

**From:** [erin bailey](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** in support of RACC  
**Date:** Monday, September 23, 2024 9:58:14 PM

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To the representatives of Richmond VA City Council:

I am a city resident since 2003, a volunteer at Richmond Animal Care and Control and the proud guardian of a dog adopted from RACC. I would like to offer my support for the purchase of 2310 W Cary St for an adoption center. I believe RACC provides an essential service to the residents of Richmond and beyond- both human and animal! The organization is expertly led by Ms Peters and the staff pour their heart and souls into the important and sometimes very difficult work they do. The animals are the direct beneficiaries but RVA residents also greatly benefit from the services, assistance and resources they provide. Please consider supporting their efforts to provide an adoption center that is welcoming to potential adopters and comfortable for the animals in their care.

Sincerely,

**Erin Bailey**

**From:** [Andrea Bulifant](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Cary Business Owner - Support Letter for RACC to Acquire 2310 W. Cary  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2024 6:46:10 PM  
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**From:** Andrea Bulifant <[andrea.bulifant@virginiavetcenters.com](mailto:andrea.bulifant@virginiavetcenters.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2024 6:42 PM  
**To:** [PRLandUseAdmin@rva.gov](mailto:PRLandUseAdmin@rva.gov) <[PRLandUseAdmin@rva.gov](mailto:PRLandUseAdmin@rva.gov)>  
**Subject:** Cary Business Owner - Support Letter for RACC to Acquire 2310 W. Cary

Dear Members of the Planning Committee,

I am writing to express my full support for RACC to acquire 2310 W. Cary in our community. As a long-time business in Carytown (established 1981), I believe that this center would provide immense benefits to both our local residents, business owners, and the animals in need.

Our community has always shown compassion toward animals, but there is a growing need for a dedicated space where stray, abandoned, or mistreated animals can receive the opportunity to find a loving home. RACC would not only provide this essential service, but it would also promote responsible pet ownership, educate the public about animal welfare, and create volunteer opportunities for people of all ages. It would offer a safe and welcoming space for residents of nearby counties to adopt stray animals, while also bringing new business to our local area. Visitors who might not otherwise come to town will have the chance to discover and enjoy our shopping and dining scene, just as we have.

The presence of an animal rescue and adoption center in our area would also strengthen our community's commitment to reducing overpopulation and unnecessary euthanasia by offering spay/neuter programs, vaccinations, and other critical services to our strays and rescues.

I am confident that this center will become a cherished asset in our community, offering a humane solution for animals while fostering a sense of responsibility and kindness among our residents.

I hope that you will strongly consider the positive impact that this center could have, and I urge you to approve the proposal for its establishment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

*Andrea Bulifant*

Director of Hospital Operations

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**From:** [Barbara Elledge](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#); [PRLandusesdmin@rva.gov](mailto:PRLandusesdmin@rva.gov)  
**Subject:** Support for proposed new adoption center  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2024 7:00:11 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing as a resident of the city (6719 Stuart Ave) to express my support for the proposed new adoption center at 2310 W Cary Street. I have been a long term supporter of Richmond Animal Care & Control through monetary donations, volunteering my time to walk dogs, assist at adoption events, clean kennels and foster kittens and dogs since 2016. I have seen first hand the incredible support that the programs at RACC have on the community and our homeless pets. This addition would allow RACC to grow their programs and continue to impact the animals and community in a positive way.

With deep gratitude,

Barbara Elledge  
443-223-4737

**From:** [Sherma Mather](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Supporting the RACC new adoption center  
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Hello,  
I am writing to you in support of the proposed RACC adoption center. RACC is doing life saving work every day, and this would benefit the entire community.

**From:** [Mary Baltimore](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#); [PRLandUseAdmin@rva.gov](mailto:PRLandUseAdmin@rva.gov)  
**Subject:** Proposed ORD. 2024-252 - Purchase of 2310 West Cary Street  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2024 8:52:51 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Mary Baltimore. I am a city resident and President of Richmond Animal Care and Control Foundation (RACCF.) RACCF's sole purpose is to support our city shelter with funds to help the most vulnerable animals in our community.

I fully support the proposed purchase of the property at 2310 West Cary Street. This additional location will greatly enhance our city's animal shelter operations by providing much-needed space to accommodate the growing number of animals RACC takes in each year.

This will help RACC further its mission to reduce euthanasia rates and offer a more effective space to promote adoption within our community.

Thank you.

Mary Baltimore  
204 Virginia Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23226

**From:** [katie swaim](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: New RACC building  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2024 9:12:38 PM

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> Hi! I am a resident of the city of Richmond and I would like to write to express my sincerest support for Richmond Animal Care and Control to be granted the proposed new adoption center at 2310 West Cary St. This new facility would bring much needed space and resources to RACCs mission and will immensely help the animals in need in our city. As a resident of the city, I hope to see this effort pass.

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> Thanks!

> Katie

**From:** [Chris Wong](#)  
**To:** [PLRandUseAdmin@rva.gov](mailto:PLRandUseAdmin@rva.gov)  
**Cc:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed RACC Adoption Center  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2024 9:22:22 PM

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Hello,

My name is Chris Wong, and I am writing to give my support to the proposal to purchase the property on Cary Street for a RACC adoption center.

I have lived in the 4th district for almost 12 years and have been a RACC adoptor, volunteer, and foster for 11 (28 foster dogs to this point). RACC accomplishes amazing amounts with their limited resources/space for the animals and citizens of Richmond. An adoption center in the Fan would give the amazingly dedicated RACC staff the ability to be more visible, increase community outreach, and improve the quality life of the animals while in RACC's care. I can only imagine the potential/impact that such a space will provide.

The animals, pet owning citizens of our city who find themselves in need of support, and I thank you for your consideration.

Best regard,

Chris Wong



**From:** [Andrea Moreau](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Support for RACC Adoption Center  
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Hi,

I would like to voice my formal support for the proposed RACC adoption center in Carytown. I am a resident of Richmond City and I believe this project would greatly increase the number of adoptions for RACC.

Thank you,

Andrea

**From:** [Colleen Osteen](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** In Support of RACC's New Adoption Center  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2024 11:01:02 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a city resident and supporter of RACC's programming. I am writing to you in support of the proposed new adoption center for RACC at 2310 W Cary Street.

The new adoption center would provide a welcoming and comfortable environment for the animals that RACC rescues and potential adopters. It would allow RACC the ability to increase its capacity and offer more services to the public, such as spay/neuter, vaccination, and education. The new facility should also help reduce the euthanasia rate and the overpopulation of stray animals in our city.

I hope you will consider the benefits of a new adoption facility and support its approval. This facility would be a valuable asset for our city and a testament to Richmond's commitment to animal welfare.

Thank you,  
Colleen Nichols Osteen

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Shari Garmise](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC Adoption Center Support Letter  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 5:37:48 AM

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Hello,

I am a resident of the City of Richmond and I am writing to express my strong support of the proposed new adoption center for RACC at 2310 W. Cary Street.

RACC programming is a boon to the city, and sorely needed. The expansion adds to that capacity and will benefit the city residents, their families and their pets.

Please vote yes.

Thank you,

Shari Garmise

Check out my shared [Art As Conversation](#) blog and my [personal website](#).

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**From:** [Kim Gower](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Important: Animal Care and Control  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 9:49:12 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this email as one stating full support for the expansion plans for Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC).

As a leadership and management professor and business owner, I have been amazed at what a great leader and dedicated team can do to literally change the face of the rescue world, despite a limited budget and space.

I began working with RACC in 2015 as a donor, and then as a foster and volunteer. Watching the organization grow into one which is emulated across the country, and has been able to accrue development dollars to help their rescues and others (a line item NOT covered by their municipal budget) has made it a case study in government funded shelters.

Due to their success, and the overwhelming and unprecedented state of the rescue world right now, RACC will only continue to make Richmond proud, and remain an exemplar, with a shelter that is able to comfortably and successfully support the incredible number of abused, abandoned, sick, and stray animals that come through its doors. Daily.

Thank you for your time,

Dr. Kim Gower  
804-335-7835

Kim Gower  
MBA, PhD

**From:** [Zack Matzani](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** A new home for RACC  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 8:30:06 PM

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I support the city's purchase of a the building at 2310 W. Cary St. for a new home for RACC.

Zachary Matzani

**From:** [Vanfossenj](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** 2310 West Cary Street for a new pet adoption center for RACC (YES)  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 8:47:32 PM

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It's a no brainer that a better environment for adoptions for RACC makes so much sense. Having had a relationship with RACC down through the years with some of the pets coming to our facility for spays and neuters I see what sweet animals come into RACC. The RACC does such hard work in saving lives under some unfortunate circumstances such as people just dropping off animals or RACC having to go out to rescue animals from such dire circumstances.

RACC needs a better adoption location to have potential adopters feel more like adopting in a less stressful environment. A move to this location is a no brainer. Every life is precious. Thank you for your consideration.

Vanfossenj@aol.com

Judy Van Fossen

RAL volunteer 1998 - present

(www.ral.org 1979-present )

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**From:** [Eileen](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC new building  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 8:54:05 PM

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RACC is such an asset to our city - offering care and a home for lost animals, stray animals, those being fostered, wildlife -a safe haven of hope and love for these animals.

Our city is very fortunate to have this center and its success is evident with those that are aware and support this amazing facility.

Its success, and desperate need, which seems to be increasing weekly, lends to my support and hopefully the Council's support to approve the funds necessary to purchase the W. Cary St building for their second location.

This is my formal request that the Council approve all necessary for the purchase of the building so RACC can open this second, much needed, facility.

Thank you!  
Eileen Dahlstedt  
3rd District  
Bellevue

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Nicole Valentino](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC New Property Opportunity  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 9:10:25 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am sending this email to support RACC's endeavor to have the city purchase the vacant building at 2310 West Cary Street, to create a new adoption center.

RACC does amazing work within our community and constantly has to be creative or beg for help due to lack of space. This location will also be a more central location, which would hopefully allow for more pets to be adopted while giving them a better environment.

As an animal lover, feral cat community care taker, Team Tommie member, avid donater, and Richmond resident please vote to purchase this space so that RACC can continue the excellent (and sometimes thankless) job that they do.

Thanks in advance,

Nicole V.

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Leslie Saul](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New RACC Adoption center  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 9:25:55 PM

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I'm writing to express my support for the proposed new adoption center for RACC. The city has been overflowing and at times overwhelmed with stray and abandoned dogs and cats. Having a larger and well equipped center for our animals in need will give them a better chance for assessment , training, and, an opportunity for adequate space to become comfortable and ready for adoption.

Thank you  
Leslie Saul  
3512 Patterson Ave #2  
Richmond 23221

**From:** [vze11pzvj@verizon.net](mailto:vze11pzvj@verizon.net)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC's new building  
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Hi! I'm emailing to ask you to please support this new space for RACC. As you know, they work tirelessly for and are true advocates for ALL animals in the city! They also support medical services for animals outside the city thanks to their Tommie Fund! The new adoption center will be a true blessing for not only Richmond, but the entire state of Virginia!

Thank you!  
Susan Williams

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**From:** [Wayne Swatowski](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC  
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I'm so happy to hear about the new space for RACC. They are such a good organization and do remarkable work for the area. They are truly passionate about their work. I hope this becomes a reality. Thank you. Wayne swatowski, RVA 23225

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**From:** [Susan Sutherling](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Support for the new RACC facility  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 10:53:14 PM

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Dear RVA officials

Please support the new building on West Cary for the animals and the employees and vets who make a blessed place out of a bad situation for the lost and endangered and abandoned.

Thank you  
Susan Sutherling

**From:** [Kelley Hartsoe](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 11:27:43 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I have adopted from RACC (30+ years ago as a child) and also as an adult. I have vivid memories of both experiences. I always recall seeing kennel after kennel full with hopeful little furry faces waiting to find their forever homes.

I also recently fostered with RACC. They are very obviously overwhelmed, but they never give up or turn animals away. They truly are our "city shelter."

Not only do these helpless animals deserve some more space (especially since their intake continues to grow at an alarming rate) but the sweet employees, who work tirelessly for the well being of the animals, deserve a new space to work out of as well.

Please consider helping them acquire this new space in Cary Street.

Take Care,

Kelley

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Lisa Blake-Walker](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Support for RACC New Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 2:00:14 AM

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Good morning,

Even though I am a Henrico County citizen I would still like to cast my full support for Richmond Animal Care and Control getting a new space on Cary Street.

RACC goes above and beyond to save animals in need everyday from the most awful situations you can imagine. I should know because I adopted my precious poodle mix from RACC two years ago. I can't imagine our home without our dog all thanks to RACC. I am sure many other families can attest to that. I definitely plan on adopting through them again. I am always impressed and moved by what they can do with sometimes little space and resources. Please grant RACC and all the precious little animals who deserve a chance and a place to be comfortable in this new space.

Thank you for your time and consideration  
Lisa Blake-Walker

**From:** [Laura Lahaye](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New city shelter  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 7:26:20 AM

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I am a Richmond resident current volunteer at Richmond Animal Care and Control. As you know, the shelter serves an important purpose within our community, providing temporary homes for thousands of animals. They also provide medical care, community outreach and education- the list goes on.

The team there is a loving and dedicated group, however the current shelter is overcrowded and outdated.

Please consider supporting the purchase of the Cary St property for the creation of a new facility.

Our city and its animal residents deserve this update.

Regards,  
Laura Lahaye

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Christina Brown](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC New Adoption Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 7:28:14 AM

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Hello City Clerks!

I pass by RACC almost every day and love seeing the dogs being walked. I pray that every pet will find their forever home.

The shelters around here are so full and it's heartbreaking. I heard about RACC's opportunity to get another adoption center space and wanted to express my support! More space for more pets will help save the lives of innocent animals. I couldn't imagine life without the pets I adopted.

If you are able, please help RACC get a second adoption center at 2310 West Cary Street! It would be greatly appreciated by so many people.

Thank you for your time,  
Christina Brown



**From:** [Sherry McCall](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC Potential new Location  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 7:46:28 AM

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Hello,

I live in Chesterfield County, however, have supported RACC and their love for animals. My dog Meeko is a rescue from RACC and is amazing! Their love, time, and effort they put into their lost and abused animals is commendable. They prepare them for new homes with assessments, training, and most of all love. I have been to their current facility several times and all though they manage, it becomes over crowded quickly. The area is not the best for visitors, nor does it have attractable business or pedestrians nearby. Moving to a location with more exposure to business and people walking by may lead to welcoming visitors to stop in and rescue one of their animals.

Thank you for your considerations for this opportunity for RACC – Virginia's best animal rescue!

Sherry McCall  
804-514-6608

**From:** [Frank](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New RACC Facility  
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Dear City Council,

I am writing on behalf of RACC who have an opportunity to purchase a new facility but they need city council support. I have lived all over and RACC is one of the best and kindest animal controls I have ever experienced. They try to do so much for the stray and unwanted animals of this city and with a new facility they will do even more. Please considering purchasing 2310 West Cary Street for RACC so they can continue to do even better things for our furry friends.

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Thanks,

Frank Curry  
703-627-6356

**From:** [Lorrin Mercer](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New building for Racc  
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Hi,

My name is Lorrin Mercer and I am both a lover, volunteer, virtual foster, avid donator, and hopefully soon to be fosterer for RACC. I would love to see this new building be purchased for them. They are an amazing shelter and it would be amazing to see the things they have wanted to do, and could do with this space.

As I said I volunteer. Unfortunately with school and work I cannot make it to the shelter as often as I want. Although I could be there helping all the time if this space is purchased for them. As it would be virtually in my backyard. This would be a dream come true to be able to walk to support the shelter I love the most.

Please help them continue to do great things for the animals and people of Richmond and purchase this spot for them

Please us and the animals will thank you.

Sincerely,  
Lorrin Mercer

**From:** [Sara Haroon](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC new building  
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Please support the purchase and use of 2310 West Cary Street to help RACC operate with the capacity to serve the animals of Richmond to the best of their ability. Thank you!



**Sara V. Haroon, RDH**  
ph (804) 986-6169

Manik R. Khisti, DMD, PLLC  
12801 Ironbridge Road, Suite 300  
Chester, VA 23831  
office (804) 717-5400

**From:** [Lamar J. Townsend](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Purchase of 2310 West Cary Street  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 10:45:07 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of the City's purchase of 2310 West Cary Street to be used as a pet adoption center for RACC!

Thanks,  
Lamar

**From:** [Gordon Kushto](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New Animal Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 7:45:56 AM

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Please support this effort to acquire a new center for the RACC.

Thank You.

**From:** [Sara Brazier](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Support of RACC adoption center  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 8:20:36 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a dedicated Richmond resident and a veterinary professional to express my enthusiastic support for the development of a new adoption center for Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC). Having an ongoing relationship with RACC, I have witnessed firsthand the extraordinary work they do for both the animals in their care and the community they serve. RACC is an invaluable resource, offering compassionate care to animals in need, while also providing meaningful opportunities for Richmond residents to welcome new pets into their homes. This organization is definitely something that the city of Richmond should be proud of and continue to support their endeavors.

As a licensed veterinary technician, I understand the importance of adequate space and resources in ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of animals. Unfortunately, RACC is currently operating under spatial constraints that limit their ability to expand services and care for an increasing number of animals. A new facility would enable them to meet the growing demand for adoptions and provide even better medical care and housing for animals in need. This location would also allow RACC to have more public interface in a prominent location like Carytown.

RACC's commitment to the city's animals is unwavering, and their impact on our community has been immeasurable. From reuniting lost pets with their families to finding forever homes for abandoned animals to saving the lives of countless sick and injured animals, RACC is a cornerstone of Richmond's animal welfare efforts. However, they need more space to continue their mission effectively and to expand their services in ways that will benefit our entire city.

I strongly urge the City of Richmond to prioritize the new adoption center for Richmond Animal Care and Control. This investment would be a critical step in ensuring that RACC can continue their essential work for years to come, benefitting the lives of countless animals and enhancing the well-being of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,  
Sara Brazier  
Licensed Veterinary Technician, City of Richmond resident

**From:** [Susan Peebles](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New location for RACC  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 8:34:59 AM

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Richmond City Council,

I was recently made aware of the opportunity for RACC to acquire and establish an additional location on Cary Street to be used as an adoption center. As a volunteer and supporter of RACC I could not be any more behind this project, and wanted to reach out to express my support.

We are so fortunate here in Richmond to have a wonderful staff and volunteers who support this shelter and look for any way possible to find displaced animals safe and loving homes. Opening this new adoption center increases the chance for success exponentially, and will allow RACC to continue and expand upon the great work they do for our city.

Thank you for your consideration, and let's push this project forward!

Susan Peebles Lenz  
240-687-8615



**From:** [Chef Lauren Bowes](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC  
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Dear City Council,

I'm very concerned that the city council is spending \$2million city dollars to buy a prime-piece-of-real-estate in a positively, over-saturated building in one of the priciest areas of the city for RACC.

Yet, on the other side of the inner city of Richmond, Church Hill North has low priced properties and a neighborhood that could use a stable business that draws in tons of positively minded humans from all over the state - both near and far.

We are in a terrible position with a constant unstable environment for businesses and resident safety. North 25th is completely out of control, with overdoses, tons of crime, minimal proactivity from Police Precinct 1 which is allowing crime to thrive, and citizens in fear.

Yet, another opportunity arises and city hall decides to pour more money into The Fan/Museum/Carytown and not the East End in a stable/functional way.

Where is a 2million dollar grant for the commercial buildings that have laid abandoned for 15+ years on the 1000 and 1100 blocks of North 25th, 2400 block of Venable, and 2500 block of Q Street?

We would dream of a viable building that had 2 million dollars to restore it to its original glory on 2500 Q Street. How about acquiring land on N.25th and building them a custom, 2 million dollar building on the ample land for sale up here?

Where is Church Hill North's functional, stable business infrastructure provided by city council?

Sincerely,  
Owner on Q Street  
Lauren Moran Bowes  
954.647.4737

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [T J](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Support for new RACC facility on West Cary  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 8:46:46 AM

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Hello,

I support the City's acquiring and dedicating the property at 2310 West Cary Street to RACC. This central location would greatly extend the availability of adoptable pets to residents throughout the City and promote more community engagement in supporting the welfare of these pets in need of loving homes.

**From:** [J.G](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Cc:** [Peters, Christie C. - ACC](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Pet Adoption Center at 2310 West Cary Street  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 8:50:59 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

My first love was my black lab Newcomb. Since then, animals have always been my solace, my rock, my comfort and passion in an ever changing, uncertain world. Since moving to Richmond in December of 2006, RACC has been one of the foundations that brings me great joy and comfort in knowing there are others out there who share my same love and compassion for animals, especially those critters who may otherwise not stand a fighting chance in an often unfair world.

I was elated to hear of this new space because let's face it, as populations increase and economic times have taken a downturn, RACC is more often than not over capacity and I am sure left with even more heart wrenching decisions they may otherwise not have to make. Not only would this provide more space, but it will also provide the community a new, welcoming adoption center to allow for more animals to adequately find their forever homes.

I ask you to please make this adoption center for RACC a top priority for our beautiful city. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our residents and beyond. Love always wins!

Sincerely,  
Jennifer A. Groppuso  
502 N 24th Street  
Richmond, VA 23223  
(804) 837-5830

**From:** [Mike & Diane Gilbert](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Please open the new shelter  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 9:01:47 AM

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I can't think of a better way for some Richmond taxpayer money to go to something good  
Diane Gilbert , Nottoway Avenue  
Sent from my iPhone Diane

**From:** [Meaghan Stanley](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 9:13:32 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to you to show my support for the wonderful prospect of a new adoption center for Richmond Animal Care & Control!! This is a fabulous idea and desperately needed. RACC is already an amazing organization that is run by the best people. Having a new building would allow their life saving work to expand in times when so many shelters and rescues are inundated with animals that deserve a loving home.

Let's do this!

Sincerely,

Meaghan Stanley

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jane Lanham](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New Building for RACC  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 9:35:04 AM

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I want to mention that I used to live in a county adjoining Richmond City. Our shelter was the epitome of archaic ideas regarding animals and the care they should be given.

Then the current facility in Richmond began stepping up in every way, demonstrating how a tax payer wants to see their dollars spent when it comes to the non-human citizens of the city. I'm extremely proud of RACC....their transparency is the best I've ever seen in any level of government. Do you realize how important that is? Donation use and volunteers are included in every aspect of the plans they have for those in their care.

I I urge the city counsel to vote for their move into the building at 2310 Cary St. With more room and better facilities, I have no doubt they will continue to meet and surpass the responsibilities assigned to them by the city leaders.

Thank you

Jane Lanham.

**From:** [Anne Stewart](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** NEW RACC FACILITY  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 9:58:15 AM

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I just wanted to pass on my support for purchasing the building on Cary Street for a new RACC facility. They are a terrific organization and do such good in our community – it's time for them to have a larger and more adequate space.

Anne Stewart

**From:** [Maria Ilario](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New pet adoption center for RACC  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 10:01:24 AM

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Hello! Just writing to share my excitement and support for the city buying a new pet adoption center for RACC! The team so deserves it and so does the city of Richmond. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help push this through.

Many thanks,  
Maria



**From:** [Penny Sedgley](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New Pet Adoption Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 10:24:03 AM

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I'd like to express my support for the new Pet Adoption center! The RACC does such wonderful and meaningful work for the many pets who find new homes and for the City. A city like Richmond is made better by their efforts. Moving to West Cary street will provide better visibility and contribute to the efforts of RACC.

Thank you,

Penny Sedgley  
4th District

**From:** [Rebecca Lipchak](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** 2310 W. Cary St.  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 10:31:12 AM

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Please support plans to purchase the building at 2310 W. Cary St. in order for RACC to expand its wonderful work and provide more space to support that work.

Richmond has a great opportunity to lead in this area.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Herring Lipchak

Goochland

**From:** [SUSAN ROBINSON](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC expansion  
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To whom it may concern:

As a resident of the city of Richmond, I am writing in support of RACC's efforts to purchase the building at 2310 West Cary Street in order to expand their operations. RACC provides a valuable service to the city and to animals of all kinds who are most vulnerable. My neighborhood of Church Hill has seen the lifesaving endeavors that they provide to lost, abandoned and abused animals. As the owner of two rescue dogs, I am grateful for their efforts to save as many animals as possible.

It has become evident over the past few years that their current location cannot absorb the volume of animals they are trying to save and acquiring the West Cary Street building would go a long way in remedying this issue.

I implore you to support their endeavors to expand services to this building.

Regards,

Susan Robinson  
2520 E Franklin St  
Richmond, Va 23223

**From:** [Elizabeth Hopper](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 11:31:31 AM

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RACC is one of the most important organizations in our community. All that they do for the animals that are lost, endangered, injured and homeless in our area is incalculable. Most of my animals have come from RACC over the years. I give money to the Tommie Fund and help when it is needed. After being at the shelter just recently to adopt another dog to add to our pac, I can see how much they need space. The building is old, and although they keep it very clean, a newer facility would add to the work that they do.

RACC is becoming renowned around the country and even world for all the work they do. The Tommy Fund has helped Thousands of animals in Virginia and even beyond.

This city needs a better building and face for this organization. Please help make it possible.

Sincerely  
Elizabeth Hopper  
Retired  
Former Professor at VCU

**From:** [sharon.haithcock](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 12:04:50 PM

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I 100% support the RACC moving to the spot on Cary Street. The animals and employees both need a new, clean, bright and happy facility to make things easier on all involved. The RACC is a great organization and they deserve all the help they can get. My husband and I adopted the most wonderful dog from them several years ago. She brought us more joy than I can tell you.

Thank you for your support of this organization!!

Sharon Haithcock

**From:** [Eva Jacobs](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Support for RACC adoption center  
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Hello,

I am writing to express my strong support for the purchase of the new RACC adoption center on W. Cary St. I am a local emergency veterinarian that has worked with RACC for years. They are by far and away the most incredible animal control/rescue organization I have worked with in my career. I am constantly blown away by RACC's achievements in fundraising, lifesaving, and providing quality veterinary and husbandry care to the city's pets and wildlife in need. Their work is truly impressive and they act as a star model for shelter systems across the country and globe. I wholeheartedly support the purchase of this new adoption center, as it will act to further RACC's ability to provide excellent care to homeless pets in need.

Sincerely,  
Eva Jacobs, VMD

**From:** [Lillian Dunn](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New adoption center for RACC  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 1:14:54 PM

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Dear City of Richmond,

As a born and bred Richmonder, I am so proud of the excellent work done by Richmond Animal Care & Control. The staff is efficient and professional, and the work they do is so important for the well-being of our beautiful city.

I write in support of the City purchasing the property at 2310 W. Cary Street for RACC's use.

Thank you for your time,

R. Lillian Dunn  
5815 Willow Oaks Drive  
Richmond, VA 23225

**From:** [Pat Wood](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New Building for RACC  
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The building at 2310 West Cary Street is such an improvement over the Chamberlayne Avenue property currently used by RACC. It's in a central location with parking available and it's larger, which will accommodate more animals that need temporary housing until they find their forever homes. I hope City Council will consider purchasing this location. It would be a great use of my tax dollars!

Patricia Wood  
3712 Brookside Rd 23225  
804 230-0264



**From:** [Melinda Skinner](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** 2310 W. Cary Street building  
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Purchasing the vacant building on West Cary Street as a new pet adoption center for RACC should be accomplished by the City ASAP. This center will significantly increase space for housing pets in need, engagement with the public, grow community outreach efforts, and save more animals' lives. A new facility in a busy, central location will provide a welcoming space for visitors and potential pet adopters, while greatly improving the environment for our animals while they wait for their forever homes.

Even though neither represents my district, I thank Council President Kristen Nye (4th district) and Council Member Reva Trammell (9th district) for being co-patrons.

Please help this happen! RACC does an extraordinary job rescuing and caring for abandoned animals. I have fostered with them and can attest to their excellent work.

-M. Skinner  
RIC 23223

**From:** [Pat Wood](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New Building for RACC  
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3712 Brookside Rd 23225  
804 230-0264

**From:** [Brenda Bath](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New Building for RACC  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 2:57:38 PM

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Hello,

I'm a long time supporter of RACC and their Team Tommie plates. RACC does a fabulous job with their shelter, and I wish them well in getting a new space for their animals.

Please help them get it!

Thank you,  
Brenda Bath

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ann Pane](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Securing the building at 2310 West Cary Street for New Animal Shelter  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 4:23:50 PM

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Thank you for considering the upgrade and purchase of this building as the new city animal shelter. The City Shelter is one of the best departments in Richmond city government. The people involved are very good representatives of Richmond to the population and the WORK that they DO is CRITICAL. Thank you again for helping them and Richmond become even better.

Ann Pane  
2501 W Broad St R-62  
Richmond VA 23220  
804-475-1671

**From:** [Kim Tran](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC in Carytown  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 4:40:57 PM

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Having an adoption center on Cary St would be great visibility for RACC. I think they could save so many more animals 1. If they had the space and 2. The location is much more palatable for many Richmonders and suburbanites to visit!

Please let them buy the building at 2310 West Cary.

**From:** [Sara Sawyers](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC Expansion  
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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the City's initiative to purchase the building at 2310 West Cary Street for a new pet adoption center for Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC). RACC's mission of rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming pets in need is something I wholeheartedly support, and this new facility will be transformative for the organization and our community.

Expanding to a larger, centrally located space will increase the capacity for housing animals, create a welcoming environment for visitors, and strengthen the public's connection to our local shelter. More importantly, it will help RACC save more animals' lives and expand their impact on our community. I am grateful to Council President Kristen M. Nye and Council Member Reva Trammell for championing this cause.

I encourage you all to support this endeavor and help RACC continue to provide essential services for our city's pets and families.

Thank you for your consideration!

Warm regards,

Sara Sawyers  
[sawyerssm@gmail.com](mailto:sawyerssm@gmail.com)  
(540)903-3704

**From:** [Jacquelyn Stevens](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC Purchase  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 4:56:51 PM

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I am writing to show my support for RACC to purchase the property on Cary Street. I have worked with them & have adopted one of their strays. They continue to help both the citizens and animals of the city  
Jackie Stevens  
2107 Hanover Ave  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Erin N](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC support  
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Hello!

RACC deserves this new building they want to be purchased by the city of Richmond, as they are helping so many of our homeless, hurt, sick, and scared pets that people are abandoning. I am sending this email to voice my support in them obtaining the new building to enhance the amount of animals they can help save. RACC is amazing and I wouldn't want any other city shelter for the Richmond community.

Thank you and I hope to hear good news from RACC soon on behalf of the city providing them with this new building for their life saving endeavors!



**From:** [Tonya Rogers](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 6:22:32 PM

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Hi, I was recently made aware of the opportunity for RACC to open a new location. I 100% endorse this. I met and adopted one of the loves of my life at the RACC. She brought so much joy and happiness into my life. Another location will help visibility and bring more people into this wonderful world. We know how much the pups get from being adopted but no one talks about how much adopting can change a person's life. I hope you will consider opening up this new location.

Thank you,  
Tonya Rogers

**From:** [Catherine Gioeli](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New RACC Building  
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I am writing to support the need for a new building for Richmond Animal Care and Control. As we hear more and more issues about the parts of city government not working, we should be even prouder of the parts that do work well - for all the citizens of Richmond.

Richmond Animal Care and Control is one of the finest small city shelters in the United States. I say that with some experience, having lived in the northeast and spent time in the south working with rescue groups there. I am the treasurer of a northern Virginia rescue. Every weekend you can see photos of the dogs and cats that RACC staff have matched with Richmond residents and you see a microcosm of Richmond: all colors, all ages, varying economic groups. Mostly though you see smiles as Richmond city residents acquire family members who will help their mental health and give them love and companionship.

That would be impressive if it stopped there but RACC has done so much more for the city and could do even more with a better facility. They offer free pet food for residents who need it, to vaccinate city resident pets in order to help keep animals healthy, they offer free spay and neuter to Richmond City residents in need - all of this is through donations from supporters who believe in their mission - outside of their city budget. A new space would allow these programs to expand and allow more residents to take advantage of them. Ask the employees to tell you of the stories of residents who needed vaccines or neutering to keep their housing stable and how RACC was able to provide that.

They have made national news with area school children reading to dogs - a new facility would allow for even better interaction with the children of the city to teach them responsible pet ownership and protection.

Animal ownership teaches children responsibility and helps the mental health of residents living alone. RACC has made this possible for Richmond city residents.

The fact that so many supporters are willing to fund these extracurricular programs and the city employees are happy to add this work to their responsibilities shows you of the love Richmond residents have for their shelter and staff.

The current building needs all sorts of repairs and that list will grow as time goes on. This building would give the city a facility that we could be proud of for generations to come.

Please support the purchase of this building.

Thank you.

Catherine Gioeli  
3103 Grantland Drive  
Richmond, VA 23221

**From:** [Tammy Nguyen](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Support for the Purchase of 2310 West Cary Street for RACC  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 6:40:22 PM

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Hello,

I would like to express my support for the purchase of 2310 West Cary Street for Richmond Animal Care and Control. I lived in Richmond City for 10 years and adopted my current pet Stinkerbell from RACC. RACC has continued to support the community within RIC and outside of it. My family and I love RACC and their mission. This is long overdue and much anticipated.

Sincerely,

Tammy Nguyen

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Tammy T. Nguyen  
[TammyNguyenT@gmail.com](mailto:TammyNguyenT@gmail.com)

**From:** [Elke Jack](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New adoption Center for RACC  
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Hello,  
I'm writing to express my support for the new adoption Center on cary Street.  
I think it's an ideal location because it's in a high commerce area of town. Because of it's visible location,  
I think this will only speed up the process of adopting the wonderful animals that need homes.  
Thanks for your consideration.  
Sincerely,  
Elke Jack

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**From:** [Joshua Duval](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RAAC  
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As a resident of Richmond city, I am extremely excited about the potential for the city to purchase the building on Cary Street for an adoption center.

Over the years living in Richmond, I've watched RACC grow and do wonderful things for the vulnerable pet population. I've devoted my time and money to help support them and I ask the city to push forward and make this building purchase a reality for RACC, the animals and the community at large.

Thank you,  
Josh Duval

**From:** [Kim F.](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Cc:** [Nye, Kristen M. - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** RACC  
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Hello,

My name is Kim Faulkner, I am in regards to Richmond Animal Care and Control potentially getting a new building on Cary st. I am fully supporting of them getting this building because they do so much for the communities with the animals that abandoned and left in bad condition and need help. I have been donating them for several years and I also follow their page on Facebook, they are doing the best they can and with being filled to capacity this new building would help. I hope the city of the Richmond would approve of this new building.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kim Faulkner

**From:** [Lori Boykin](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New building for RACC  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 11:32:34 PM

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Good evening!

This purchase of this new building would be tremendous asset for RACC, the people of the community, and the animals. It makes my heart happy that something good and awesome could come from this. This would help more animals find the care and the loving homes they deserve. Thank you for considering this and hopefully it can happen. RACC is so deserving of this! They are continuously working to help the animals that so desperately need it!

Thank you!

Lori Boykin

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [redrubies](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Please help RACC expand  
**Date:** Thursday, October 3, 2024 12:17:45 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to support the purchase of the Cary St. building for Richmind Animal Care and Control (RACC) so they can expand their services. RACC provides essential assistance to animals in need in the Richmond area, and they are often at capacity in their current location. I adopted my cat from RACC and know first hand how wonderful they are. Please allow them to expand by purchasing the vacant Cary Street building for them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Linda Kopec

**From:** [Ashley Rose](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** New RACC Building  
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Good Morning,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing in to show support of the city purchasing the building at 2310 West Cary Street, to be RACC'S new location. A bigger building not only means saving more lives potentially, but it also means those that cannot afford to care for their pets anymore will have a better opportunity to surrender them properly as there would be more space.

2024 has probably been the worst I've seen for abandonment, slower adoptions, and all those in animal welfare are burning at both ends. I personally would love to see a local organization like RACC have more space so they can continue the great work they do saving the lives of animals, even those that have to be humanely euthanized. This also would create more space for volunteers!

Sincerely,

Ashley Rose  
Salty Paws Mobile Pet Care

**From:** [Jill Nuckols](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC New Space  
**Date:** Thursday, October 3, 2024 8:29:13 AM

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Hello!

I am so excited to hear about the new space Richmond Animal Care & Control is looking to secure. They do amazing work and have such a passion for animals & a love for the community. They set the bar for compassion and I hope that they will be allowed to purchase this new space so they can continue their good work!

Thank you!  
Jillian Nuckols



**From:** [D deT](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC building purchase  
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As a former resident of Richmond City, current resident of Henrico County and multiple adopter from RACC, I urge you to allow the purchase of the building to add adoption space for the facility. The amount of abandoned animals that RACC has to care for every year also makes me want you to impose a large fine on any individual who has an unneutered dog or cat, but I know that's probably asking too much.

Sincerely,  
Deborah deTreville

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Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.

- Chief Seattle

**From:** [Heather Cecil](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC Cary Street Opportunity  
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Good morning! Please move forward with this wonderful opportunity to provide a secondary shelter for Richmond Animal Care & Control (RACC).

While it seems many aren't doing what's best for their pets, this incredible organization DOES step up for them, gives them safety, and helps many broken animal spirits learn to recognize kindness, feel love, and find their voice again. These people who truly do this 24-7 even off the clock; RACC... Richmond's animal residents who have no choice or say in how they're treated... They ALL need this space.

Please join them in stepping up and doing your part: Give them the gift of this building.

Thank you

Heather Cecil

**From:** [Lisette Johnson](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC  
**Date:** Thursday, October 3, 2024 10:03:03 AM

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Sending all the support to RACC's new location on Cary Street. This will be huge in expanding their adoptions and providing more much needed space. We are lucky to have such an amazing city animal control and this new space on Cary Street will benefit everyone, especially the animals!

Lisette Johnson

**From:** [Joyce Wells](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC moving to a new building.  
**Date:** Thursday, October 3, 2024 10:31:16 AM

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Hello Richmond Council,

I'm writing to you today to encourage you to purchase the building at 2310 West Cary Street for Richmond Animal Care & Control. They deserve a new building for all the great work they do for our city and the surrounding counties.

I have been supporting RACC for many years. I have given many dogs a forever home. Every time I go to visit not only rescue dogs they seem to have more and more animals and less and less room for them. I always order something from their wish list on Amazon to help give the animals at RACC the best and most comfortable life they can have.

What I'm trying to say is if anyone deserves a new expanded facility its RACC.

Thank you very much for your time.

Patron of RACC

Joyce Wells

**From:** [Emily Fox-Brennan](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC - please support the new building at 2310 W Cary St!  
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Good morning,

I cannot express how incredible Richmond Animal Care and Control is with the help of SO many animals. I have adopted two cats from them, and the cats have become family members who we love and cherish. One of the cats was born with a flat chest instead of a barrel chest, which impacted their ability to walk. They 'army crawled' instead of walking, and their back legs looked like frog legs. They spent countless hours providing kitty cat physical therapy to the kitten, and now, you would have no idea he was ever limited in his mobility. That speaks volumes to the care and heart they have when taking in animals and finding them loving homes. They do their best for every.single.animal they bring into their care.

I am writing to request votes to purchase the 2310 West Cary Street building for the new pet adoption center for RACC! They are in desperate need of more space to accommodate all the animals that are found and surrendered. They have totally outgrown their current space!

I can't speak highly enough about RACC, and I proudly support them by adopting cats and sporting the TeamTommie license plate!

Sincerely,  
Emily Fox-Brennan



**From:** [Mary Frechette](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC support for new building  
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This email is to show support for a new building that is desperately needed for RACC. Even though I am not a resident of Richmond city, I adopted from RACC 5 years ago. My baby Fenway came to us at 10 wks old, she helped mend broken hearts of our family losing 2 of our babies at 16 years old each. What RACC does not just for the city of Richmond but for all areas and beyond is just truly admirable and amazing. The need for the animals to have a safe place to be cared for and hopefully find their fur-ever homes. The staff deserve this opportunity.

Thank you  
Mary Frechette - RACC SUPPORTER and adopted since 2019.

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**From:** [Emma](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Please Help RACC!  
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Hello,

I am emailing to express my support for buying 2310 West Cary for RACC. This could be a life changing decision for animals in need in Richmond! Please make the right decision and improve the lives and opportunities for the animals and volunteers!!

Thank you so much,  
Emma Taggart

**From:** [Emma Wilson](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC Building  
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Hello,

I live in Richmond's Northside and am writing in to show my support for the purchase of a new building for RACC.

My husband and I adopted our dog, Athena, from RACC two years ago this month. She was rescued off the streets by RACC officers and is a constant source of joy in our lives.

RACC made the adoption process a breeze, and I cannot overstate how helpful they were in helping us find the perfect addition to our home. We didn't even go in looking for her, but RACC's adoption coordinator brought her out to us and it was love at first sight.

RACC has since helped me reunite strays in my neighborhood with their owners. They provide an invaluable service to our community and I am eager to show my support for them whenever I can.

Best,  
Emma (& Athena) Wilson



**From:** [Dana Dise](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC New Building  
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Hello!

My name is Dana Dise and I work for Reeve Aesthetics here in Richmond. I am reaching out in support of Richmond Animal Care and Control. We had the honor of sponsoring them for our holiday benefit last year. We had an incredible turn out as so many people showed up to support them. All of our patients were ecstatic that we chose them as they are a staple shelter here and do an awesome job at spreading awareness for animal adoption and caring for the animals in their shelter. You can tell each and every one of their workers and volunteers have so much passion in their hearts for these animals. They do an awesome job on their social media and try so hard to find them forever homes. I wholeheartedly believe they deserve an additional location as this will increase the space for housing pets in need and improve the environment for their animals while they wait for their forever homes!

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**Dana Dise**

Rêvée Guest Relations  
(804) 270-5920

**From:** [Wayne Tyree](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC-Cary Town  
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I would like to add my family's support, and profound trust that Council members and the City of Richmond leaders will support, and approve the Cary Street facility for RACC. The addition of this beautiful, and perfectly located facility would ensure that the City maintains and enhances the Five Star reputation that Animal Care and Control has attained for Richmond. The City's recognition for quality and compassionate animal care reaches well beyond the City and metropolitan area. In addition to being an adopter, and monthly donor, I have Team Tommy plates and everywhere I travel I find that people know RACC, and subsequently leaves them with such a positive view of the City.

In addition I am often asked about the plates and it gives me the opportunity to relate the story and the wonderful legacy the City and RACC has provided for so many animals and subsequently their human families. In these times of so much negativity the City of Richmond shines bright with the reputation of Richmond Animal Care and Control.

The Cary Street facility is perfectly located to draw adopters from such a wide geographical area. In addition there would be no problem staffing the facility with volunteers and supporters - me included.

City and County "dog pounds" have long held such a negative and sad reputation, often times located at the landfill and literally the end of the road for animals. The City of Richmond stands as a shining exception, but the current facility has been outgrown leaving the dedicated staff, volunteers and foster homes stretched and stressed. I implore you to continue and enhance the legacy the City has attained, and support and approve the Cary Street facility. It will be repaid a hundredfold in recognition and goodwill for the City of Richmond.

Thank you for your consideration

Nelson W Tyree

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**From:** [Abby B](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC Support  
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Hello,

I am writing to share my support for RACC in hopes that their new space will be approved for purchase. I have seen first hand the impacts of their work on our community, and I am hopeful that the chance to expand their space will allow them to save more animals and allow more families to grow by welcoming a pet. RACC is cherished by many here in Richmond for their tireless work, and they are more than deserving of additional support. I am hopeful that their new space will be approved so that they can continue to grow and serve our city with love. Thank you!

Abby Juarez

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**From:** [Tom Burkhardt](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Richmond Animal Control Adoptions Center  
**Date:** Thursday, October 3, 2024 4:40:46 PM

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As a Fan resident and RACC volunteer writing to express my huge enthusiasm for purchase of the property at 2310 W. Cary.

The staff do a great job under what are, to put it mildly, very stressful conditions. Their efforts should certainly be recognized. Purchase of the property for use as an adoptions center makes huge sense and serves as a sign to the staff and to all Richmonders that we appreciate their efforts and take their contributions seriously.

Please move this project forward quickly.

Tom Burkhardt  
1908 Grove Avenue

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Jonathon Mitchell](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC Rules!  
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Hello,

I just want to take a minute to tell you how much we love Richmond Animal Care and Control! We adopted our pup, Autumn, from RACC in 2017 and absolutely loved the experience. I work for the military and we took Autumn to Germany with us for 5 years, moving back to RVA last summer. What an experience! Our RACC pup has been on a gondola in Venice, hiked mountains in Switzerland, tasted cheese in France, and swam in the English Channel.

RACC helped bring so much joy to our family, especially our now two year old. As we did a home birth, Autumn was literally at her Momma's side when our daughter was born. We love RACC so much we have a #TeamTommy license plate and donate every year to support other good pups to end up at other loving families.

Please help RACC make their move to Cary Street a success! I know they can put the space to good use.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Jon Mitchell  
3021 Lamb Ave

**From:** [Lauren Sawyer](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Support for RACC and the new space proposal  
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To whom it may concern,

We are a small business in the city of Richmond and had the privilege of working with RACC last year as part of our holiday fundraiser. We met the team and toured the shelter. They are an incredible group of people doing everything they can for our city's animals...but they need more space. We strongly urge your support in making this much needed dream a reality.

On behalf of myself and all 17 team members here at Reeve, thank you for your consideration!

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**Lauren Sawyer**

Practice Manager

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**From:** [Ashley Pearson](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Support for new RACC pet adoption center  
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Dear City Clerks Office Team,

I wanted to outline my full support for a new RACC pet adoption center in the vacant building in Carytown. RACC provides an essential service to the community and the animals in the community and additional space would be vital to the operations. I got my best friend from there over three years ago and because of RACC, he went from being an unclaimed stray dog to being super loved, spoiled, and part of the family. Additional space would only enhance RACC's operations and bring additional life to a vacant building in Carytown.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter,  
Ashley Lonergan

**From:** [JACK & ASHLEY SHEA](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RACC new pet adoption building  
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To: Members of the Richmond City Council

We are writing to enthusiastically support the city's purchase of the 2310 West Cary Street building to house a new pet adoption facility for Richmond Animal Care and Control.

As fairly new residents of Richmond (less than two years), we are still learning about the city, but we became aware of RACC very quickly when we needed to license our dog. Thanks to social media, we have been able to keep up with the extraordinary work these dedicated people do every day in so many spheres. It is heartbreaking to witness the many tragedies of animal rescue, but RACC staff and volunteers are on the ground every day, doing what they can to save lives and give comfort to animals in need, on top of finding homes for the dogs and cats in their care.

We were able to participate with RACC in a happier situation earlier this year when we entered our dog in the first Muttminster/Meowminster show. It was a delight to witness the community support for this effort and to see the many pets who competed. It was a surprise and a thrill when our Lana was awarded Best in Category (Rescue Story) and ultimately Best in Show for dogs.

We urge the members of the City Council to vote for the purchase of this building so that our city shelter can expand its facilities to such an outstanding location--a public-facing building in a prime foot traffic area that increases the eyes on adoptable dogs and cats and exposes residents to the life-saving work of Richmond Animal Care and Control.

Thank you.

Ashley, Jack, and Lana Shea  
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Richmond, VA 23220