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Dear Alyson:

The FDA DOES NOT OPPOSE the project at 2618 Rear Main, Richmond, Virginia 23220. We recognize that some neighbors may continue to have concerns, and we respect those concerns. We acknowledge that those concerns are legitimate and reasonable.

Over the course of several months, the developer has worked in good faith with the community to make significant changes to the project, including:

1. Reducing the height of the building substantially; and
2. Moving the building off the west lot line, in order to impact the light less to those homes located on the adjacent block of Mulberry Street.

We recognize alley infill projects can provide appropriate and contextual "gentle density" to the Fan District. It is our strongly held position that these infill projects must be sympathetic to the existing architectural fabric, and must be consistent with the built environment in terms of scale, form, and materials. The developer has worked with the FDA and the immediate neighbors to modify this project to make it more closely match the scale, form and materials of the surrounding buildings. For these reasons, the FDA does not oppose the project at 2618 Rear Main as it is presented..

Best,
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