

Cherrywood Homeowners Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 159

Olney, Maryland 20830

March 14, 2025

Ways and Means Committee


Re: SB0002 – Favorable Support

The Cherrywood Homeowners Association is a 606-unit homeowners association located in Olney, Maryland. At our regularly scheduled Board meeting on March 13th, our Board reviewed SB0002 and was unanimous in support of this long overdue legislation to fill legislative vacancies by special election rather than by appointment. It is only fair that the citizens get to vote on their elected representatives.

The HOA is aware that nearly 40% of the General Assembly rose to their current positions in the General Assembly by appointment rather than popular vote of the citizens in that district. In our district, District 14, we are particularly impacted as three-fourths of our representatives rose to their current positions by appointment rather than by popular vote in a scheduled election. In the last election cycle, Eric Luedtke, served less than 30 days before he resigned his position as a delegate from District 14. We strongly agree that the residents should have a voice in the selection of our representatives through a special election.

We urge passage of this legislation so that the residents can have a voice in the selection of our representatives. We wish to thank Senator Kagan and Delegate Foley for their submission of this long overdue legislation and request that there be a recorded roll call vote so we can see who favors the democratic process of election by popular vote and who doesn't support this process.

Sincerely,



Paul F. Jarosinski
President