideration for annexation by the Town. She brought up a good question - why does it have to be three houses/lots - ?? (Assuming it is inevitable that it will be developed.) I cannot imagine how multiple houses on these very narrow proposed lots could have a profitable price for the builders...??

Why not approval for only one single-family home? Surely the kind of house that could be built would bring a high price for the developers. This is a most prime piece of land, beautiful and secluded but right in town. A single lot home build would also allow for the preservation of many of the beautiful mature trees, most of all the magnificent 'dawn redwood' at the end of the lot nearest Catherine/Kelly Streets.

Thank you for your consideration of my inquiry. Regards,

Leslie G. Dohler

Dear commissioners,

I am very saddened to hear that you maybe approving the annexing of approximately 1acre of land near the Liriodenron for development. There is not a reason in the world why more housing needs to go in. Brand new houses don't even fit the area. I agree with someone else who stated wouldn't the land be put to better use as a beautiful park/ walking trail. Something everyone could enjoy. The town should buy the land and do right by the community. Please don't allow the destruction of the property around the beautiful Historical Liriodenron!

Thank you
Maribeth Conklin

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The beauty of the Town of Bel Air is having the Liriodenron Mansion and its grounds in the heart of it all. This historic landmark perched amongst woods and walking trails makes it unique!

As a resident of the Town of Bel Air I would hate to see the park like area of the Liniondenron changed by annexing a portion for homes.

That area of the town is already congested with the weekly - weekend races on the Ma & Pa trail, the weekend events at Independent Brewing, the Farmers market, and not to mention the Harford Mall. Parking in the area on weekends is horrific and having construction equipment in the area is just going to tear up the residential roads. There has been an ongoing parking situation with the Ma & Pa trail and parking on Williams street that is getting worse every weekend, especially now with Covid.

The woods surround the Lirodenron contain wild animals, deer, foxes, raccoons and snakes. A lready area construction has caused these animals to wander into residential areas, the wild life are getting into trash dumpsters, back yards and even in homes.

We have new homes, condos being built that by law are being required to have a portion zoned for section 8. Part of the requirements of Section 8 is having public transportation for residents to get to their jobs. Will this annex be zoned section 8 too?

Listen to what the residents say and feel about building in the area. These developers purchased areas, get them zone to build, get wealthy, while changing the demographics of an area. It is truly necessary to build on every spare inch of vacant property?

So many historic monuments, names of holidays being changed and beautiful things are getting ruined because of current affairs.

Keep Bel Air a small town with its beauty and small town family atmosphere.

Sincerely,
Ann Brecht-Castle

To Whom it May Concern:

As time goes by our green spaces may be lost to greed. Looking for an upside to this request, I can not find a single one. This will not solve a housing crises and will not shelter at-risk populations. Tax revenue likely would be insignificant in the grand scheme of things. In my view this represents an unnecessary degradation into making this beautiful space look like any other city block.

We will find that green spaces and open spaces will increasingly become more important, as they have during our recent experience with the pandemic and economic hardship. Keep what is good and improve what is not.

Represent citizens of Harford County and deny this request. 99% will lose and 1% would gain. Why do it? Why vote in favor? Leave this space better than you found it, not worse.

Bob McLean
Darlington, Maryland

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Please vote this down! The Liriodendron is a treasure, a breath of fresh air and beauty left in Bel Air. It is also historical. A proposal to build three residential homes and try and hide them? That is disgraceful. Make sure this never happens again. Protect this treasure from any and all such future avaricious greed. Once , but by piece, it keeps getting chipped away, it will never be again.

George Weiner
1449 North Valbrook Court
Bel Air, MD 21015

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Hollie Krout <hkrou11@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Board of Commissioners <boardofcommissioners@belairmd.org>
Subject: Liriodendron

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I also agree that the land should be kept as green space and not sold and built on! This would put more stress on our waterways, our schools, and our community that loves the way it is. Please, please, please don't lose this space to yet another builder. Thanks for your consideration.

Local resident

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Diana Waugh <dlwaugh1@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 12:00 PM

To: Board of Commissioners <boardofcommissioners@belairmd.org>

Subject: Lirodrenron area annexation

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Why do you feel it is necessary to build on every square inch of harford county. I moved to Harford County 20 years ago for the county setting and great schools. The same could not be said for now. Our family and many in my neighborhood our looking to move away from the congested areas you have created. You can continue harford county growth by fixing up all the abandoned buildings and stop building on all the open green spaces . Good luck with your future harford county once your tax paying population leaves.

Sent from my iPhone

As a Harford county resident for 16 years, I am against any development of this land. It needs to remain green space. We have enough development in this county. Once these beautiful areas are developed, they are gone for good. We need to preserve them for the next generation.

Natalie Denhardt

410-638-7048

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident in the Town of Bel Air. I am very much against the annexation of the land of the Liriodenron area. I believe this area of land should be preserved and the Town of Bel Air should look to purchase the land to keep it as a green space for our community.

Sincerely,

Maureen Wasielewski

603 Trout Dale Ter

Bel Air, MD 21014

Sent from my iPhone

Board of Commissioners for our town of Bel Air, please consider that this annexation is not in the best interest of our town treasure The Liriodendron.

The thought of any plans to annex land to build homes on this historic property is not in the best interest of this property that is used by many for events outside and in. Please consider that this request by the developer is for his interest only making money. The developer does not have the best interest of the town by making this request. I am one of many that implore you to deny his request and keep this historic land as is for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,
Nancy A. Batzer

Sent from my iPad.
Have a great day, Nancy

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I have lived at 405 West Gordon St. for over 16 years. I have walked through the Liriodendron Park more than 5,200 times. Every time I go through the stone pillars marking the entrance of the Liriodendron, I enter a world that speaks of a time when honor, privilege, responsibility, education, beauty, and esthetics mattered. A world where people thought not only about themselves, but about future generations as well. During my walk through this small but charming area any arguments with my family, unwashed dishes and unfolded laundry, all the worries and frustrations become less significant. When I enter my house again, I am always a better mom, a better spouse, and a better person.

I thought that the Liriodendron was only so special to me. But here is a quote from Harford's County's 'Master Plan for the next generation': "Some of the County's well known historic landmarks are found in Bel Air, such as the County Courthouse and the Liriodendron". How smart is it to compromise this major historic landmark of Bel Air, with this impending development, that will bring no real benefit to the town Bel Air? The Liriodendron's charm and beauty won't be the same. The beauty, charm and uniqueness of Bel Air won't be the same. The Liriodendron's magnetism attracting people to this area and keeping them here (painters, photographers, musicians, present and future Bel Air residents) will not be as strong, eventually weakening all of us. How can someone expect this area to maintain its' integrity and strength when such a selfish development will be so blatantly placed next to a place with class and dignity. No buffer will be able to hide this. The buffer is not to protect the Liriodendron, the buffer is there to hide how out of the context this development is to the area. I am sure there is a way to develop this area, not by compromising, but by enhancing the Liriodendron park and this community and the town at the same time. If we cannot create something beautiful and smart that would naturally blend in with the Liriodendron as if it had always been part of this complex that has withstood the test of time and still is so loved and appreciated after so many years, then we should leave this area the way it is. It is deeply disrespectful to our heritage to

allow this development to happen. How are we supposed to cultivate a sense of honor, respect, responsibility and other higher values in our children in this community when right in front of us these values are being pushed aside for the most primitive instinct of self interest, which does not bring any progress, but only regression. A Master Plan for the next Generation, the Town of Bel Air Comprehensive Plan is full of words of how important the preservation of green space and historic sites is for the community's well being. Healthy, smart, strong and proud communities are the major foundation for progress to happen. Yet, here we are trying to develop a historic and green space, probably the only one left in the area, so that only very few will be able to enjoy and benefit from it. That is regression.

50 years from now most us won't even be here, but the town is here to stay. Are we going to leave our town with a park that takes so many years to grow, and at this point so rare to find (lets keep in mind that less than 3 percent of the land is left undeveloped in our town today) or with a development that takes about 6 months to erect that looks like most other new developments in the area with no architectural value, except for being big?

Erika Antanauskaite

Sent from my iPad

Dear Town of Bel Air Commissioners,

My name is Kajus Derby, and I am 16 years old. I am writing to you as both a concerned citizen and a future voter. I, like many people, like to indulge myself in a pleasant stroll out in the fresh air. It helps me clear my saturated cranium after an exhausting day of virtual education. The Liriodendron and its surrounding landscape are the chosen setting for my leisurely saunter. I enjoy the area because it possesses an aura of life and the untouched natural world. Though we possess, in this town, sparse undeveloped areas of greenery, they are mostly grounds of play for children, with interactive structures meant for them. I, as being at least six years older than the children those structures are meant for, find no pleasure in games such as 'Lava Monster' or 'Infection'. Nor does it please me to scamper and frolic through the suspended platforms, as they are always too small for me (I'm 6' 3"). I accordingly have no interest in wandering through such areas, as they often fill my mind with melancholy memories of my youth; Those times when I enjoyed nothing better than to be chased by my father over the whole playground. I, then, must choose something a little more universal, something that attracts due to its beauty and atmosphere, not its utility. The Liriodendron checks all these boxes as and a place where one can find both pleasure and enjoyment, regardless the season. In Autumn, all the leaves are changing colors and the fresh air turns crisp and cool. In the Winter, snow covers the landscape like a fluffy white blanket and the hill that slopes down from the Mansion becomes prime for sledding. In the Spring, the animals are returning after hibernation and the plants are starting to bloom. Everyone loves to enjoy the warming air and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Lastly, in Summer, there is lots of beautiful space for outdoor concerts, picnics, and play. If you allow the land that will be annexed to the town to be developed, you will get rid of this beautiful space that we already have so little of. In its place you will allow to be built three mega houses that benefit only the builders, contractors, and owners, but hurt so many more. It is for these reasons that I ask you, in the name of all who benefit from that greenspace, be it mentally, spiritually, or physically, please do not let that property to be developed.

Kajus Derby

To Whom It May Concern,

I am vehemently opposed to the potential Annexation of the Liriodendron area that has been requested for development. As a Bel Air resident, I know that the town does not need more building, plain and simple. Neighborhoods and developments seem to pop up on an annual bases in our town, reducing more and more the potential for green spaces that Bel Air residents can enjoy.

Let's preserve this historic spot to its fullest. I give the town of Bel Air encouragement in purchasing the property from developer Liriod LLC, and instead putting a park at the site, a green space that Bel Air residents and visitors alike can enjoy together for generations to come. The property runs tangentially to the Ma & Pa Heritage Trail, and access to said park could potentially be an added feature to visiting that wonderful trail.

I thank you for you time and attention, and I implore you to consider my suggestions regarding the annexation of the Liriodendron area property.

Best,
Aaron Wasielewski

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I have lived at 405 West Gordon St. for my whole life. Since I could walk, I have been passing through the Liriodendron area almost every day. The Liriodendron brings something new every season. In the winter, my family and I go sledding on the hill that the Liriodendron sits upon. In the spring when the snow melts and the flowers start to bloom, I enjoy the beauty of tulip poplar's blossoms. In the summer, I love the Liriodendron's concerts and beautiful greenspace. In the fall, I enjoy watching the busy squirrels and the birds that fly and run around in the Liriodendron area. Not only are there many birds and squirrels there are also turtles, deer, and foxes. I believe that there is also a fox den underneath one of the sequoia trees. If people move onto this property, the foxes will have to leave their home. Then there are the trees to worry about. The trees on the lot that you are allowing the developers to develop are very old. They are homes to many animals. Apart from the foxes I mentioned, they are a home to many species of birds. I don't want the developers to develop on that property. I feel that it will ruin what the community enjoys every day of the year. I love that area. It is a big open space where there are many animals and lots of trees. Please don't let the developers develop on that property.

Gyte Derby

To the board:

I write to request that you not allow developers to annex and build on the land adjacent to the Liriodendron. The historic property and the surrounding lands are a an open space refuge in a town that becomes more developed every year. It was the scene of many childhood memories for me growing up on West Gordon. To add housing units to the area will make the neighborhood more compact and crowded, and will tarnish the natural beauty of the space. Please respect the history of the area and the sanctity of our fleeing green spaces.

Vote against development of the land surrounding the Liriodendron.

Respectfully,
Claire Allen

I am writing in regard to a developer's request to annex land near the Liriodendron mansion into the town of Bel Air and pursue building residential structures slated for a public hearing on Nov 16.

My request is for the town to purchase the land from the developer and to place it into a protected status so that it will help to maintain the beautiful atmosphere of the Liriodendron mansion and surrounding grounds.

My justification is:

1. The Lirio is one the town/county's golden jewels and serves many purposes ranging from education, social entertaining, cultural enrichment and resident quality of life. Building of any structures around the current perimeter of the mansion grounds will detract from those goals.
2. Increase of vehicular traffic on Catherine Street will be a burden on the road system in the area which is already suffering from excessive congestion.
3. As a longtime resident of Harford County and volunteer docent at the Lirio, our family has benefitted greatly from events on the peaceful and gracious grounds of the Lirio. I would hope that this same tranquility can be maintained or even improved upon for future families.

Sincerely,
Steven Davies
Bel Air, MD

Dear Board of Commissioners:

As a native of Bel Air, I have many fond memories of the Liriodendron Mansion. It is a treasure for residents of Bel Air and Harford County, as well as people from all over who come to the Liriodendron Mansion for weddings, concerts, private parties and corporate meetings. My sister was married at the Liriodendron Mansion, and we had relatives and friends from around the country and around the world, who enjoyed the charm and beauty of the surroundings. The mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Part of the appeal of the Liriodendron is the serene beauty of the grounds, providing much-needed and loved open space for residents of the Town of Bel Air and surrounding communities. The Liriodendron Museum is a draw for the Town of Bel Air, bringing visitors from all over to enjoy the charms of the town.

I am concerned that the proposed Catherine Street annexation would detract from the lovely grounds of the Liriodendron Mansion and reduce open space in Bel Air. The proposed development of three houses on the 1.5-acre site would not be in keeping with the character of the surrounding homes on West Gordon Street. The increased density is out of character with the surrounding neighborhood, as the homes on West Gordon Street are on large lots. Annexing the 1.5-acre site into the Town of Bel Air would require extension of public water and sewer to the site at a cost to the town. The developer wants his site annexed into the Town of Bel Air for the sole purpose of increased density that would be allowed due to access to public water and sewer and the town's higher-density zoning. If the site remains in Harford County, only one house with be permitted to be developed on the site, and it will be served by private well and septic. This would be preferable for both the Liriodendron Museum and the surrounding neighborhood.

I believe the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Bel Air should not approve the annexation of the site. It will detract from the beauty of the Liriodendron Museum, reduce open space and be out of character with the surrounding homes. Although I moved from Bel Air due to my job in Washington, DC, I visit Bel Air frequently and am vested in seeing Bel Air retain its unique qualities. Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Derby Gauthier
409 South Fairfax Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
202.425.9555

Dear Board of Commissioners,

Every day as I walk past the Liriodendron and the property in question for annexation, I find myself shaking my head and muttering my disbelief of this entire situation. I have asked numerous times, how can the city representatives, developers, contractors, builders, even potential future home buyers, be so selfish and inconsiderate of the overall community? In a time where places of beauty and nature are at such risk, it seems unfathomable that the town of Bel Air would even consider destroying a small piece of natural landscape. It is truly repulsive that greed would drive this process forward at the expense of the current property owners and those who simply enjoy the unique sights and sounds this land currently provides.

I strongly request that the Board of Commissioners denies the developer's request for annexation, and subsequent destruction, of the referenced Catherine Street property and, instead, the BOC finds the strength and courage to support the Bel Air community for all the proper and decent reasons.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Kudla

I oppose the annexation for several reasons.

The Liriodendron is seemingly a special tranquil area. Building on the property would change the character of the area.

I would have to believe that residents would be upset by the music, sounds and traffic through the area. I would think this would lead to unpleasant disputes between the home owners and the Liriodendron. It would be similar to people who move close to an airport and then complain about the noise from the airplanes.

Thank you.

David Diamond
708 Benjamin Rd.
21014

This property should NOT have houses built on it. It is a lovely piece of land, it should be a park. We certainly do not have enough green space in Harford County. Everyone wants to put houses up. I say NO!

Barbara Passe
Bel Air, Maryland