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Dear Members of the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Committee,

Greetings, I hope that this comment finds you well. I am writing to express concern over Resolution Number 2020-R034 which deals with declaring city-owned property in the Navy Hill district as surplus for the purpose of development. My concern is that this resolution will lead to a process that is very similar to that of Navy Hill 1.0. A huge criticism of the original Navy Hill plan was that it did not engage the community early on during the process. I worry that a resolution introduced in a standing committee during the (hopefully) tail-end of a public health crisis in the city, may not be the best nor appropriate way to begin this critical process.

It is my hope that going forward, a transparent and accessible process for development in the City can be introduced--particularly for publicly owned property. Considering that this is the year that the latest strategic plan for Richmond will be implemented, I believe that this is the perfect time to examine and restructure the manner in which development takes place in the City.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
LaToya S. Gray, Resident in the 1st District of the City of Richmond