

Carol DeSoto

From: Julie M. Bryson
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:00 PM
To: 'kateheichler@christchurchlaplata.org'
Subject: CRO 4644 - CCC (Clerk) Charitable Trust - Support

Reverend Heichler,

Thank you for contacting Commissioner President's office with your support. I've forwarded it to the Clerk of the Commissioners to ensure the entire Board of Commissioners all have the opportunity to read your letter.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you in this matter.

Regards,

Julie Bryson
Citizen Response & Veteran Services Manager Commissioners Office BrysonJ@charlescountymd.gov
301-645-0695 desk (x-2695)

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

From: CitizensResponse@charlescountymd.gov <CitizensResponse@charlescountymd.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Citizen Response <CitizenResponse@charlescountymd.gov>
Subject: UPDATED: [brysonj] CRO 4644 - CCC (Clerk) Charitable Trust - Support

The following citizen request requires your attention:

Description: CCC (Clerk) Charitable Trust - Support Date Received: 03/26/2020 Due Date: 03/31/2020 Date Completed:

Type: Letter

Action Taken: CRO sent email

Status: Open

To: Reuben Collins, Citizen Response Office, Clerk to the Commissioners

Issue: Misc Topics/Outside Agency Issues

Received From: Heichler, Katherine

Phone:

Email: kateheichler@christchurchlaplata.org

District: 01

Addr Line 1:

Addr Line 2:

City, State,Zip: La Plata, MD

Location:

Comments:

Dear Commissioner Collins,

I am writing to assert my support for maintaining full operations and budget of the Charles County Charitable Trust. I hear the staff and board of the Trust have been informed their budget will be cut down and ultimately out.

This strikes me as a dangerous development. The Trust does a wonderful job of ensuring that grant monies of our county go to organizations and projects that are well organized, well thought out, non-partisan, non-sectarian and will have long-term impact to improve and strengthen our communities. I served on a review team this past year and found the process rigorous, extremely well organized, careful and committed to ensuring that the best projects received funding, and that projects that were not as ready received feedback to strengthen them for the next round.

I would hate to see a return to the practice of Commissioners making grants to their own associates, with little regard for the bigger picture of needs in Charles County and over all impact. We need the Charles County Charitable Trust as it currently operates, now more than ever.

Thank you for considering my views, and for your leadership in our county.

Kate

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The Rev. Kate Heichler, DMin

Rector, Christ Church La Plata & Christ Church Wayside

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