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Cc: ["Michael B. Siewers"](#); [Andrew Condlin](#)
Subject: Implementation of B-7 at Boulevard West/Greater Scotts Addition
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Will and Richard:

Thank you very much for our call this morning. I am emailing to provide comments on behalf of R.A. Siewers, Inc. (dba Siewers Lumber & Millwork), the owner of 1820 and 1828 Boulevard West and 1819 and 2001 Ellen Road (collectively the "Property").

As we discussed, the local Siewers family operates a lumber mill and specialty lumber business on the Property with offices, storage, show rooms, retail space, and parking. They operated their business in the City since 1884. You may also know that the Siewers lumber business is a key local source – and in some cases the only local source – of wooden moldings and profiles necessary for the renovation of the City's many historic buildings.

The Property owners have asked me to share with you that they do not oppose the implementation of B-7 zoning for the Property. They would ask that staff continue to support the current protections in City Code Sec. 30-446.2 subsection (46) that would apply to the existing mill and lumber business now operating on the Property, which protections mean that the mill and lumber business uses will remain by-right under B-7 and that none of the non-conforming use restrictions in the City code will apply to the Property that would otherwise have restricted expansion or rebuilding (in the event of a casualty, for example) of the mill and lumber business.

I would also like to thank you both for your responsiveness to our questions and thank you for the implementation of City Code Sec. 30-446.2 subsection (46) that protects historic local businesses in Greater Scotts Addition like Siewers.

Please let me know if you have any questions of me or the Siewers family.

Best,
Mark

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Dear Planning Commission members,

My name is Jason James and I live in the Bellevue area of Richmond's north side. I am writing as a resident of Richmond and not on behalf of any organization. I have served on the transportation working groups for Richmond 300 and RVA Green 2050, but do not have professional or financial interests associated with this rezoning.

My comments concern the rezoning of large sections of Greater Scott's Addition to B-7. I am generally in support of the proposed zoning changes for this area, which also include TOD-1, but in contrast to the TOD-1 designation, the B-7 designation retains outdated parking requirements that would work against efforts to make this area and the city as a whole less dependent on single occupancy cars, reduce impermeable surfaces (which contribute to runoff and heat island effect), make more efficient use of scarce land in the city, and reduce the cost of housing. It was no doubt for such reasons that city council recently approved Mr. Addison's resolution to explore removing parking requirements from Richmond's zoning ordinance. My hope is that the commission will include in its consideration of the rezoning ways in which we can ensure that the parking requirements for B-7 do not burden the city and our environment with excess asphalt for decades to come.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Jason James