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Hello Marianne,

I have been out of town tied up with a family illness recently and have therefore not been able to be as involved with and responsive to the Richmond 300 process as I customarily have been. However, I have been able to take a quick look at the final draft and have two issues about which I continue to be concerned.

The first concern is the lack of inclusion of language that makes clear that the development of the Shockoe Bottom area will be guided by the final Shockoe Area Plan. There is no merit in having that plan developed if land use is predetermined and zoning is developed without adherence to this plan. This is one of the most important and historic areas of Richmond. It also a very contentious area given the competing interests in preservation, business development and racial reconciliation. If the City has developed a group to guide the development of this area then the plan should follow their recommendations and the Richmond 300 plan should indicate that will be the case.

The second concern is the view from Libby Hill. Several people from Church Hill, as well as representatives from other preservation-oriented entities, have met with Mr. Olinger numerous times to identify and agree upon an area to the east which includes the "View that Named Richmond". Indeed an ordinance was drawn up at one time to address this issue, though it was not presented for several reasons. But I understand that such an ordinance is being developed now. That ordinance and the clear intention to preserve the view should be stated explicitly in the plan.

I appreciate you kind consideration of these concerns, Genni Sasnett

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