

Eliot Clark

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Alyson Oliver
Secretary, City Planning Commission
900 E Broad St. Room 511
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Ms. Oliver

I am writing to express my strong support for the SUP request at 2618 Rear W Main Street. As a property owner with 3 properties that back up to the proposed development, I think this project would bring significant benefits to the community while enhancing the vitality of our neighborhood. My properties are at 2612, 2614 and 2616 W Main St, and share the northern property frontage of the 2618 Rear W Main St Parcel.

I believe the proposed development aligns with the goals outlined in the Richmond 300 Master Plan, which emphasizes the need for infill development and the revitalization of underutilized spaces within the city. By repurposing the center alley parcel for residential use, we can maximize the efficiency of our urban land and contribute to the city's overall growth and sustainability objectives.

The addition of four new units will help meet the increasing demand for housing in Richmond, particularly in neighborhoods like ours where housing options may be limited. This project will provide new opportunities for individuals and families to live in our vibrant community.

I would ask you to approve the special use permit for the development of four single-family attached homes on the underutilized center alley parcel. This project represents a valuable opportunity to support the goals of the Richmond 300 Master Plan, address housing needs, enhance the character of our neighborhood and we look forward to having some new faces on the block.

Warmest Regards,



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Oliver, Alyson E. - PDR

From: Elizabeth Throckmorton <elizabeththrock@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 1, 2025 2:00 PM
To: PDR Land Use Admin
Subject: Fierce objection to housing in alley. TERRIBLE IDEA!!DO NOT APPROVE!
Attachments: Public Access and Participation Instructions.pdf

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Dear Planning Commission,

We live at 5 North Mulberry Street, and we're very concerned about the development being considered at 2618 Rear West Main Street. The construction of a very tall building in the alley behind our house will block a lot of light from reaching the property. We're in an attached row house with no other sources of light until mid-afternoon. If you come here and look at this tiny area you will shake your head no-way this is healthy. There is no room for 40 trash cans OR any available parking. Please dont ruin our house values. Please do not trust photos-come look at this situation.

We all want Richmond to grow, and I usually support new developments in our neighborhood. But I'm worried about the quality of life implications for our family and our neighbors in the way this project is currently planned. The developers said in their permit application that the construction won't create these kinds of problems, but they don't show any analysis or evidence to support that.

I respectfully request that you consider these impacts before approving this project.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Throckmorton
5 N Mulberry St, Richmond, VA 23220
(directly adjacent to VERY SMALL garages)