

Ord. No. 2018-051
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March 12, 2018

Via Mail and Email: Matthew.Ebinger@RichmondGov.com

Matthew Ebinger, AICP
Planning and Development Review
City of Richmond
900 E. Broad St., Room 511
Richmond, VA 23219

RE: Support for Tabernacle Baptist Church/Tabernacle Child Care Center
Special Use Permit # SUP-023978-2017
Ordinance Reference 2018-051
1911, 1913, 1915 Grove Avenue

Dear Mr. Ebinger,

I am writing to voice my individual support of the Special Use Permit # SUP-023978-2017/Ordinance Reference 2018-051, requested by Tabernacle Baptist Church/Tabernacle Child Care Center (TCCC).

As a resident of the Fan and a member of the Fan District Association Zoning Committee, I have already had the opportunity to review and consider this SUP in detail. I am very pleased that the FDA voted unanimously not to oppose this SUP, and wish to add my own individual support for the request. It is important to provide TCCC with a waiver from City zoning requirements that would otherwise require moving the mulched, playground equipment area if required setbacks are enforced. I also believe that we need to offer relief from the usual zoning requirements related to playground size, types of fencing, and number of parking spaces available to the TCCC staff. In short, the zoning requirements at issue in this SUP would have a negative impact if strictly enforced due to the unique nature of this parcel and TCCC's use. As a result, the relief requested by the applicant in this case is very much appropriate and in line with the intended effect of the City's Zoning Ordinance: namely, the promotion of the public health, safety, and welfare.

Furthermore, we anticipate enrolling our first child in TCCC this summer, and as a future TCCC parent, I feel that permitting the requested waivers is positive for our neighborhood, as well as for the children that TCCC cares for on a daily basis. The requested waivers would afford TCCC the maximum amount of space for children to play in an open but secure environment, and

allow them to continue to provide excellent child care in the Fan – something that is desperately needed and not largely available.

I sincerely appreciate your assistance in helping this SUP request be approved by the Planning Commission and City Council. Thank you for your consideration of my support of this SUP.

Very truly yours,



Christopher M. Mackenzie
City of Richmond Resident, 2nd District

cc: Craig Bieber (via email to craig.bieber@richmondgov.com)
Jonathan Brown (via email to Jonathan.Brown@richmondgov.com)
Kimberly Gray (via email to kimberly.gray@richmondgov.com)
Donna Soyars, Tabernacle Baptist Church (Soyars2@Verizon.net)

Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR

From: Molly Escalante [molly.escalante@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 10:35 AM
To: Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Cc: Bieber, Craig K. - City Council Office
Subject: Special Use Permit # SUP-023978-2017

Dear Matthew,

I am writing in support of the Special Use Permit [# SUP-023978-2017/ Ordinance Reference 2018-051] requested by Tabernacle Baptist Church/Tabernacle Child Care Center (TCCC). As a TCCC parent, I feel that it is important to provide them with a waiver from City zoning requirements that would require moving TCCC's mulched playground equipment area, if required setbacks are enforced. I also believe that we need to offer relief from the usual zoning requirements related to playground size, types of fencing, and number of parking spaces available to the TCCC staff. Permitting these types of waivers is positive for our neighborhood, as well as for the children that TCCC cares for on a daily basis, including my own children, giving us all the maximum amount of space for children to play in an open, but secure environment.

I sincerely appreciate your assistance in helping this SUP request to be approved by the Planning Commission and City Council. My family has lived in the City's 1st District since we moved to Richmond in 2005. When our first child was born in 2012, it was a significant challenge to find a high quality day care provider located near where we live and work in the city limits - a struggle that I have learned many other families living in the city face. Having such an excellent child care provider in an urban area is beneficial to Richmond families, and maintaining and encouraging organizations/services like TCCC will help the city retain its residents from moving to the surrounding counties where it is perceived that more options for child care exist. Enabling TCCC continue to serve our children in the established playground area is particularly helpful to them.

Thank you for your consideration of my support of this SUP,

Molly Escalante
TCCC Parent and Richmond resident

cc: Craig Bieber (craig.bieber@richmondgov.com)

Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR

From: Charles Smith [clsmithiv@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 10:08 PM
To: Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR; Bieber, Craig K. - City Council Office
Subject: Special Use permit Tabernacle

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Best,
Charles Smith

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Charles Smith
804.380.0269

March 14, 2018

Via Mail and/or Email (Matthew.Ebinger@RichmondGov.com)

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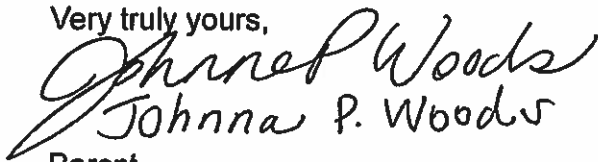
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Very truly yours,


Johanna P. Woods
Parent

cc: Craig Bieber (craig.bieber@richmondgov.com)

March 8, 2018

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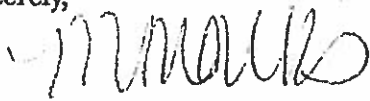
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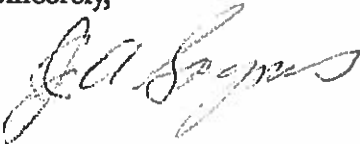
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Bieber". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

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 **SARA H. GIBSON**

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