



8086 Elm Drive  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

*Impacted Restaurant Location:  
2011 Chamberlayne Ave  
Richmond, VA 23222*

**Re: Opposition to Ordinances 2023-321 & 2023-325 Inclement Weather and Permanent Shelter  
at 1900 Chamberlayne Ave, Richmond VA**

Dear Richmond City Council Members,

We are writing this letter to voice our concern and opposition to the proposed Inclement Weather and Permanent Shelter to be operated at 1900 Chamberlayne Ave, Richmond, VA.

We've been the Franchisee Owners of the McDonald's restaurant located at 2011 Chamberlayne Avenue for the past 13 years, and believe that our restaurant is an integral part of the Chamberlayne Community. While we respect the City of Richmond's desire to create a permanent solution for our homeless population, we oppose the location of this shelter primarily for the reasons listed below:

- As a business that attracts a large portion of the transient population, we are concerned about the lack of a plan to support services to keep the residents of the new facility occupied during the day. Based on our past experiences, our organization is very concerned about an increase in loitering and the potential lounging of the residents in our facility. If there is a detailed plan to prevent excessive loitering, that plan has not been shared with the business community.
- The citizens and businesses have not had the proper time to voice concerns over this project.
- The Chamberlayne Industrial Center has presented many concerning facts regarding the procurement and zoning process surrounding this project. We are requesting that you respond and address those concerns before proceeding with this project.
- The size and scope of the facility may present an unfair burden on local businesses and residents. We kindly request support from the other jurisdictions within Richmond via the creation of additional shelters. Also, we've been informed that this will be the *only* operational homeless shelter in Richmond, VA as the others have or will be closing.

Again, we look forward to hearing how our expressed concerns along with those presented by other businesses and residents in the community will be addressed.

We appreciate you for listening to our perspective. Thanks for serving our community.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Corey &amp; Courtney Holeman", written over a horizontal line.

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