

Pindell Charles amendments to R-30-14

1) On page 1 after Line 30 add the following Whereas Clauses:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Annapolis City Council vote on various pieces of legislation that support capital projects of those schools which are located within the Annapolis city limits, namely, Annapolis, Eastport, Georgetown East, Germantown, Tyler Heights, Walter S. Mills-Parole, and West Annapolis Elementary Schools, Wiley H. Bates Middle School, J. Albert Adams Academy, and the Phoenix Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Annapolis' Departments of Planning and Zoning and Neighborhood Environmental Programs are legally mandated decision-making bodies responsible for overseeing and monitoring the construction of these schools as set forth in Title 17 of the Annapolis City Code; and

WHEREAS, the Anne Arundel County Public Schools yearly educates over 79,000 students and employs over 10,000 persons, many of them residing in the city of Annapolis; and

WHEREAS, the commitment and dedication of these employees has resulted in a plethora of accolades for the Anne Arundel County Public Schools, including, but not limited to, the Class of 2014 hauling in a record \$136.1 million in scholarship offers, as well as there being thirteen schools within the Anne Arundel County Public Schools system that have been named National Blue Ribbon Schools, including West Annapolis Elementary; and

WHEREAS, the City of Annapolis receives numerous requests by specific Anne Arundel County Public schools for citations and resolutions on behalf of teachers and staff who are retiring, most of them after 30 years or more of dedicated public service, and each member of the City Council's signature, as well as the Mayor's signature, is affixed to every one of these documents; and

WHEREAS, several members of the City Council are eternally grateful for the education that they received from the Anne Arundel County Public Schools system (including those schools located within the city of Annapolis), and the foundation laid upon which they stand today; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peroutka's views on "secession" and similar topics are an affront to the members of the City Council as we spend tireless and countless hours making critical and pivotal decisions that affect the quality of life for our City's over 38,000 residents (including a minority population of 40%), as well as the enjoyment of our millions of visitors yearly; and

WHEREAS, upon a comprehensive review of our nation's history and the views of many well-respected historians, particularly as it relates to civil rights, the concept of "secession" draws its tenets from the vestiges of slavery and apartheid (racial segregation); and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2013, Resolution 40-13, the first resolution introduced and passed during the Pantelides administration, was unanimously sponsored by the Mayor and the City Council, honoring the life of South African President Nelson Mandela, upon his death; and

WHEREAS, we, as a body, should therefore, whenever possible, render consistent and relevant decisions, votes, and opinions; and

- 2) On Page one line 31 after “unconstitutional” add “therefore, his views being totally contrary to what Resolution 40-13 represents and stands for”

