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Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2016 10:31:18 AM
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Cc: George, Page; jason.guillot@thalhimer.com
Subject: Letter of support
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Matthew and Jonathan,

Good morning. Please see attached letter of support for the Westhampton on Grove development at 5702-5706 Grove Avenue.

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Sent: Friday, July 15, 2016 6:46:30 PM
To: Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR; Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member
Subject: Westhampton on Grove
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Mr. Ebinger. Unfortunately I may not make the Monday meeting, but I trust you are aware that the campaign by Ames Russell against this project is not reflective of the entire neighborhood. In fact, I'd say anyone who comes to the meeting due to his arranged bus transport are the only people really against the project. The survey that Ames sent to our neighborhood last week was the most one-sided survey I've ever seen - it was ridiculous - and everyone knows Mr Russell created the questions. Residents who supported the project could not even answer the questions as most of the answers were designed to only allow a negative response to the project. I also understand that Mr. Russell was terminated from Westhampton citizens and retail development group based on his negative campaign an underhanded tactics.

As a resident of Matoaka Road, I've seen quite a few of the Blue yard signs vanish since Mr. Guillot responded with facts regarding the project. Mr. Russell's half-truthed campaign has been disturbing to many residents of this neighborhood, and certainly to the merchants of Libbie/Grove. Some have even come forward saying they have felt bullied by him. The simple fact is the Save Libbie/Grove campaign has been managed to strike fear in residents and very few people who really know the details of the project other than they don't like change. My opinion is the former theatre was lightly attended, allowing public parking on private property - which is now owned by the developer. The issue here is not parking - the merchants on Libbie/Grove don't have sufficient parking - the problem is that the City has allowed this parking issue to persist. It is not the responsibility of this project to provide parking for other merchants or residents of the Libbie Grove area. I ask you where were these concerned citizens six years ago when the Libbie/Grove retail association asked for their support in meeting with the city to conduct a parking study?

The neighborhood residents have no right to demand free public parking on his private property. That objection is outrageous. I support Mr. Kametas and Mr. Guillot and their project. Their largest mistake was to try an engage the community in an open and honest fashion - as the uninformed don't realize he could develop that piece of property into something we really don't want in the area.

Sincerely,
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From: Jane Shackelford[SMTP:JLSSIXH@YAHOO.COM]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2016 9:05:55 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member
Subject: Fw: Westhampton on Grove
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Hello Mr. Baliiles,

My husband and I live on Oak Lane between Patterson and Grove. I write in support of the current plans for the development of the Westhampton Theater property and for granting the SUP. I do so for many reasons: I personally will enjoy patronizing the tenants who have lined up to come; it will make the broader neighborhood an even more desirable place to live; it will help property values for those of us lucky enough to already be living in the neighborhood; and it seems like a great thing to do with that particular property by people who are going to do it right. I am very worried that a vociferous, vocal NIMBY group of people are making City Council think more of us are opposed than we are, and some of them are casting all developers in the mold of the Tiber people, which is unfair for several reasons. I tried to complete the WCA survey (I am a member), but I couldn't adequately express myself in it - hence, this email.

For what it is worth, neither my husband nor I have any familial, social or monetary relationship with any of the developers, whom I have never met, but I have been impressed with their sincerity and responsiveness in their approach to this.

Thanks for listening, Jane Shackelford (Mrs. V.R. III)

From: Meril Gerstenmaier [<mailto:MerilGerstenmaier@1hg.net>]

Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2016 1:01 PM

To: Baliiles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR

Subject: Westhampton on Grove

Greetings gentlemen. Thanking you in advance for reading this, as I'd like to join the many voices of support for the improvements and new development at 5702 through 5706 Grove Avenue!

I think sometimes the loudest voices, although in the minority, might drown out the majority, so please understand that as a business owner and property owner in the district, it has been my experience that there is a good deal of positive sentiment associated with renovation/restoration attempts to this community.

The SUP is no better or worse than the project at Chadwick's across the street, which has a third floor as well. I think it could be a lovely next phase to making this area a more quaint, charming and usable commercial place for people to convene, live, work, and play. Isn't that what we all want?!

I understand that there might be traffic and parking challenges, but those exist now, and it is hardly the responsibility of one developer to fix it all with his one property. As long as the proposed development meets zoning requirements with additional space/floors, then this new property can be a magnet for more businesses and residential amenities, as well as more tax revenue for the city. We should work together as a community to find creative ways to augment parking challenges, ways that do not include suppressing investment, progress and property rights. Ten extra feet or so of height is not going to take anything away from a well-thought out classic design.

Sure, there will always be detractors, but the developers have, in my opinion, struck a balance with being very responsive to the neighborhood's wishes, while still being able to turn a profit on some of the most expensive real estate in the city. I have seen with my own eyes and spoken to the less vocal majority in this neighborhood, who back this project wholeheartedly (especially in its current state.)

Our city needs investment and re-investment to spur economic growth and attract people, talent, taxpayers, etc. History is not favorable to obstruction, especially if there is responsible and sustainable adaptive reuse development being proposed. I am requesting that you please lend your support to the Special Use Permit application for Westhampton, LLC.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 11:41 AM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR

Cc: forublue2@verizon.net

Subject: Westhampton on Grove

Gentlemen,

As a resident of Westhampton, specifically Tuckahoe Terrace, I am writing in support of the proposed development of the Westhampton Theatre and Long & Foster properties and to express my concern about the recent survey that was circulated by the Westhampton Citizens Association (WCA).

Although I filled out my survey as requested by the email sent to me by our neighborhood association, it was difficult to even answer some of the questions due to the clear anti-development bias in the survey. First, the survey was sent to me by the head of our neighborhood association, who is heading up the Save Libbie & Grove movement. His views were not explicitly stated, but he did include the following as an introduction: "I have been asked if the denial of the Special Use Project would risk the introduction of two new restaurants. . . . The proposed restaurants are on the first floor and as such are not at issue here. If the Special Use Permit is denied for the 3rd story and apartments, the restaurants could still be be [sic] part of the development project." In my opinion, this was an irresponsible statement as it reassures residents, with absolutely no authority, that the project will still financially work for the developers/owners by simply removing the third floor (without having to rework the remainder of the project) and assumes that the restaurants in question are willing to remain in limbo for an indefinite amount of time while the project is revised once again. I believe a fair, unbiased survey should be forwarded without comment.

Turning to the survey, the questions were slanted to assume the following (1) traffic congestion will increase; (2) the proposed development is taking away PUBLIC parking; (3) the new development bears the sole responsibility for any parking issues in the neighborhood (despite being one of the few businesses that will be providing its own parking); (4) although not clearly explained, the development may be hurting the handicapped patrons of the Blue Goat. I, too, get frustrated when I can't easily park on the two commercial blocks of Grove. But businesses such as Starbucks and the Continental bring in a substantial amount of business and traffic and provide no parking (as far as I know). To expect an owner of private property who meets the City requirements for parking to devote a portion of his property for public use is simply unreasonable. I understand that people have been able to park on private property and have an expectation that they will be able to continue to do so; it isn't public parking, however, and the issue appears to me to be beyond the scope of the SUP. [Besides, we can walk or park a couple of blocks away -- we do live in the City!!]. I answered these questions as "no opinion" and explained why in the comment section of the

survey, but I ask that you take a close look at the results of the WCA survey as many of us supporters are having trouble answering the questions.

I look forward to the new development and we can't wait to walk to Tazza. We particularly like the revised plans, and my husband and I were quite surprised by the continued resistance after the project was reduced by almost 40%. I have spent a lot of time while walking on Grove trying to envision the project and believe that it will be a lovely addition to the neighborhood. Moreover, some high quality, appropriate development is needed in the City and we hope that the project will have your full support. We can only hope that future development will be of similar quality and that you will consider each project on its own merits.

Finally, I have been discouraged by many of the comments that I have heard from neighbors about the proposed development including apartments and "all the problems of transient residents." There are many apartments in the Westhampton area, including an apartment complex south of Cary on Tempsford (the John Rolfe Apartments), and never have I heard of any problems or complaints. Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies has done an interesting study on resistance to rental housing and debunked many of the myths associated with renters. My guess is that the development will attract long-term renters who will be engaged in the community.

<http://www.jchs.harvard.edu/research/publications/overcoming-opposition-multifamily-rental-housing>

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Hall

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From: Nancy Hungerford[SMTP:NANCY.HUNGERFORD@LONGANDFOSTER.COM]

Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2016 9:56:08 AM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member

Subject: Westhampton project

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I support the Westhampton project

It's a great improvement/development. I'm not really sure why it's receiving mixed reviews. Parking of course, but hopefully the City and the developer can work something out...especially the City.

THANK YOU

Nancy

Nancy Hungerford

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Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 7:53:20 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member
Subject: Westhampton project
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To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member

Subject: Yes

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Yes I support the Westhampton project

Best Regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 10:11:22 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member
Subject: Westhampton on Grove proposal
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Jon,

See attached letter with my thoughts in support of the Westhampton on Grove proposal.

Sincerely,

John

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From: Catie Wilton[SMTP:CATIE.WILTON@LONGANDFOSTER.COM]

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 5:14:20 PM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member

Subject: Westhampton Project

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Hello,

I work at Long & Foster Grove and would like to voice my support of the Westhampton Project you will be reviewing next Monday.

I would like to see business owners, the City and building owners address the lack of parking in conjunction with the developers in an ideal situation.

Thank you,

Catie

Catie Wilton

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Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 7:24:06 PM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member

Subject: Westhampton Project

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From: Ellie Boyd[SMTP:ELLIE.BOYD@LONGANDFOSTER.COM]

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 9:09:51 PM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member

Subject: Westhampton Project

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Yes, I support the Westhampton project.

Thanks,

Ellie Boyd

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Yes, I support the Westhampton project.

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To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member

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Yes I support the Westhampton Project!

Janet James, Realtor

Long and Foster Grove

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From: DANIELLE VENTURO[SMTP:DANIELLE@LONGANDFOSTER.COM]

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 5:15:10 PM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member

Subject: Yes, I support the Westhampton project

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Yes, I support the Westhampton project.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 5:06:13 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR;
Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Subject: Yes, I support the Westhampton Project
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I support the Westhampton Project. I work at Long & Foster Grove Avenue and own property in the city (District 4).

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From: Margaret Fretz[SMTP:MFRETZ@BLUEEDGECAP.COM]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2016 2:59:11 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR;
Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Subject: support for Westhampton on Grove
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Hi Jon, Mark & Matthew,

Last week I intended to fill out the survey on the above mentioned project as presented by the WCA, but had an unexpected death to a close friend's daughter which sent my week into a tailspin. I attempted to log in this morning, to discover this poorly constructed and biased survey had been closed. After speaking with several

neighbors this morning, who informed me that this ridiculous survey would form the basis of your recommendation and decision regarding the SUP, I felt I needed to write to you all. Many neighbors did not complete the survey after reading it because we felt it was definitely biased and a bit misleading. Please do not construe the survey results to be indicative of neighborhood opposition.

After personally meeting with the developers from Westhampton LLC and attending several of their community meetings, I am a strong supporter of the rehabilitation and revitalization of The Westhampton Theater block. Hooray to the developers for seeking extensive input from stakeholders and neighbors and coming up with revised plans that truly capture the charm of Libbie & Grove in such an attractive manner. My husband and I are long term Westhampton residents (20+ years) and we and our closest neighbors welcome additional services and businesses coming into this area. I love that we can live, work and eat within a quarter mile from our home! It sure beats driving out to Short Pump. The aesthetics of the plans are so well thought out with setbacks on the upper floors and attractive street frontage details. In fact, I would like to consider moving my office from Henrico County to this new space. It would certainly be appealing to my co-workers and clients and could add some much needed revenue for my children's public school.

It is obvious that these developers are responsible Richmonders who truly care about our City and the folks that live in it. I appreciate the transparency with which they have conducted themselves. I have no doubt any projects they undertake will be successful and a positive reflection on Richmond.

Please lend your support to moving this project forward with your approval of the SUP application. It's time to open up the windows of this block and let in some fresh air. Richmonders are afraid of change, but in the words of Dr. Seuss from The Lorax "it's not about what it is, it's about what it can become."

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration.

Many thanks,

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From: Kapinos, Matthew A. [SMTP:MKAPINOS@MCGUIREWOODS.COM]

Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 9:57:08 AM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR;
Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR

Subject: Yes to Libbie & Grove Redevelopment

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Messrs. Baliles, Ebinger and Olinger,

I am writing to enthusiastically support the proposed Special Use Permit for the Westhampton on Grove development at 5702-5706 Grove Avenue. I am a resident of the Westhampton neighborhood and frequently visit the shops and restaurants at Libbie & Grove. I live at 5417 Tuckahoe Avenue.

The developers are bringing complimentary businesses and restaurants that will add to the character of Libbie & Grove. Furthermore, the developers have engaged the community and held numerous meetings to solicit the feedback and input of area residents, which has helped improve the design from the original plan. This development will add more vitality, commerce and interaction among locals in this wonderfully unique and walkable urban village in our City.

It is my understanding that the only modification from existing zoning that the developers are asking for is to increase the height of the two proposed buildings from 28 feet to 39 & 38 feet respectively, which is no higher than the existing Westhampton Theater, which stands at 40 feet tall. All proposed uses in the project and parking meet existing zoning. Granting a small exception on height for a third story seems to me to be a small concession in order to receive in return high quality construction, materials and design and new high-end retail and restaurants.

While parking and traffic are legitimate concerns that this neighborhood and the City need to continue to work on, it is not the responsibility of a single property owner to solve the entire neighborhood's challenges... especially when the proposed development meets existing City requirements for parking.

It would be an enormous missed opportunity for the City and its residents if the Special Use Permit were denied and a loud minority of residents who are afraid of change are able to rule the day.

Please support the Special Use Permit application for Westhampton, LLC.

Sincerely,

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To: Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR; Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member;
Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: Yes to Libbie & Grove Redevelopment
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Messrs. Baliles, Ebinger and Olinger,

I am writing to enthusiastically support the proposed Special Use Permit for the Westhampton on Grove development at 5702-5706 Grove Avenue. I am a resident of the Glenburnie neighborhood and frequently visit the shops and restaurants at Libbie & Grove. I live at 5506 Kingsbury Road.

The developers are bringing complimentary businesses and restaurants that will add to the character of Libbie & Grove. Furthermore, the developers have engaged the community and held numerous meetings to solicit the feedback and input of area residents, which has helped improve the design from the original plan. This development will add more vitality, commerce and interaction among locals in this wonderfully unique and walkable urban village in our City.

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Sincerely,

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Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 7:45:42 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR;
Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Subject: Westhampton on Grove development
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Messrs. Baliles, Ebinger and Olinger,

I am writing to enthusiastically support the proposed Special Use Permit for the Westhampton on Grove development at 5702-5706 Grove Avenue. I am a resident the Westhampton neighborhood and frequently visit the shops and restaurants at Libbie & Grove. The developers are bringing complimentary businesses like Taste Unlimited and Tazza Kitchen that will add to the character of Libbie & Grove. Furthermore, the developers have engaged the community and held numerous meetings to solicit the feedback and input of area residents, which has helped improve the design from the original plan. This development will add more vitality, commerce and interaction among locals in this wonderfully unique and walkable urban village in our City. While no plan can be perfect, I believe that the perfect can't be the enemy of the good- and this is a great plan.

It is my understanding that the only variance from existing zoning that the developers are asking for is to increase the height of the two proposed buildings from 28 feet to 39 & 38 feet respectively, which is no higher than the existing Westhampton Theater, which stands at 40 feet tall. All proposed uses in the project, and parking meet existing zoning. Granting a small exception on height for a third story seems to me to be a small concession in order to get high quality construction and new high-end retail and restaurants.

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Please support the Special Use Permit application for Westhampton, LLC.

Sincerely,

Peter Breil

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From: JEFF DONAHUE[SMTP:JEFF.DONAHUE@LONGANDFOSTER.COM]

Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 4:50:09 PM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member

Subject: Special Use Permit for Westhampton on Grove.

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We are in support of the project as submitted.

Thank you:

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Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 4:28:07 PM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member

Subject: Westhampton on Grove Development

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I support the proposed Special Use Permit for the Westhampton on Grove development at 5702-5706 Grove Avenue. I work in the Westhampton neighborhood and frequently visit the shops and restaurants at Libbie & Grove.

Best Regards,

Scotti Dunn

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From: Carolyn Palombo[SMTP:CAROLYN@MAKFINANCIAL.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 4:35:40 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member
Subject: I support the SUP Westhampton
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Mr. Baliles,

I am writing to enthusiastically support the proposed Special Use Permit for the Westhampton on Grove development at 5702-5706 Grove Avenue. I am a [resident of/business owner/work in the] the Westhampton neighborhood and frequently visit the shops and restaurants at Libbie & Grove. The developers are bringing complimentary businesses like Taste Unlimited and Tazza Kitchen that will add to the character of Libbie & Grove. Furthermore, the developers have engaged the community and held numerous meetings to solicit the feedback and input of area residents, which has helped improve the design from the original plan. This development will add more vitality, commerce and interaction

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Please support the Special Use Permit application for Westhampton, LLC.

Best Regards,

Carolyn Palombo

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From: CATHY SAUNDERS[SMTP:CATHY.SAUNDERS@LONGANDFOSTER.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 4:19:15 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member
Subject: Support Westhampton SUP
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From: Gina[SMTP:GINA@MAKFINANCIAL.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 4:17:46 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member
Subject: Libbie Grove "Westhampton" Project
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I would like to include my thoughts on this project. I SUPPORT the rezoning and revitalization efforts for the Libbie/Grove corridor. I work and live in the area. Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

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From: MARIANNE DONAHUE[SMTP:MARIANNE.DONAHUE@LONGANDFOSTER.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 4:09:41 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member
Subject: The westhampton Project
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I support the project. Nice facelift for the neighborhood.

The Donahue Team

Marianne Donahue

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From: Joelle and Jim Cosby [mailto:jcosby@comcast.net]

Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2016 9:43 PM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR

Cc: 'Joelle and Jim Cosby'; jason.guillot@thalhimer.com

Subject: Support for Westhampton on Grove

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Sincerely,



Jul 12 (5
days
ago)

**Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council
Member**

to me

From: Mary Kathryn Perkinson[SMTP:MK@MAKFINANCIAL.COM]

Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 4:01:53 PM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member

Subject: Support for Westhampton on Grove

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Please know that I support this project. Thanks!

Best Regards,

Mary Kathryn Perkinson

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From: BR Gmail[SMTP:BAGLEYREID@GMAIL.COM]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2016 9:05:48 AM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR;
Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Subject: Support of Westhampton on Grove
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From: Noble, R. Joseph[SMTP:JNOBLE@WILLIAMSMULLEN.COM]
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2016 5:07:23 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR;
Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Subject: Support Westhampton Development [IWOV-IWOVRIC.FID1359030]
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Sincerely,

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From: Betty[SMTP:FAHEDBETTY@AOL.COM]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 3:34:30 AM
To: Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Cc: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member
Subject: Westhampton theatre development
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I am very much in favor of the proposed development, although I preferred the initial plan, even with four stories. Although I don't live within sight of the proposed development, I travel Grove, Granite, Libbie, and Maple streets often. I am not concerned about increased traffic or parking problems because I don't foresee that the project will impact either. The new businesses in the development will mostly bring short-term parked vehicles and certainly less than the theatre had during movie hours. I am very much in favor of condo development within the City. My generation, the baby boomers, is in a downsizing mode, and most of my City contemporaries want to remain in the City in a nice, convenient location. The City needs more condo options, especially in the West End of the City.

An interesting side note to highlight the common resistance to change: We lived on Church Hill for over 20 years before moving to our current home, and during much of our time on the Hill, there was a deserted, rundown service station at 25th and Franklin Streets. When a developer proposed building condos there, the neighborhood overwhelmingly was opposed--preferred the empty service station instead! Fortunately the development proceeded, and Charity Square improved the neighborhood, provided more City housing, and increased the City's tax base..

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From: Micah Dalton[SMTP:MDALTON804@GMAIL.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2016 10:54:16 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR;
Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Subject: Westhampton Project - Support for SUP
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All -

I am writing again to enthusiastically support the proposed Special Use Permit for the Westhampton on Grove development at 5702-5706 Grove Avenue. I am a resident of the Westhampton neighborhood and frequently visit the shops and restaurants at Libbie & Grove. The developers are bringing complimentary businesses and restaurants that will add to the character of Libbie & Grove. Furthermore, the developers have engaged the community and held numerous meetings to solicit the feedback and input of area residents, which has helped improve the design from the original plan. This development will add more vitality, commerce and interaction among locals in this wonderfully unique and walkable urban village in our City.

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Additionally I have responded to the WCA survey in support of the development.

Please support the Special Use Permit application for Westhampton, LLC. Thanks, M-

Micah Dalton
115 Tuckahoe Blvd

From: Benjamin T. Edgell[SMTP:BEDGELL@CHESBANK.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2016 4:43:49 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR;
Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Subject: Westhampton Theater Project
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Messrs. Baliles, Ebinger and Olinger,

I am writing to enthusiastically support the proposed Special Use Permit for the Westhampton on Grove development at 5702-5706 Grove Avenue. I work in the Westhampton neighborhood and serve as an officer for the Westhampton Retail Association. The developers are bringing complimentary businesses like Taste Unlimited and Tazza Kitchen that will add to the character of Libbie & Grove. Furthermore, the developers have engaged the community and held numerous meetings to solicit the feedback and input of area residents, which has helped improve the design from the original plan. This development will add more vitality, commerce and interaction among locals in this wonderfully unique and walkable urban village in our City. While no plan can be perfect, I believe that the perfect can't be the enemy of the good- and this is a great plan.

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Sincerely,

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From: Patrick Heaney [mailto:pdheaney@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 3:49 PM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR

Cc: heaney bobbi; Stefan Cametas; Jason Guillot; James Ashby

Subject: Support for Westhampton On Grove Project and Mango Salon

Messrs. Baliles, Ebinger, and Olinger

We are writing to enthusiastically support the proposed Special Use Permit for the Westhampton On Grove development at 5702-5706 Grove Avenue. We own Mango Salon opening our first salon at Libbie Grove in 2003 creating over 120 professional jobs across three salons in the Richmond metro area. We actively support our community by being a socially responsible small business locally owned and operated. While the heart of the Westhampton Merchant Area primarily serves the local area, the merchants in this area cannot survive on the local neighborhoods alone. Over the years as we have grown, Mango attracts consumers outside this area. These consumers, who drive to Libbie Grove to patronize our salon, patronize all the shops at Libbie Grove creating opportunities for our neighboring merchants. We have actively promoted our neighborhood merchants to our consumers driving from Charlottesville, Williamsburg and other outside areas. Many Mango Guests travel over 20 miles to visit our salon and shop at Libbie Grove.

We believe the Westhampton On Grove will be a great project for the Libbie Grove community. That is why we have agreed to relocate our current Libbie Grove salon to this project. We are excited about the potential this project creates not only for Mango but for our community as well. This project will be great for our area.

Recently a small group of citizens have inaccurately misstated Mango's parking and traffic demand in the Libbie Grove area. While we respect their opinions, we disagree with their information and can provide the actual facts for parking and traffic directly related to our business Mango Salon.

Since 2010, we have implemented the following strategies to reduce our parking and traffic for our Libbie Grove salon:

1) In 2010 we opened our second Mango Salon at Short Pump transferring 22 employees (reducing our employees at Libbie Grove from **80 to 58**).

2) In 2010 we offered valet parking to our Guests during our business hours to manage the parking and traffic.

3) In 2011 we replaced our valet parking by leasing 8 additional parking spaces for our salon from Carreras Jewelers.

4) In 2014 we signed a parking lease for 40 parking spaces behind the Westhampton Theater (since 2003, like other Libbie Grove merchants we had been using the Westhampton Theater parking for our employees paying no rent). Over the years, we contacted the Regal Theater many times to offer to lease spaces. Regal refused to accept our offers. Instead we purchased \$2,000 of Regal Gift Cards annually for our employees to help Regal even though we did not have a lease agreement.

5) In 2015 we opened our third salon at Gayton Crossing transferring 14 employees (reducing our employees at Libbie Grove to **44**).

6) In 2017 when we relocate our salon to the Westhampton On Grove project we plan to reduce our employee count to **36** (18 of these will work in our corporate office where we already have adequate parking with 18 spaces). So the new project will only need to provide 18 employee parking spaces during peak hours.

Currently our business has 58 parking spaces (10 with our current building, 8 leased from Carreras, and 40 leased from Westhampton). In summary, our parking demand for our employees will be reduced from **80 in 2010 to 36 in 2017 during our peak hours. The actual demand for parking will be lower because we will have fewer styling stations (14 versus the 22 in our current salon). We plan to adjust our operating hours to cooperate with other businesses. For example, on Friday we close earlier and on Saturday we schedule only 8-9 stylists. Our smaller salon will generate lower traffic.**

In addition to the above strategies in place, we are taking the following steps once we've relocated our salon to the Westhampton On Grove project:

1. Converting our current salon in our existing building to office space that will have lower usage during the day and opening up evenings and Saturdays for overflow.
2. Scheduling our salon employees to work shifts to share in the parking.
3. Scheduling corporate office employees to work flexible schedules to share parking.

Currently we serve over 4,000 active consumers. Recently we emailed these consumers communicating our support for this project. The response from our consumers was overwhelmingly favorable to the Westhampton On Grove project and Mango being a part of this project.

We fully understand the challenges of parking and traffic in the Libbie Grove community. Even though relocating our employees and customers to our other salons outside of the city, may reduce sales opportunities for our neighboring merchants, we believe these strategies will help our neighborhood community.

If you have questions regarding our plan, please feel free to contact us.

Pat & Bobbi Heaney
Owners, Mango Salon

From: MARGARET WADE[SMTP:MARGARET.WADE@LONGANDFOSTER.COM]

Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2016 4:35:38 PM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member

Subject: Westhampton project

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My husband and I are in favor of the project.

Margaret Wade

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From: Austin Harris[SMTP:AHARRIS@GMAIL.COM]

Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2016 4:34:37 PM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member

Subject: Westhampton on Grove project

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Mr. Baliles,

I am a resident of the City, where I have lived in your district for nearly 10 years. My wife and I both own businesses in the City. We live at 28 Maxwell Road.

I am writing in **support** of the Westhampton on Grove project. I believe the developers have done a good job in meeting the city's and residents' needs and requests for the project, and it will bring high quality tenants and much-needed tax revenue to an area of the City that will benefit from this redevelopment.

Thanks for your consideration.

Austin

Austin Harris

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From: Christy Dalton[SMTP:CHRISTY.T.DALTON@GMAIL.COM]

Sent: Monday, July 04, 2016 10:06:33 PM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member

Subject: Support For SUP requested by Westhampton on Grove

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Mr. Baliles,

As a resident of Tuckahoe Terrace, I am in support of the SUP requested by the Westhampton on Grove development as proposed. I feel this development will be an asset to our neighborhood and is the type of development the city needs.

Best,

Christy Dalton

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

From: elk3440@comcast.net [mailto:elk3440@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, May 28, 2016 7:52 AM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR;
Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Subject: I support Westhampton on Grove!

Councilman Baliles, Mr. Olinger and Mr. Ebinger:

Please support the Westhampton on Grove project at Libbie and Grove. I support quality development and small businesses and believe this project will enhance the quality of life for residents in the neighborhood. The developers have listened to all stakeholders in the neighborhood and incorporated their feedback to create a thoughtful and attractive plan.

Thanks,

From: Ryan Fanelli[SMTP:RFANELLI@COMMONWEALTHCOMMERCIAL.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 5:08:45 AM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR;
Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Subject: I support Westhampton on Grove!
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Councilman Baliles, Mr. Olinger and Mr. Ebinger:

I am a city resident and city investment property owner. I went to school in Greenville, SC and watched that downtown grow/transform beautifully over time. I see the same potential for Westhampton.

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Thank you,
Ryan Fanelli
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From: Clarke Jones[SMTP:CIII@JONESCORPORATIONS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 7:48:11 AM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR;
Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
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Thanks,

Clarke Jones, III

From: Jeff Galanti[SMTP:JGALANTI@RIVERG.COM]

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 7:56:38 AM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR

Subject: I support Westhampton on Grove!

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Councilman Baliles, Mr. Olinger and Mr. Ebinger:

I am writing in support of the Westhampton on Grove project.

I have grown up in this area and, with the exception of a few years at college, have spent my entire life here. I grew up on Maxwell Road. I fondly remember going to the old Peking restaurant with my family for Easter or Mother's Day lunches. I was a bag boy and cashier at the old Lukhard's (which became Joe's Market and then Libbie Market). My wife and I bought our first house in Stonewall Court and we now live in Glenburnie.

We have 3 children now and Libbie and Grove is a vital part of our lives. I walk by the buildings in question with my dog almost every morning. In short, I am touched by this area almost every day.

I believe that the development proposed is not only desirable in terms of proposed uses and design but entirely appropriate for the neighborhood scale of the Libbie and Grove area. While many opponents have claimed that traffic and parking problems will necessarily increase with almost any development, I find that the proposed uses and the transportation solutions related to them, are well thought out and consider the impact on neighbors (and future customers).

I believe it is worth emphasizing that, in my discussions with friends and neighbors, I have found that many are in support of this project because they have taken time to look at the plans and have considered the alternative uses that the developers could put there by right but have elected, to this point, not to. While there appear to be many opponents based on the yard signs and the Facebook groups, the supporters of the project believe in it for varying reasons that cannot be neatly boiled down to a simple slogan. I also find that some in the opposition have arrived there because they are advocating for very specific uses that they would like to see the developer incorporate. I believe that the developers have bent over

backwards to listen and to try to incorporate all feedback but, as you know, it is literally impossible to please everyone. The perfect should not be made the enemy of the good. Parking and traffic have been and will continue to be issues at Libbie and Grove. There are a number of businesses that generate significant traffic that are under-parked or non-parked. Because this is the project that has been thrust into the public arena, it is expected by many to mitigate all of these problems. I urge you not to view the project through this lens but to assess whether it has sufficient parking for its uses and is appropriate in scale for the neighborhood.

Thanks,

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From: ingram.schools@gmail.com[SMTP:INGRAM.SCHOOLS@GMAIL.COM]

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 1:35:36 PM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR;

Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR

Subject: I support Westhampton on Grove!

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Johnson, Marian[SMTP:MJOHNSON@INVESTDAVENPORT.COM]

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 3:18:14 PM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR;

Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR

Subject: I support Westhampton on Grove!

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Thanks,

Marian Rose Johnson

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Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 9:19:48 AM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR;

Olinger, Mark A. - PDR

Subject: Westhampton on Grove

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Good morning Jon, Matthew and Mark,

My name is Alexander Schaaf, and I live at 203 Tuckahoe Blvd with my wife and two young daughters. I wanted to write all three of you to express my excitement about the proposed development at Westhampton on Grove. All of the renderings I have seen from the developers look very tasteful, and I think this will add significant value to the neighborhood. While parking and traffic will always be a concern in any residential area development, I am confident and comforted that the developers have gone to great lengths to get studies done to see how the proposed development would affect traffic and parking. Lastly, it's come to my attention that Ames Russell is portraying himself as someone who speaks for the majority of our neighborhood in his vehement opposition to the project. That could not be further from the truth. In the overwhelming majority of my conversations with neighbors near and far, I find many more people who are in support of the proposed development. This is simply a case of the loud minority of opponents causing a stir, but I would caution you against putting too much credence in what those few people are saying. There have been no polls taken, but it is my guess if there was a poll taken of residents within a 3 mile radius of the development, you would see a much larger majority of people in support of the project. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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From: Ben Winters[SMTP:BGWINTERS10@GMAIL.COM]
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Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: Westhampton on Grove
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Good Morning Gentlemen,

As a resident of Tuckahoe Terrace I am writing to express my support for the proposed redevelopment of the former Westhampton Theater and it's adjacent properties. Until very recently, I have only followed the news stories regarding this project and have not been involved in the many discussions surrounding it. Last night, I had the opportunity to meet with Jason Guillot along with some other neighbors and hear the history and the details of the project thus far. Jason has clearly done his homework as he presented us with project renderings, traffic studies, and feedback from those who are in favor and opposed to his project. Quite frankly, I came away with the sense that Jason and his partners have gone to great lengths to involve the local residents and business owners in this process which is commendable. I believe the Westhampton on Grove redevelopment will prove to be a positive improvement for the Libbie & Grove area in terms of aesthetics, tax income for the city, and area property values. My family is also very excited about the proposed tenants for the project. Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

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From: Jeff Herr[SMTP:JEFF@JEFFREYHERR.COM]
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To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member
Cc: Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Subject: Westhampton on Grove
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Jon:

I imagine that I am like most of your constituents in that the majority of my focus is on my job and family with some passive marginal mindshare to the ins/outs of the various development projects in Richmond. I moved to Richmond more than a decade ago from Charlotte, NC. My initial impression of Richmond was one of 'potential' - the history, people, proximity to both the beach and mountains, short drive/train ride from DC, and (most of all) the James River. My impression 11 years later is evolving into 'opportunity squandered'. It seems that every chance Richmond has for progress is blocked by a noisy minority and nothing happens. I do not think that Richmond wants or needs to be Charlotte, but the contrast in the progress between the two cities over the last decade is striking. Our schools and roads are in rough shape - the inability to fund/maintain

grounds is down right embarrassing - the crime rate is unexceptional, and the city just looks and feels tired. There is little doubt that there are efficiency improvements to be made within the city budget, but the already high real estate taxes and the inability to annex additional geography seems to set a pretty clear strategic path for our city.

We need density downtown and via smart developments in the surrounding districts to increase our tax base. This is where the rub comes in for our elected officials, which is arguably worse in Richmond than many other cities - there is the noisy minority who is going to oppose any development, and this same minority plus the rest of us will vote leadership out of office for not generating/managing the tax base necessary to improve schools, roads, crime rates, etc. I believe Richmond's revenue has increased ~11% in the last ten years versus Henrico County's ~50% growth. This comparison is based on a very high level review of total revenues and without accounting for the drivers (growth versus tax rate increases), but general observation would seem to support the notion that Henrico's growth has greatly outpaced Richmond's. I am not sure I appreciate the magnitude of this gap beyond the lack of leadership and vision.

The Westhampton on Grove project is a great example. A very well thought out and designed project that is good for the city. It vastly improves a very tired retail/commercial area and would seem to provide a welcome improvement to the city's tax base. From my vantage point, this should be a slam dunk. Account for the parking and traffic, make sure the development looks good (understanding that this is subjective, but it is not difficult to differentiate between 'boom-town' and classy development), and make sure none of your voters are sitting in construction traffic before they head to the polls. We need to generate more taxes from a fixed geographic footprint, which means going vertical is an absolute must. We need our leadership to make the tough decisions and take the risk necessary to get project like Westhampton done. I am already disappointed that the developer yielded to the noisy minority and removed the top floor - we need to be supportive of their original (higher tax revenue) plan.

I would be very interested in seeing on your website the city revenues (e.g., real estate taxes, sales taxes, business license fees/taxes, etc) from the relevant Westhampton project area today versus estimates for what it would be with the new and original development plans. The revenue impact combined with the quality of the development plan is all the justification necessary to establish a defensible position for or against the development. Find me a voter who is not for a path to better roads, schools, and livability that does not involve increasing the various city taxes.

It would also be great to see your official position and recommendation on the development.

Best,
Jeff

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Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 2:30:56 PM
To: Olinger, Mark A. - PDR; Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member;
Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Subject: Westhampton

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Gentlemen:

My name is Allison Domson, and I live at 35 Towana Road with my husband and two young daughters. I wanted to write all three of you to express my excitement about the proposed development at Westhampton on Grove. All of the renderings I have seen from the developers look very tasteful, and I think this will add significant value to the neighborhood. While parking and traffic will always be a concern in any residential area development, I am confident and comforted that the developers have gone to great lengths to get studies done to see how the proposed development would affect traffic and parking. Lastly, it's come to my attention that Ames Russell is portraying himself as someone who speaks for the majority of our neighborhood in his vehement opposition to the project. Mr. Russell does not speak for me or my family. There have been no polls taken, but it is my guess if there was a poll taken of residents within a 3 mile radius of the development, you would see a much larger majority of people in support of the project. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Allison Domson

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Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 3:08:30 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR;
Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: Westhampton Development at Libbie & Grove
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Gentlemen,

I am writing to express my support for the planned development at Libbie & Grove. I live with my wife and two boys at 204 N. Wilton Road, and we regularly walk up to Libbie & Grove and frequent the shops and restaurants there. I know that those opposed to the project have been highly visible, but many of

the folks that I've spoken to in the neighborhood and in surrounding parts of the City are supportive of the project and excited about the arrival of additional high-quality restaurants, retail stores and condos. While many in the area extol the "character" of Libbie & Grove, the fact of the matter is it's in need of an upgrade, and this project promises to bring upscale, aesthetically pleasing development to what is currently an empty parking lot, a vacant theater, and a cinder-block realtor's office. Not only will the project improve the culture and quality of life in our neighborhood, but the development will increase the City's tax base and provide economic benefits to all citizens of Richmond, not just those who live nearby. On that basis alone, we should support quality development throughout the City.

I am sure that you are receiving lots of email traffic on this issue as it heads toward the homestretch for planning approvals. I will not belabor the point with a more extensive explanation of my support for the project. However, I did want to voice my support and encourage you to support the project as well. Thank you for your time and consideration, as well as your service to the City.

Yours,
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From: Malcolm Randolph[SMTP:MALCOLMRANDOLPHJR@GMAIL.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 9:44:31 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR;
Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Subject: I support the Libbie and Grove Developmeent
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Councilman Baliles, Mr. Olinger and Mr. Ebinger:

Please support the Westhampton on Grove project at Libbie and Grove. I support quality development and small businesses and believe this project will enhance the quality of life for residents in the neighborhood. The developers have listened to all stakeholders in the neighborhood and incorporated their feedback to create a thoughtful and attractive plan.

I am unable to attend the town hall meeting tomorrow night but I suspect that the crowd attending will be mostly against the development. It seems that those opposed are the most vocal as is usually the case in these circumstances. Secondly, I believe that the majority of the opposition is an older demographic for one reason or another. Those in my peer group in the neighborhood (mid 30's) are overwhelmingly in support of this project, especially the latest revision. Attending a meeting at 6:30 on a week night is difficult with young children to attend to. I think the same goes for many of my neighbors in the same situation. So, please consider the "silent majority" who support a quality development as has been opposed.

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Malcolm M. Randolph, Jr.

From: Robby Peay[SMTP:RPEAY@SYNALLOY.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 3:39:08 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR;
Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: Westhampton Development
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Gentlemen:

I write in support of the proposed Westhampton Development. As is often the case in our country (City of Richmond being no exception), the vocal minority is heard while the silent majority goes about its business. I think this is the case here. I currently live in Windsor Farms and have dozens and dozens of friends who live in an around the Grove/Libbie area. I do not know of one person who opposes the project. Though they might not raise their voice (mainly because working professionals with young children don't have time to make a lot of noise), I believe the vast majority of folks in the area support the development. I'm sure there are details to sort out, but on the macro level, I can't come up with any argument against replacing what is there with what is proposed. The decision to support the development is obvious (and common sense) to me.

Please consider this email my endorsement.

Thanks,
Robby Peay

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From: Taylor Williams[SMTP:TAYLOR@SPY-ROCK.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 12:00:59 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR;
Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Cc: Andrew Basham; Jason Guillot
Subject: Letter of Support - Westhampton on Grove
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Messrs. Baliles, Ebinger and Olinger,

I am writing to enthusiastically support the proposed Special Use Permit for the Westhampton on Grove development. I am a lifelong resident of the City of Richmond and am currently a real estate developer with Richmond-based Spy Rock Development, which I co-founded over 7 years ago and has developed several local mixed-use projects. With my young family, I am a frequent visitor to the shops and restaurants at Libbie-Grove, and will be visiting more often once this redevelopment is completed and businesses such as Taste Unlimited and Tazza Kitchen arrive. I am extremely impressed with the developer's careful planning and willingness to incorporate community feedback which has resulted in a material decrease in the density and massing of the project. The proposed development meets the requirements of the parking overlay district with its 111 spaces. I believe the height of the proposed project is entirely appropriate for this district and is reflective of the positive trend nationwide for vertical development and increased density in mixed-use environments.

In my opinion, Libbie-Grove has always been a charming commercial district, however many of the uses including the theatre and several of the former restaurants lost their viability and consequently shut their doors. Change in recent years has been tremendously positive for this district. The arrival of locally owned and operated restaurants and businesses such as Café Caturra, Blue Goat, the Continental, Boyers Coffee and Ice Cream, CCH Collection and Alton Lane has transformed the area into a thriving commercial district. People can dine, shop, and work in some of the City's finest establishments in an extremely pedestrian friendly environment. The developers are bringing complimentary businesses that will add to the wonderful personality of Libbie-Grove. Taste Unlimited is a legendary state of Virginia-based sandwich shop and Tazza Kitchen, which is owned and operated by Richmonders, is one of the most impressive emerging restaurants I've encountered. This development will add more vitality, commerce and interaction among locals in this wonderfully unique and walkable urban village in our City.

Therefore, I wholeheartedly support this development. It would be an enormous missed opportunity for the City and its residents if the Special Use Permit were denied and these developers were unable to reinvent the now shuttered theatre in such an overwhelmingly positive manner.

Sincerely,

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From: Rick Morris[SMTP:RICKMORRIS_JR@YAHOO.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 8:27:53 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR;
Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Subject: I support Westhampton on Grove
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Councilman Baliles, Mr. Olinger and Mr. Ebinger:
Please support the Westhampton on Grove project at Libbie and Grove. I support quality development and small businesses and believe this project will enhance the quality of life for residents in the neighborhood. The developers have listened to all stakeholders in the neighborhood and incorporated their feedback to create a thoughtful and attractive plan.

Thanks,
Rick Morris
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Sent from my iPhone

From: Nabhan, Douglas M.[SMTP:DNABHAN@WILLIAMSMULLEN.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 1:13:52 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member
Subject: Westhampton Theatres
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Mr. Baliles:

I live near the Westhampton area and while we all hate to see the theatre close we should hope that something replaces it that is nice. I support the development that is going into that site and I know that there is a lot of thoughtful work going to make that project work for the area. That part of town will obviously continue to develop and I fully support the investments that are being made into the Libbie and Grove Corridor.

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From: Peter Bowles[SMTP:PBOWLES@BLUEEDGECAP.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 10:54:11 AM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member
Subject: Westhampton, LLC development initiative
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Jon:

As a lifelong resident of the Westhampton area and of the first district, I am writing to offer my full throated support for the Westhampton on Grove redevelopment initiative being led by Westhampton, LLC. While change never comes easy in the city we all love, I am truly excited about the revised plans that have been submitted to the city. The scale of the project and the mixed-use nature of the design are a perfect fit for the area, and the quality of the finished project will greatly improve a stretch that, although much loved, had long since become an eyesore for the community.

While I respect the vocal minority who oppose the project, I strongly believe that this project is in the best interest of the broader community. I have been particularly impressed with efforts by Stefan Cametas and Jason Guillot to engage the community in the design process, and I think we can all agree that the level of openness and transparency with which they have operated throughout the process has been refreshing. Despite the obviously higher cost of construction, they are genuinely committed to creating a premium quality development that is consistent with the best of Richmond architecture, and they have attracted outstanding tenants that will improve the overall neighborhood experience.

Bold change requires bold leadership, and I encourage you to support both the project and the required SUP. Our city leadership needs to support those who want to reinvest in our community in a productive and responsible way, and this initiative meets the highest standards in my view.

Thanks in advance for your support, and please let me know if I can be helpful in garnering community support,

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Rethinking Asset Management

From: Peter Durette[SMTP:PETER.DURETTE@WESTROCK.COM]

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 4:28:35 PM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member

Subject: Libbie and Grove

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Dear Mr Baliles -

I am writing to express my support for the Westhampton LLC development at Libbie and Grove. I work in downtown Richmond and spend significant time in the Libbie and Grove area given my children attend Saint Catherine's and Saint Christopher's and I belong to CCV. I believe the new development will be a significant upgrade to what is already a great area to shop, dine, work and live. I have seen the aesthetics of the new plans and think they look great. I am not sure what the big issue is with the people who are trying to "save" Libbie and Grove, but I think the plans put forward will only add to the character and charm of the neighborhood and bring needed additional restaurants and retail space. I know the developers work from other projects he has done, and think the work will be top quality and of high taste and fit with the surroundings. I hope you will support this important project. Many thanks for your consideration on this matter.

Best Regards,

Pete

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From: Margaret Fretz[SMTP:MFRETZ@BLUEEDGECAP.COM]

Sent: Saturday, May 21, 2016 8:08:14 AM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member

Subject: Support of Westhampton, LLC development

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Hi Jon,

I am writing you in support of the new Westhampton LLC Development plans submitted last week for the rehabilitation and revitalization of The Westhampton Theater block. Hooray to the developers for seeking extensive input from stakeholders and neighbors and coming up with these revised plans that truly capture the charm of Libbie & Grove in such an attractive manner. My husband and I are long term Glenburnie residents and we and our closest neighbors welcome additional services and businesses coming into this area. I love that we can live, work and eat within a quarter mile from our home! It sure beats driving out to Short Pump. The aesthetics of the plans are so well thought out with set backs on the upper floors and attractive street frontage details. In fact, I would like to consider moving my office from Henrico County to this new space. It would certainly be appealing to my co-workers and clients and could add some much needed revenue for my children's public school.

Please lend your support to moving this project forward. It's time to open up the windows of this block and let in some fresh air. Richmonders are afraid of change, but in the words of Dr. Seuss from The Lorax "it's not about what it is, it's about what it can become."

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration.

Many thanks,

Margaret Fretz

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From: Susan Armstrong[SMTP:SUSANHARTARMSTRONG@ICLOUD.COM]

Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 3:50:57 PM

To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member

Subject: Westhampton

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Just sent email to planning commission praising the plans for Grove ave area

Sent from my iPad