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Mayor and City Council
City of Annapolis
160 Duke of Gloucester St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Resolution 14-16
Special Events Parking
RECOMMENDATION AGAINST

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

On April 27, 2016, the Annapolis Transportation Board met and passed the following:


THE TRANSPORTATION BOARD RECOMMENDS AGAINST THE CITY
COUNCIL PASSING R-14-16, SPECIAL EVENTS PARKING.

Rationale: Balancing the needs of the three primary stakeholders downtown, residents, business owners and visitors is a topic that is discussed regularly by the Transportation Board as all three stakeholders are represented in our membership. The Board reviewed the legislation during two monthly meetings and unanimously agreed the current regulations for parking district 1 are the best possible balance for all stakeholders regardless of whether there are ongoing special events or not. This is especially true for local businesses that do not necessarily benefit from the additional people during special events and would be penalized because patrons will not have any close short term parking if the residents' only restrictions are in place. We believe if the problem is that visitors will be willing to take a chance at receiving a ticket or will accept a ticket as the cost of parking for extended periods close to city dock, that is fundamentally an enforcement problem that can be better addressed by other means such as more rigorous enforcement, higher fines or even towing. This legislation creates unpredictability for patrons of local businesses because it is not clear to even regular visitors what constitutes a "special event" and they may not realize the more limited restrictions are in place until seeing posted signs. Furthermore, with the parking management contractor coming on board we are confident these enforcement measures can be more easily and flexibly applied without the burden of additional legislative changes.

Therefore, we recommend against this legislation to allow resident only parking on the enumerated streets in parking district 1 during special events.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, you can reach me at alex@teampline.org or 443-510-7297.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex P. Pline". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alex Pline
Chair, Transportation Board