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The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert

Councilmember, Richmond City Council, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

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City of Richmond
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**Re: Special Use Permit ("SUP") - 4204 Hermitage Road
Tax Map Parcel IDs: N0170228007 and N0170228019 (the "Property")**

Mr. Ebinger:

I am writing this letter to confirm my support of the Special Use Permit application filed for the benefit of the Virginia Repertory Theatre to allow for the use of the Property as an arts and education center for children, families, and schools. I believe the proposed use will provide the Bellevue community (and beyond) with much needed arts and educational programming and a community theatre. This proposed use will be a valuable and creative new use of an existing local asset. It will help further enrich a vibrant and historic community by bringing individuals together, cultivate a cultural identity for the community and encourage engagement in community arts, consistent with the City's Richmond 300 Plan. This is exactly the type of re-purposing of Property the City should be welcoming.

I respectfully request that you include this letter of support in the file when this application is presented to the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

Ann-Frances Lambert
Councilmember

cc: Brian K. Jackson, Esq. (by email only: bjackson@hirschlerlaw.com)