

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>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2024 6:42 PM
To: PRLandUseAdmin@rva.gov <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
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
Date: Monday, September 30, 2024 7:53:30 PM

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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
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
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 adopter, 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
Date: Monday, September 30, 2024 9:56:23 PM

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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
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC's new building
Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 10:08:27 PM

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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
Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 10:30:18 PM

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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

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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
Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 9:14:56 PM

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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
Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 9:21:41 PM

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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
Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 9:56:38 PM

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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
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 8:39:31 AM

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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
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 10:35:11 AM

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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
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 12:48:56 PM

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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
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 3:57:54 PM

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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
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 3:23:31 PM

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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
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 3:57:54 PM

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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
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 4:56:23 PM

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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
(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
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 6:10:35 PM

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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
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 6:39:51 PM

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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

From: [Elke Jack](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New adoption Center for RACC
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 8:29:27 PM

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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 its 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
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 11:09:26 PM

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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
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 8:25:48 AM

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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
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 9:39:56 AM

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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
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 9:52:23 AM

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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!
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 10:36:37 AM

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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
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 10:51:46 AM

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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!
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 11:08:16 AM

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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
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 12:22:56 PM

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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
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 12:45:31 PM

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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
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 1:46:49 PM

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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

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Abby B](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Support
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 3:06:30 PM

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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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Abby Broas Juarez

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

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From: [Jonathon Mitchell](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Rules!
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 8:12:41 PM

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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
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 10:08:40 AM

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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

Rêvée Aesthetics

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■ lsawyer@myreeve.com
■ www.myreeve.com
■ 5300 Patterson Avenue
Richmond, VA 23226

From: [Ashley Pearson](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for new RACC pet adoption center
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 11:22:48 AM

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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
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 1:49:55 PM

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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
110 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd., Apt. #5
Richmond, VA 23220

From: [Debby Buchanan](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Racc expansion
Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024 11:07:26 AM

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RACC is the heart of Richmond. Let's give our support for the new expansion. This represents what Richmond is all about.

From: [Blair Clancy](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Expanded RACC
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 7:53:35 PM

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Please vote yes for funding the expanded space for the RACC! Our unhomed pets need your help and the overcrowding of the current space cannot be ignored.

Thank you for caring about RVA's furry friends.

~ Blair Clancy

From: [Becca Schalow](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 7:57:44 PM

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Please allow/approve RACCs expansion to new location to help the city's animals in need.

Rebecca schalow
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From: [Michele Martin](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC New Shelter Support
Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024 8:21:28 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to express my support for funds to expand RACC. They provide invaluable services and support in this community and deserve the chance to be able to serve more people and animals. I myself have had to take a dumped animal there and even though they were filled to the gills, they didnt turn me or the dog away. As a matter of fact, director Christie Chipps Peters was there herself, helping to intake the dog. She is so hands on and runs RACC as well as she is able with what she has. I cant imagine what she could do with more space!

Thank you
Catherine Martin
District 6 Resident

From: [William Walker](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Possible New Building
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 6:03:04 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

Please give serious consideration to purchasing the new building for RACC. They do so much work every single day and are so dedicated to saving innocent lives. I am proud to say that I am a team Tommy supporter and am very proud of my team Tommy license plate. Thank you so much.

From: [Kristy vanagas](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: EXPANSION FOR RACC
Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024 11:25:25 AM

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WOW this is soooooo urgent!!! Please consider helping animals in need find their home by providing a proper place for them to decompress and be adopted. More and more animals have been dumped in recent years, especially after Covid. It absolutely blows my mind how cruel people can be. And I also see hunting dogs just “dumped” because hunters don’t want to feed them over the winter. I still can’t believe that they aren’t prosecuted on a regular basis.

There are a lot of animal lovers out there. So many more are trying to do the right thing by adopting and not buying from backyard greedy breeders. So many fighting for spay and neuter. So many fighting for TNR. So many just fighting for animals every day. Please help us help them.

Thank you

Kristianne Vanagas
"Adopt, don't shop!"

From: [Molly Waller](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC
Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024 11:52:22 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing today to express my support for Richmond Animal Care and Control's expansion to Cary Town.

As a former volunteer and vet tech who has worked with RACC for many years I can attest to their absolute dedication and vision for success to help as many of our citie's furry residents as possible.

As a veterinary professional who has lived in other states and counties and worked with other shelters, RACC is setting the standard for what other organizations should be striving for. RVA is lucky to have such a wonderful group making such a profound impact.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Molly Waller, LVT
804-314-2703
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mary Winslow](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC's proposed expansion
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I am writing in support of RACC's proposed expansion to an additional facility at 2310 W Cary St.

They clearly need more space to handle the various animal issues in the city of Richmond, and their current plan seems very reasonable. Please support RACC in this project!

Mary Winslow
10 Paxton Road, Richmond VA 23226

From: [Patti Thmpson](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC
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Please help the animals
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To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Support
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I am emailing to show my support for the RACC in getting the funding to acquire more space for their work. I think it's incredibly important to fund their cause and allow them to continue the selfless work that they do. I've adopted a few pets and can't imagine my life without them. That wouldn't have been possible without RACC. Please heavily consider providing them with the funding they need for the new space.

Thank you
Warmly,
Brittany Wilkerson

From: [Maira Carapico](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC
Date: Sunday, October 6, 2024 11:14:32 AM

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Please support the work that RACC does and vote to allow the purchase of 2310 Cary St.

From: [Kelsey Marshall](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC New Adoption Center
Date: Sunday, October 6, 2024 11:20:47 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am a volunteer with RACC and overall huge animal advocate. I am MAJORLY in favor of RACC's new adoption center and believe strongly that with a larger, more modern environment, for the animal, volunteers and community to visit and adopt there would be a huge benefit to all involved. Please consider!

Thank you,
Kelsey Marshall

From: [Rick Sanders](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New Home for RACC - Thanks!
Date: Sunday, October 6, 2024 11:26:54 AM

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President Nye,

Please let me express my gratitude for your support of establishing the new facility for the RACC on West Cary Street. The excellent work that the RACC does today will certainly be enhanced by the new facility and I suspect that the location will also attract more visitors who will foster and adopt the animals in need of homes.

Thank you so much for what you and the Council are doing for the RACC and our community.

Richard Sanders
2825 Skipton Road
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lisa Nordskog](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Richmond Animal Care & Control Expansion
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Dear City Council Members,

Please approve the bill for RAC&C's expansion project. No other Government agency is more deserving than RAC&C who works tirelessly around the clock to save the strays of Richmond. This building will help give the agency the much needed space to save the stray animals and find their forever homes.

Thank you!
Richmond Animal Care & Control Supporter
Lisa Nordskog

From: [Charlene Noll](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Letter of Support
Date: Sunday, October 6, 2024 7:16:31 PM

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Dear Richmond Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my full support for Richmond Animal Care and Control's (RACC) proposal to establish a new adoption center at 2310 W Cary Street. RACC is not only a vital component of our city's infrastructure but also a reflection of the compassion and dedication of Richmond's residents toward animal welfare. The addition of this adoption center in such a central and accessible location will significantly enhance RACC's ability to engage with the public, educate the community, and ensure more animals find loving homes.

This project is more than just an expansion of services—it is a strategic move that will allow RACC to elevate its efforts to promote responsible pet ownership, increase adoptions, and reduce the strain on our existing animal shelters. By placing this facility on Cary Street, RACC will be positioned to reach a broader audience and provide prospective adopters with a welcoming and supportive environment that prioritizes the well-being of the animals. This, in turn, will help reduce the number of homeless pets in the city while contributing to the overall vibrancy of the Cary Street area.

As a veterinarian who has worked with RACC and as a resident of Richmond's 6th Voter District, I have seen firsthand the positive impact RACC has on both our animals and our community. Their programs consistently make a measurable difference year after year. I strongly believe that this adoption center will further those efforts and be a win-win for the City of Richmond.

I wholeheartedly urge the City Council to approve this project, as it stands to benefit not just the animals of our city, but the entire Richmond community. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for further discussion.

Sincerely,
Charlene Noll MSME, DVM, DACVS-LA
1502 Porter St
Richmond, VA 23224
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From: [Zack Ruud](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Peters, Christie C. - ACC](#)
Subject: RACC Letter of Support
Date: Sunday, October 6, 2024 7:31:05 PM

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Dear Members of the Richmond City Council,

I am writing as a resident of Richmond's 6th Voter District and as someone who deeply cares about animal welfare to express my strong support for the proposed new adoption center at [2310 West Cary Street](#), led by Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC).

As an advocate for homeless animals and someone who believes in the life-changing power of adoption, I am excited by the prospect of this center. Richmond has long been a community that cares about the well-being of animals, and RACC has made a significant impact in finding loving homes for so many of our city's stray, surrendered, and neglected pets. The new adoption center would provide a vital, accessible space where more people can meet adoptable animals and help alleviate overcrowding in shelters.

Moreover, a new center in such a central location would not only help save more lives but would also encourage more Richmonders to consider adopting rather than shopping for pets. Adoption gives homeless animals a second chance at life, and every additional resource we can offer helps expand the reach of that message.

I believe this proposal is a positive step toward strengthening Richmond's reputation as a compassionate, animal-friendly city. Please lend your full support to this important initiative. Together, we can ensure that more animals find loving homes while enriching the lives of countless families.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Zachary Ruud
Resident, 6th Voter District
[1502 Porter St](#)
[Richmond, VA 23224](#)

From: [Dan Lewis](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New RACC location
Date: Sunday, October 6, 2024 8:40:43 PM

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To whom it may concern,

My family is writing in support of the new location for RACC. We have been a huge supporter and follower of this amazing facility. The RACC has been a pivotal facility for the animals of the Richmond Area. The Team Tommie fun and the horrible events of that situation in 2019 seemed to escalate the business and give the RACC more visibility.

Anyway, we are writing to encourage you to support this new amazing life saving facility. I think the new location and the need for a larger facility for this life saving work is important. And then the old location can be a transition location, as they mention.

Please help the RACC continue their amazing steps to reunite or save animals lives. Christie has such a big heart and the Richmond area should be very proud of the success they have. We are here to support!

Please help them. The community is also here to support them !
Sincerely, Inga and Dan Lewis

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ashley Calkins](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for RACC's Proposed Adoption Center
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 4:06:06 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am a City of Richmond resident. I am writing in support of the proposed adoption center for Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC).

I have been a volunteer with RACC for 10 years. I served on the RACC Foundation Board for 6 years (5 as President). I have adopted 3 pets from RACC.

Over the past decade, I have watched the shelter transform from a typical, sad municipal shelter into a place of hope. RACC's initiatives, deep commitment to the animals in its care, brilliant social media outreach, and creativity have simply transformed the shelter into an example for all municipal shelters across the state and country. RACC has developed a network of supporters, adopters, fosters, and fans from across the world. Thousands of animals have been saved as a direct result of the leadership and hard work happening at RACC.

I understand that an adoption center at 2310 W. Cary Street is being considered. I strongly support this project. The current shelter needs more space. Having adoptable animals at a separate location will make space for more animals in need at the shelter and keep adoptable animals healthy. A new space on Cary Street would serve another neighborhood in the city and likely bring adoption interests from new adopters and folks visiting the area.

The plans I've heard about incorporating community into the new space are really exciting. The adoption center would house animals but also serve as a resource and gathering place for humans. Given RACC's extreme success with social media and branding, I could easily imagine the adoption center becoming a tourist destination and a true Richmond landmark. The team at RACC would make magic happen with a great new space.

I support this project 100%. If you have any questions or would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to reach out.

I can be reached at 804-484-2538.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Ashley Dobbin Calkins

From: [louise.laukhuff](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 6:08:39 PM

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Yes! This is a wonderful opportunity to help even more Richmond animals who need homes to find them in a more efficient manner and space.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ilana Griffith](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 9:31:23 PM

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This shelter is long overdue. The employees, the volunteers and the animals in their care have been put on the back burner, completely neglected, while City employees, over bloated social services and corrupt “Mayors” continue to line their pockets, award themselves raises and expect their pensions to be funded at taxpayer expense.
Its about time.

From: [Rebecca Thomas](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New Shelter
Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024 7:11:14 AM

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I am a resident of the city and in full support of the new shelter on Cary Street.

Rebecca Thomas, founder

[Eat real food now](#), and you won't **need** a diet in January.



From: chasesix@aol.com
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please vote in favor of RACC!!
Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024 8:01:38 AM

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We have always adopted from shelters and RACC is our favorite. If you haven't been to their current location, I suggest you do so. They have done a phenomenal job with what they have but deserve so much, much better.

Please vote YES to their new space on Cary St!!!! They will make excellent use of the space and we know they will be a fabulous addition to the neighborhood.

VOTE YES!!

Liesel and Jon Chase
Residents of the City of Richmond

From: [Mary Taylor](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Richmond Animal Care and Control
Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024 8:25:02 AM

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Please help this Wonderful organization with the opportunity to expand get this new building so they can save more of our abused and unwanted animals. These people are God sent, they work tirelessly to help so very many Dogs,Cats,Horses,Chickens and whatever animals find a safe and loving home. I pray you do the right thing and help with all your might. The City and the people of Richmond,Va. and surrounding areas need to help now, for the decline of our animals health and well being is coming into an alarming trend. Also any person or persons that abuse or neglect their animals should be arrested and prosecuted immediately. And never in their lives be able to get another animal for any reason. Thank You, a proud owner of a Tommie license plate!

From: [Mary Taylor](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Fwd: Richmond Animal Care and Control
Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024 12:00:04 PM

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Date: Sat, Oct 5, 2024 at 8:24 AM
Subject: Richmond Animal Care and Control
To: <CityClerksOffice@rva.gov>

Please help this Wonderful organization with the opportunity to expand get this new building so they can save more of our abused and unwanted animals. These people are God sent, they work tirelessly to help so very many Dogs,Cats,Horses,Chickens and whatever animals find a safe and loving home. I pray you do the right thing and help with all your might. The City and the people of Richmond,Va. and surrounding areas need to help now, for the decline of our animals health and will being is coming into an alarming trend. Also any person or persons that abuse or neglect their animals should be arrested and prosecuted immediately. And never in their lives be able to get another animal for any reason. Thank You, a proud owner of a Tommie license plate!

From: [mary_eaton](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Animal Care and Control
Date: Sunday, October 6, 2024 6:46:24 AM

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I support the expansion of Animal Care and Control to help animals in the Richmond area. They are wonderful people that help our city animals find their forever home.

Thank you,

Mary Shirl Eaton

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From: [Elizabeth Williams](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC New Location
Date: Sunday, October 6, 2024 10:26:19 AM

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Richmond City Council,

I understand that RACC has an opportunity to acquire an additional location on Cary Street, which they could use as an adoption center. As a supporter of RACC, I wanted to reach out and express my support and ask that you support as well.

We are fortunate in Richmond to have RACC as a resource as the staff is so focused on helping displaced animals find loving homes. This new adoption center will position RACC to expand on the great work they are already doing, and I think their vision is spot on.

Please support this important project!

Elizabeth H Williams

From: [Ashley Anderson](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Date: Sunday, October 6, 2024 4:19:44 PM

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I do not support it and would like to start a rally against it these monsters allowed a kitten to die that could of loved had they gave an actual damn I called over and over begging and pleasing for then to come save a kitten that was mauled by a dog and was told it wasn't their problem their not vets wasn't anything they could do so why do they need donations and a new location to DO NOTHING I gave my story to all news stations I hope it flops

From: [Amy](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: I Fully Support the Expansion
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 6:07:19 AM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please let the record show that I fully support the expansion of RACC. As someone who TNRs and fosters for the city and with this being a free roam state, we need it.

There are just too many sick and young animals that often get turned away from lack of space and so many of us desperately want more done for them; our hearts shatter each and every time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Amy Fry

From: raynamae10@gmail.com
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC adoption center
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 10:41:38 AM

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My name is Rayna Alfonso and I support the city purchasing the property off Cary street for RACC. This will enhance their adoptions as well as improve the lives of these dogs they save everyday. This upgrade will provide them with much needed space as well as more adoptions with such a great location. I support!

From: [Charlie Ansley](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Proposed Purchase of 2310 West Cary Street for Use by RACC
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 11:50:34 AM

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Greetings,

I write enthusiastically **in support of** the proposal for the City of Richmond to purchase the vacant building at 2310 West Cary Street for use by Richmond Animal Care and Control as a new pet adoption center.

Over the last year, I have had the immense pleasure of getting to know the RACC staff as a foster parent of one of their dogs and as a frequent visitor to their adoption center. My partner and I have also been grateful for the swift and professional response of the animal control officers to assist with stray and injured animals. I cannot speak highly enough of the dedication, compassion, and extraordinary work ethic of the staff as a whole. Their exemplary public service reflects highly on the City and on the animal welfare community at large. Put simply, we love RACC!

The acquisition of the Cary Street property is a unique opportunity to dramatically enhance the services RACC provides. First and foremost, *the animals* in RACC's care stand to benefit from increased space and improved facilities. *The staff and volunteers* can benefit from reduced crowding and the addition of more spaces dedicated to specific uses (e.g. grooming, recreation, staff work areas, etc.). *The public* will benefit from having a larger, more welcoming space to meet adoptable animals and take advantage of other RACC services. And *the City* will benefit from elevating one of its most cherished institutions and reaping the benefits of improved adoption and care services for its stray, injured, neglected, and abused animals.

I proudly support RACC, and I strongly encourage the Council members to approve the proposed action.

Respectfully,
Charlie Ansley

From: [Ingo Hamann](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Expansion
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 11:50:41 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I strongly support the expansion of RACC into the building in Cary Street as this would be a much needed addition to the existing place because the rising amount of stray dogs and other dogs/animals in dire need has reached unseen levels.

The RACC is the only public shelter in downtown Richmond and they do amazing work so I urge you to approve this project.

Kindly

Susan Hamann

From: [Shaunah Gordon](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 1:30:24 PM

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Hello,

I have recently heard that RACC has the opportunity to build a new shelter space at 2310 West Cary Street. I adopted my two cats from RACC and they do excellent work providing shelter for homeless animals and working to get them adopted as quickly as possible. Please support their move to this new space in Carytown so that they may continue helping as many animals as possible!

Sincerely,
Shaunah Gordon

From: [Amanda Stevens](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 1:45:54 PM

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Hello,

I want to voice my support for the new racc location. I believe the foot traffic on Cary St would be amazing for pets looking to be adopted.

Thank you,
Amanda Stevens

From: [Lynn Wu](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for RACC New Adoption Center
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 3:39:54 PM

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Hello,

I am a relatively new Richmond resident living in Oregon Hill and a volunteer at RACC. I've grown to adore the city and the local animal shelter.

It's thrilling to hear about the opportunity for the City to purchase a vacant building at 2310 West Cary Street for a new pet adoption center for RACC. I fully support this endeavor and hope it becomes reality!

Thank you to Council President Kristen Nye (4th district) and Council Member Reva Trammell (8th district) for being co-patrons on these papers.

Thanks,
Lynn

From: [SUSAN SAAVEDRA](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for a new pet adoption center for RACC
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 6:46:11 PM

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I fully support the purchase of the property at 2310 West Cary Street for a new pet adoption center for RACC. This is, I believe, both an efficient and an effective use of City funds.

Sincerely,
Susan A Sanchez-Saavedra
3517 Moss Side Avenue
Richmond 23222

From: [Luke Rhodes](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC expansion
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 8:05:10 AM

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Hello! I wanted to send you a quick email voicing my overwhelming support for the expansion of RACC to the Cary street location they're hoping to purchase. Please please give them the funds and support they need! Thank you so much, and let me know anything else I can do to support.

Robert Rhodes
143 Labrook Drive
Richmond VA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Adrianna Clinton](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: new RACC adoption building
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 10:26:36 AM

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Hello there,

I am writing to express my joy at the possibility of RACC purchasing an adoption building. They have squeezed so much space and amazing work into the current building, but it's not enough. I have fostered, and volunteered for RACX since 2014 and see the amazing changes they have made to adapt their increase in lives saved in such a small area. But they are in desperate need for new space.

Thank you so much for their opportunity.

From: [Susan Tyler](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Support for New Facility
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 3:00:41 PM

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City of Richmond,

I write to you as a former resident of the city of Richmond, and as a Virginia resident. Richmond Animal Care and Control has been a long-standing and much needed resource for our community. Their passion for animal welfare and impact on our community is tremendous. I have personally both fostered and adopted through RACC, and it is clear that they do amazing work that I have not seen at other organizations.

RACC knows how to stretch a resource beyond belief, but **they deserve better**. If you haven't already, please go tour their current facilities. You will see firsthand how largely they need a new place. A new adoption facility would tremendously benefit our community, assist them as they continue as they work with animals, and as they ensure animals are prepared and placed in loving homes. I am in favor of any resources that can assist RACC in acquiring this property. I hope you too will support RACC in this endeavor.

Susan Tyler

From: [Stewart Allen](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please purchase 2310 West Cary Street for RACC!
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 7:32:44 PM

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Hello!

I'm writing to show my support of city purchasing the property at 2310 West Cary Street so that Richmond Animal Care and Control can do even MORE good work for the animals in Richmond. Two of our pets (Myrtle the pitty and Penny the very odd cat) came from RACC. They've done amazing work with the resources they have - this purchase will not be a waste of money!

Thank you!
Stewart Allen

From: [Vipin Jui](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 8:44:43 PM

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Good evening,

I am writing to let you know that I support the RACC expanding to Cary Street. Thank you!

- Vipin

From: [Pamela Wright](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for RACC
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 2:39:47 PM

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City Council,

As a long time city resident, 5th district homeowner, retired RPS teacher, and RACC volunteer, I would like to express my overwhelming support for the purchase of of the property at 2310 West Cary Street for an Adoption Center. This purchase would add such greatly needed space to provide better living arrangements for our companion animals while they await adoption. Christie Chipps Peters and her staff do an incredible job and this space is certainly needed to provide the best care for our companion animals.

Thank you.

Pamela wright
715 Rothesay Road
Richmond, va 23221
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From: [Jean Bailey](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for RACC New Adoption Center
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 4:19:32 PM

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Greetings!

Please support the proposed new RACC adoption center. This concept behind this type of center will greatly add to the community, care, and experience for animals and people alike.

I hope you will appreciate the value of this center and vote to support it.

Thank you!

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Jean

From: [Kelley Schmidt](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC support to move to better location
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 9:20:54 AM

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To who it may concern,

I am writing on behalf our our city shelter. They are the most caring and wonderful organization that does amazing work to save animals in our community. They are in such a small space and are in need of moving to this new location so they can continue to do their magic and life saving skills and find home for many deserving animals needing love and affection.

Please allow them this new space to continue their amazing work!

Kelley Schmidt and Ed Ohman

From: nancymillr@aol.com
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RAAC
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 12:34:25 PM

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I am writing in support of the proposed new RAAC facility on Cary Street. Long overdue!!

Nancy Miller

From: [Michelle Pfeiffer](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Richmond Animal Care and Control
Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 5:49:58 PM

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I'm writing to show my love for the shelter. As a volunteer I see firsthand how much they do for the city's most vulnerable animals. They so need the new building and everything that will come with having more space.

They don't just shelter and care for the animals they also give them love, stability and enrichment activities.

I'm so proud of the shelter and it's dedicated employees. Please approve the gift of this space.

Michelle Pfeiffer

From: [Pfeiffer, Charles R RICVAMC](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC!
Date: Thursday, October 10, 2024 2:59:47 PM

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Just wanted to give a shout out of support for RACC. As a volunteer there I am amazed at the job they do. I hear the city is thinking of giving them a building in the Carytown area. They could most definitely use some extra space and I think the extra exposure would do them well.

Again just wanted to voice my support for a fantastic organization!! Charlie Pfeiffer

From: [Anna Meshejian](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Thankful for RACC
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 7:50:03 PM

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Hello,

I am writing in favor of the Richmond Animal Care and Control moving into their new, upgraded space on the 2300 block of Cary St. in the Fan. I have volunteered with RACC in the past, walking dogs and making donations. These animals have brought me much comfort during trying times, and the people of RACC ensure they are treated with dignity. They do everything they can to give them the socialization they need, all with humanity and loving care. I am so grateful they are my city shelter. I can't wait to have them closer to where I live so I can support them more.

Sincerely,

Anna Meshejian
2223 Rosewood Ave.
Richmond VA 23220
434.315.4755

From: [Valerie Bennett](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: SUPPORT RACC expansion to Cary Street
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 7:56:13 PM

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City Council members,

I SUPPORT the RVA expansion. What an opportunity to make RVA a nationally recognized model for animal shelter and adoption!

Christi Peters is a gem as a spokesperson for RACC in RVA. Her demonstrated expertise, genuine compassion and attractive public image will benefit all of RVA.

Valerie Bennett
Henrico, VA 23060

From: [Rachel Larson](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC New Location
Date: Saturday, October 12, 2024 9:25:28 AM

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Good morning!

I am writing to express my strong support for Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC) in their efforts to acquire a new location on Cary Street. Since I began volunteering with RACC in June, I have been continually inspired by the dedication and compassion they demonstrate for every animal in their care.

Securing this new facility would significantly enhance RACC's ability to serve our community and improve the lives of countless animals.

Thank you for considering this important opportunity.

Thank you,
Rachel Larson

From: [Wilson, Julianna \(VSP\)](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Facilities Expansion Support
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 5:29:20 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my full support of the expansion of Richmond Animal Care and Control facilities. RACC has a vital role in ensuring the well-being of animals in need, providing compassionate care, and working tirelessly to find loving homes for pets. As a foster parent and adopter, I can attest that their efforts not only protect animals but also enrich the lives of the people who adopt and care for them.

As someone who has witnessed the positive impact of RACC, I can personally attest to how their work promotes a more humane and responsible community. Whether through their rescue operations, fostering programs, or community outreach, RACC sets an example of dedication and care that benefits both animals and people in Richmond.

I wholeheartedly support their mission and believe that continued support for RACC with this expansion project is vital for the welfare of our animals and the overall health of our community.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Julie Wilson

Julie Wilson | IT Project Manager | Virginia State Police
Best way to contact me: Julie.Wilson@vsp.virginia.gov
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From: [Marcia Cosby](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Shelter Expansion Opposition
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 9:51:58 AM

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Dear Council Members,

With all the negative housing issues and housing insecurities facing the residents of RVA, spending \$2 Million on an animal shelter is a slap in the face to those who are struggling to keep their homes and inappropriate.

The pets have a functional shelter. There are many people who do not. A new animal shelter is a luxury at this time and should not even be considered.

Please do not approve funds for this project.

Thank you.

From: bcanulli@aol.com
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Purchase of new shelter for homeless animals
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 7:36:12 AM

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Please approve the purchase of the building at 2310 West Cary Street for RACC.

The current shelter is totally unfit for the amount of animals. There also is no way to present the animals to the public to be adopted or have any outside space of their own.

Just visit the shelter and look into the sad eyes of the residents and your heart will break.

Thank you. We are financial donors to the shelter.

Lou and Beth Canulli

From: [Blair Blanchette](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for RACC Shelter Expansion/Building on Cary
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 9:04:03 AM

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Hello:

I'm writing in support of Richmond Animal Care and Control's acquisition of a new space on Cary Street.

RACC is an incredible community resource that would only serve our community better with a new, expanded, and welcoming space.

Over my ten years in Richmond, I've dropped off several lost animals at RACC and always been grateful for the staff's kindness and support. Maintaining the Chamberlayne location for drop-offs is a critical need in our community.

I've also spent the last several months meeting with pets in RACC's care, looking for a new addition to my family. While the animals in RACC's current space are clearly well cared for and loved, the space itself is not conducive to adoptions. In particular, the cat room is small, isolated, and invisible to the public except for a small sign.

The new space would do wonders for facilitating adoptions, allowing these animals to put their best paws forward when Richmonder's visit.

Please support RACC's expansion into the new space!

Blair Blanchette
Northside Richmond

From: [Laroyce](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: The City Does Not Need A New Animal Shelter
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 10:29:01 AM

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Building a two million dollar "palace" with amenities for homeless pets is just wrong when so many people in Richmond are facing housing problems. There are not enough beds for the growing homeless population, and if this animal shelter is approved, the pets will be living better than humans. It is great to love homeless pets but right now humans in Richmond are suffering and an animal shelter should not be a priority. There are progressive and creative ways to alleviate animal shelter crowding without spending money to expand. Spending millions on a new animal adoption center may make the RACC director happy but does not serve the overall good of the Richmond community. Please vote "no" on the new animal shelter proposal.

Thank you.

From: [Emily Robinson](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: No New Animal Shelter
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 10:55:51 AM

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A new and expanded animal shelter is nothing more than a vanity project that Richmond does not need or want. The current shelter is functional and many citizens enjoy visiting it,

Richmond's housing, unsafe infrastructure and school overcrowding problems should be priorities.

Funding a new animal shelter is an example of fiscal irresponsibility and an insult to the taxpayers and voters of Richmond,

Please do not move forward with this project.

From: [Wayne Tyree](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC-Cary Street
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 4:02:26 PM

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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: [Wayne Tyree](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC-Cary Street
Date: Friday, October 25, 2024 3:15:30 PM

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Thank you for your consideration

Nelson W Tyree

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Emily Wilson](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Re: New Adoption Space for RACC --WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 12:06:18 PM

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RACC is single greatest part of our city, please find a way to give them all the funds they need!

On Mon, Oct 28, 2024 at 11:26 AM Peters, Christie C. - ACC <Christie.Peters@rva.gov> wrote:

Good Morning!

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying this beautiful Fall weather. I am writing to you today for your help. RACC has the opportunity to purchase a new building to expand services and relocate our adoption operation to a high traffic location at 2310 W Cary Street. We have been looking for options to alleviate space constraints at our 1600 Chamberlayne Ave location for a few years. Options for renovations or building a new facility all require more funding than the City can cover. The City of Richmond administration has identified funding (CIP bond funds which are restricted to infrastructure) to purchase this \$2M building and provide minimal renovation at \$1.5M. Now we need Richmond City Council to approve this! Full details of this proposed ordinance can be found [here](#).

We are thankful to have the support of our two Co-Patrons, Council President Ny (4th district) and Councillor Trammell (8th district) but need to gain more traction with other City Council members to get these papers passed. This is where you come in. Would you be willing to email the councillors listed below a letter of support? Outline your engagement with RACC and why you think they should support this project? We do think this is the most cost-effective way to ensure the future of RACC operations for years to come. You can copy and paste all the contacts in one email or if you know any of the members personally, please feel to reach out individually.

andreas.addison@rva.gov

katherine.jordan@rva.gov

ann-frances.lambert@rva.gov

stephanie.lynch@rva.gov

ellen.robertson@rva.gov

cynthia.newbille@rva.gov

nicole.jones@rva.gov

CityClerksoffice@rva.gov

Additionally, we invite you to join us at the City Council meeting on 11/12 @6pm to share your support in person. We have a [facebook](#) event set up with details for participation. If you are able to attend or speak virtually, we would love you forever. Thank you in advance for any support you would be willing to provide. We appreciate you!

p.s. if you would like to tour the new space please let me know, we would love to let you see our dream in person. Thank you again!

Christie Chipps Peters, Director

Richmond Animal Care & Control

1600 Chamberlayne Ave.

Richmond, VA 23222

Christie.peters@rva.gov

www.rva.gov/animal-care-control



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Emily Wilson

From: [Foust Foust](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC new adoption center
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 1:12:45 PM

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I support ORD. 2024-251, allowing Richmond Animal Care and Control to acquire an additional building for their adoption efforts.

We can judge a city by how it treats its most vulnerable residents. RACC has been a shining example of how to do it right. They work tirelessly to protect, rescue, and rehome animals throughout the city and their efforts make me proud to be a Richmond resident. To continue their mission, they need more space and 2310 W Cary Street would offer them that, plus the opportunity to attract more visitors and potential adopters as it is in an area of higher traffic.

I hope you will support their request.

Debra Foust

<http://www.foustfoustfoust.com>

From: [Mary Taylor](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Re: Richmond Animal Care and Control
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 6:32:16 PM

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On Sat, Oct 5, 2024 at 11:59 AM Mary Taylor <rptaylor1@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: **Mary Taylor** <rptaylor1@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Oct 5, 2024 at 8:24 AM
Subject: Richmond Animal Care and Control
To: <CityClerksOffice@rva.gov>

Please help this Wonderful organization with the opportunity to expand get this new building so they can save more of our abused and unwanted animals. These people are God sent, they work tirelessly to help so very many Dogs,Cats,Horses,Chickens and whatever animals find a safe and loving home. I pray you do the right thing and help with all your might. The City and the people of Richmond,Va. and surrounding areas need to help now, for the decline of our animals health and will being is coming into an alarming trend. Also any person or persons that abuse or neglect their animals should be arrested and prosecuted immediately. And never in their lives be able to get another animal for any reason. Thank You, a proud owner of a Tommie license plate!

From: [Andrew Cunney](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC adoption center near Herbert Hamlet Aly
Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 8:25:16 AM

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Hello,

I am an owner of an apartment at 2722 Herbert Hamlet Aly. We have a massive and persistent problem of cars parking in our paid parking spots. It is already difficult to manage parking and not have random business visitors use the spaces I have paid for. I am not in favor of the

RACC adoption center

if they do not have their own designated parking as visitors will certainly use the residential paid parking located at 7 Stafford (our leased parking lot) and greatly inconvenience the residents when they need to park in their own space, which they pay for. The police do not enforce parking in this lot and we rely on tow operators to take cars. That takes a long time and there is no place to park while we wait. Every business should arrange for their own parking.

Thank you,

Andrew Cunney

From: [Robin Bassett](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#)
Subject: ORD.2024-251
Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 2:08:27 PM

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I am writing to express my support for ORD.2024-251 which would initiate the transfer of funds from DPW Road Improvement Project to purchase the building at 2310 W. Cary Street for Richmond Animal Care and Control. This bill is sponsored by President Ny and Councillor Trammell.

As long time supporters of RACC, my family has continued to be amazed at what has been accomplished at the Chamberlayne Avenue facility over the past decade. As an open intake shelter, I believe the only one in Richmond, RACC welcomes any and all animals who are without care in addition to protecting those that are in unhealthy situations. A large part of their budget, therefore, goes to veterinary care for the variety of injuries, infections that present with these animals. We are fortunate to have an amazing staff that cares for the shelter animals and does their utmost to find loving homes for them. This staff is so dedicated to this effort that the shelter has seen a dramatic decrease in the number of animals that are euthanized - a point that is a real credit to our City. Having worked with a local animal rescue group, I can confirm that the staff at RACC is very highly regarded in the rescue community - also a credit to our City.

Working in a old building with limited space, RACC is literally performing miracles. I believe that an opportunity to set up an adoption center in a high visibility, high traffic area would give them and even greater opportunity to do amazing work. It would free up space at the current shelter and give the animals ready for adoption a much greater opportunity to meet potential adopters in a calm environment. This is a project that would benefit all the animals that come under the care of RACC.

I encourage you to support this proposal and by extension, the animals in Richmond who are homeless, neglected or abused. RACC is a bright star and they deserve to have the facilities to increase their vital impact.

Thanks for your consideration,

Robin R Bassett

335 Oak Lane
Richmond, Virginia 23226

(804) 288-0386

From: [Janet Strauss](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Richmond Animal Care and Control
Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 3:27:57 PM

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I am writing to you to urge the city to provide funds to purchase and renovate the building at 2310 West Cary Street. This would provide a new facility to replace the old and overcrowded location at 1600 Chamberlayne Ave.

I have been a resident of the city for the past 27 years and have adopted several cats from RACC. These animals have brought me great joy and comfort and I can't imagine my life without them. We owe it to our furry friends to support them and as the need grows we need to respond.

Thank you for your attention.
Janet Briggs Strauss
709 West 24th Street
Richmond, VA 23225

From: [Sarah Story](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please support RACC
Date: Friday, November 1, 2024 6:16:38 AM

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My family adopted a cat named Brownie in 2015 from Richmond Animal Care and Control. They do amazing - and important - work. I hope you will support their request for a larger facility. It's really needed. They are such a positive force within the City.

Thank you!

-Sarah Story

From: [Andrea Ball](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for Amending Bond Ordinance for New RACC Facility
Date: Friday, November 1, 2024 6:51:01 AM

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Good morning. I know that you are all busy, and the upcoming election is creating extra work and anxiety for everyone, but I want to write to **encourage you to support amending the Bond Ordinance 2024-100 to allow funding of the purchase and renovation of a new facility for Richmond Animal Care and Control.**

My husband and I moved to Richmond in 2013 and currently own a business downtown, and we have two cats that we adopted from RACC in 2016.

One thing about the City of Richmond that struck me most as a newcomer was the reach and community support for animals in need. RACC has done an amazing -- and in my experience having lived in other cities-- unprecedented job of integrating itself into the fabric of the City to promote rescue of cats and dogs *as the norm*.

Folks in Richmond who would otherwise purchase fancy dogs from breeders adopt from RACC! It is really a model for the nation, and the City should recognize and celebrate this achievement with a new facility that will allow RACC to grow and more successfully do its difficult and heartbreaking/heartwarming work.

Thank you
Andrea Ball

From: [Penny Sedgley](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); andreas.addison@rva.gov; [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#)
Subject: New RACC Adoption Center
Date: Friday, November 1, 2024 7:19:45 AM

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I am writing in support of the new adoption center for RACC. A city the size and stature of Richmond needs a pet adoption center in a location such as Carytown, more accessible and recognizable than the current location. The citizens and the animals need and deserve this!

Thank you,

Penny Sedgley
4308 Forest Hill Ave, Richmond, VA 23225

From: [Jim Gottier](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: support for new RACC facility
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Good morning, i am reaching out to you to ask for you to join me and thousands of other folks in Richmond to help get funding for RACC's new facility on Cary Street. I am a downtown business owner and have always been so happy to see how much Richmond cares about its homeless animals. We have two cats from RACC and most everyone I know has earned the love of an animal from this great, caring, institution. Please approve and continue the great tradition that Richmond has in valuing the lives of our furry friends..thank you for reading this.

yours,
jim

From: [Donna Oldham](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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Dear Councilors:

Please approve the purchase of a new adoption space for RACC scheduled for the upcoming November 12th city council meeting; Council President Nye (4th District) and Councilor Trammell (8th District) have already given their support:

File #:	ORD. 2024-251	Version: 1	Name:
Type:	Ordinance	Status:	Regular Agenda
File created:	9/24/2024	In control:	City Council
On agenda:	11/12/2024	Final action:	
Title:	To amend Ord. No. 2024-100, adopted May 13, 2024, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and determined a means of financing the same, by (i) transferring \$2,000,000.00 from the Department of Public Works' Commerce Road Improvement Project in the Transportation - Federal/State/Regional category; (ii) establishing a new project for the Office of Animal Care and Control in the Capital Investment Opportunities category called the "Richmond Animal Care & Control Adoption Center" project, and (iii) appropriating such transferred funds to the Office of		

Animal Care and Control's new project in the Capital Investment Opportunities category called the Richmond Animal Care & Control Adoption Center project, all for the purpose of providing funding for the acquisition of the real properties located at 2310 West Cary Street and 2311 Herbert Hamlet Alley in

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Patrons: [Mayor Stoney](#), [President Kristen Nye](#), [Reva Trammell](#)

Attachments: 1. [Ord. No. 2024-251](#), 2. [Staff Report](#), 3. [Public Comment_Planning Commission](#), 4. [Public Comment_Council](#)

[ORD. 2024-25](#)

RACC is a huge contributor to all things animals with its no-kill shelter in our community and extra space is sorely needed to help make not only their dreams, but the animals' dreams come true as well.

Thank you for your consideration on this ordinance and have a great day.

Donna Oldham

From: [Amanda R.](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New RACC space
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Hello City Council,

I am reaching out to voice my strong support of purchasing the new adoption space for RACC. I have been volunteering with RACC for years and my family has also enjoyed the gift of meeting our best friend at RACC. RACC is a critical part of Richmond and expanding access to adoptions will be a huge support to our community. This expansion will give RACC the proper amount of space to do the important work that they do every day. This particular location being in a very high traffic area will raise awareness and adoptions far more than what can currently be done. I hope that you all will vote in favor of purchasing the new space on November 12. Thank you,

Amanda Roaf
Museum District resident
RACC volunteer

From: [Ilana Griffith](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC
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RACC is long overdue for a new facility in a safer location. The current facility is, obviously, outdated and unsafe. Chamberlayne Ave. is not a safe location for animals, employees or volunteers. A location further West is better suited for all.

Our family has supported the facility, financially and by volunteering, since the SPCA was located there in the 1970's! Why has it taken 60+ yrs. for City of Richmond to address this issue?! Has your living space been updated since the 1970's?

It's time to surrender those taxpayer funded credit cards.

Have a good day.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Debbie Allen](#)
To: [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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Council Members,

I am writing to you today about the proposed acquisition of the building on Cary Street, that is 10 feet away from the property line behind my house on Addison.

While we are totally in support of the mission of RACC, we have the following concerns, primarily because of its proximity to a residential neighborhood:

*PARKING - currently at a premium with the established residents, there is no room for extra staff or visitor parking in the area

*NOISE - besides barking dogs, there is the increased noise of trash trucks that we understand must collect refuse on more than a weekly basis

*ADOPTION CENTER VS SHELTER - we are not clear on whether this would be used just for adoptable animals, or whether this will be a shelter for strays and lost dogs - as those are two different entities altogether

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Bill and Debbie Allen

From: [Katie Renz Herring](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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Good morning!

I am a city resident in Ellen Robertson's district and am writing in support of the proposed project to move Richmond Animal Care and Control to 2310 W Cary Street.

In the Fan close to Carytown, VCU campus, and Byrd Park - a much more walkable part of the city near lots of young professionals and families is clearly where it belongs. This move would benefit the whole city making RACC more centrally located instead of potential pet owners having to trek up to Chamberlayne. I know it's not that far, but lots of Richmonders rely on public transportation or walking to access what they need and where the current facility is requires extra steps and planning for many in our city. That's not just affecting adoption rates; citizens who are currently unable to volunteer would now be able to bring fresh energy and support to the organization, which hopefully leads to being better able to keep up with the constant influx of animals.

My neighborhood often has cats and dogs roaming free and all end up at RACC eventually. Anything that can keep the flow of animals going to good, caring homes instead of draining the system should be prioritized. Our own dog was adopted from RACC and she's brought so much joy and love into our lives; this move would make adoption accessible to more families and I am 110% behind it.

Thank you all for all you do to make our city a better place to live!

Best regards,
Katie Herring
Bellmeade Resident

From: [David Dubois](#)
Subject: New RACC Adoption Center
Date: Friday, November 1, 2024 10:15:03 AM

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Good Morning!

I am writing to you as a Richmond resident asking you to help get RACC approved and moved to the new adoption center they are seeking.

Not only does RACC provide us Richmonders with a much needed service to help keep stray animals off the streets, but they do so much more.

They find these animals homes. But theyre more than homes. In these trying times, where people are living with all manner of things going on, a pet can be a mental health life saver. Growing up as a child with a pet is an important life and learning experience to teach responsibility. There are so many benefits to both Richmonders having a pet and to keeping homeless pets off the street that RACC's job is one of the most important in town.

They deserve a great new building to keep doing that job!

Thank you for your time.
David Dubois

From: thebodyochrist@aol.com
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [RACCF](#)
Subject: RACC
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As a supporter of RACC, I strongly encourage Richmond City Council to support the opportunity to purchase a new adoption space for RACC with a favorable vote on November 12th.

Jesus is LORD!
Be listening for His trumpet.

From: [Kathy Whitlock](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support the Opportunity to Purchase a New Adoption Space for RACC
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Good Friday morning, ladies:

I moved here to Richmond from Westchester county in New York four years ago when our corporate team was made remote. I've always been a supporter of animal adoption (all of my pets are rescues). Since coming here, I've been consistently impressed with how much RACC is doing for the community: there's no shortage of passion, energy and hard work. But they could do so much more with a dedicated, expanded space.

I'm adding my voice to ask for your support and positive vote on November 12. Richmond residents and animals in need would very much appreciate it!

Thanks and best regards,

Kathy



Kathy Whitlock | VP, Strategy & Insights

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To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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I'm writing to voice my support (and encourage yours as well) for funding of the proposed new RACC shelter on Cary Street. My wife and I have donated in support of RACC for many years and are strong supporters of their work. Please help them to keep Richmond an animal-friendly city!

Signed,

Dan Corcoran

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To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Peters, Christie C. - ACC](#)
Subject: RACC
Date: Friday, November 1, 2024 12:31:32 PM

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Dear Richmond City Council members:

Please support the opportunity to purchase a new adoption space for RACC with a favorable vote on November 12th. I am a 20-year Richmond City resident and have acquired 3 animals from RACC over the years. They are the kindest and most hard-working staff that do so much with so little. They work hard for Richmond residents and Richmond animals. Please give them more space to be able to do their work and help many more people and animals!

Kelly McAdams

From: [DENISE ALBER](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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I am asking you to support the new location for RACC. They are a huge part of the Richmond community, because of them animals have a chance of a better life. There are so many animals out there on the streets with no homes and the RACC take every single one of them off of the streets to help them get adopted. They could get killed living on the streets. The larger building would give them a chance to help more animals in need and reduce the overcrowding that they have now due to many people abandoning their animals because of many different reasons. It is up to all of us to help these animals that have no voice. Please vote yes for the new location for RACC and give all animals a fighting chance.

Denise Alber
Atlantic Pump & Equipment Co., Inc.
301 Richmond Highway
Richmond, VA 23224

From: [Christine Holley](#)
To: [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#)
Cc: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Proposed Ordinance: Richmond Animal Care & Control Adoption Center Project
Date: Friday, November 1, 2024 3:17:28 PM

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Hello Nicole,

I'm writing to express **my support of the "Richmond Animal Care & Control Adoption Center" project**, on which you will be asked to vote Nov. 12. This proposed ordinance would give RACC a new adoption space designed to accelerate the growth of their department, and the animals and people they serve. Here are a few points to consider as you evaluate this ordinance:

- RACC is **deeply rooted in Richmond history** heralded as the first city pound founded in 1902 and the only open-admission animal shelter in the City of Richmond to-date.
- Based on its resources, RACC has had an **inordinate impact on reducing Richmond's stray animal population** providing humane care for more than 3,000 stray, sick, injured, and relinquished pets each year.
- RACC has demonstrated **one of the most effective communications strategies to support its mission**, not just in Richmond but globally, with 53,000 Instagram followers and 126,000 Facebook followers, further putting the city on the map as an innovator among shelter programs.
- **The RACC Foundation has demonstrated enormous success at raising funds** that offset not just its own expenses, but those of other Virginia shelters and public animal control agencies. Case in point is the **Tommie Fund** (in honor of a pit bull who was tied to a fence, set on fire and later died), which met its donation goal in less than 24 hours and generated \$104,580 in 2023 alone from DMV license plate sales.

As a public and analyst relations professional leading successful programs for global software companies over the last 25-plus years, **I am beyond impressed at how an animal shelter has elevated its visibility and credibility by executing on the most sensible yet innovative business principles**. Please consider passing this ordinance so RACC can expand its footprint, and in doing so, **give the City of Richmond an even greater opportunity to showcase its visionary leadership and**

strengthen its voice as a community that cares.

Thoughtfully,
Christine

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Christine Holley

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From: [SUSAN SAAVEDRA](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for New RACC Adoption Center
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I live in Ann-Frances Lambert's district, but address this to all of you to express my support for the new RACC adoption center. This addition will help mitigate the current crisis in animal care. I believe it's the right thing to do, to help both animals and their people, now and in the future.

Sincerely,
Susan Saavedra

From: [Tanja](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Adoption Center in the Fan
Date: Saturday, November 2, 2024 12:02:13 PM

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Good morning,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC) Adoption Center at 2310 W. Cary Street and 2311 Herbert Hamlet Alley. As a resident of 2318 Herbert Hamlet Alley, I am directly impacted by this proposed development.

While I support the mission of RACC, I believe that the proposed location is fundamentally unsuitable for several reasons:

1. Incompatible Zoning:

- The proposed site is located within a residential neighborhood, not a commercial or industrial zone.
- An animal adoption center, with its inherent noise, traffic, and potential odors, is incompatible with the residential area.

2. Parking and Traffic Congestion:

- The limited parking available at the site will inevitably lead to increased street parking and traffic congestion in the neighborhood, including people parking wrongfully on our designated parking spots and us having to manage that.
- The frequent movement of animals, both indoors and outdoors, will further contribute to noise and traffic disturbances.

3. Noise Pollution:

- The constant barking of dogs and meowing of cats, combined with the noise of animal care activities, will significantly degrade the quality of life for nearby residents.
- A comprehensive noise impact study should be conducted to assess the potential noise levels and mitigation measures. No noise study or any soundproofing is in the proposed plans by RACC.

4. Sanitation and Odor Concerns:

- The placement of a dumpster for animal waste in close proximity to residential units raises serious concerns about odor and sanitation.
- RACC's trash pick up is 3x/week, which will add additional excessive noise and traffic withing the alley.

From: [JACK & ASHLEY SHEA](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#)
Cc: [Peters, Christie C. - ACC](#); [Hemsworth, Christy L. - ACC](#)
Subject: In support of RACC building purchase
Date: Sunday, November 3, 2024 12:16:24 PM

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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
110 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd., Apt. #5
Richmond, VA 23220

From: [Denise Burnette](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for purchase a new adoption space for RACC
Date: Sunday, November 3, 2024 6:58:12 PM

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I am writing to respectfully encourage your support of a new adoption space for RACC. When I adopted an older dog there last year, there was literally no space for additional animals and he was scheduled to be euthanized to make space. I believe we have an ethical duty to ensure the care and safety of vulnerable animals and will appreciate your action in this regard.

Sincerely,
Denise Burnette, PhD,

From: [Scott Norton](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New adoption center for RACC
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 8:40:43 AM

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my support of the "Richmond Animal Care & Control Adoption Center" project, on which you will be asked to vote Nov. 12. This proposed ordinance would give RACC a new adoption space designed to accelerate the growth of their department, and benefit the animals and people they serve. Please consider voting in favor of this ordinance.

Thanks for your time.

Scott

From: [Lindsay Hamrick \(she/her/hers\)](#)
To: [Nye, Kristen M. - City Council](#); [Trammell, Reva M. - City Council](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: HSUS: Support Letter Ord #2024-251
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 2:51:32 PM
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Dear President Nye and Members of the Richmond City Council,

I am the Director of Shelter Outreach & Engagement for the Humane Society of the United States, a national animal protection organization that works closely with shelters and rescues across the country. Attached please find our letter of support for Ordinance #2024-251 and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

We appreciate your time on this important proposal.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Hamrick, CAWA, CPDT-KA, M.S.

Director of Shelter Outreach & Engagement

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November 4, 2024

Richmond City Council
900 E. Broad Street, Suite 305
Richmond, Virginia 23219

RE: Ordinance # 2024-251

Dear President Nye and Members of the Richmond City Council,

As the shelter outreach & engagement director for the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), I would like to offer our support of efforts to purchase new adoption space for Richmond Animal Care & Control. The HSUS is a national animal protection organization and while we don't oversee the work of individual shelters, we engage with hundreds of them each year. Richmond Animal Care & Control has been a long-time partner of the HSUS and exemplifies professionalism in animal services.

Animal shelters across the country have been in a crisis since the pandemic with a backlog of animals in their care¹. Animals arrive at animal shelters for many complex reasons, often connected to systemic challenges their families face such as availability of pet-inclusive housing and access to veterinary and wellness care for their pets. The expertise of animal shelter professionals is critical not only to improving animal welfare and public safety in a community but, in elevating the health and welfare of those who love their pets and simply need access to pet resources.

Richmond Animal Care & Control consistently meets the needs of both the pets and their families in their community and a new space will allow them to connect more pets in need with families searching for a new animal. The more efficiently animals receive services and move back into the community, the more pets can be helped. Often, when established organizations are able to move into new facilities, their ability to grow prevention programs also expands, thereby addressing the multitude of reasons that pets are separated from their families in the first place. Given their long history of understanding the complexity of animal sheltering and the specific challenges in the Richmond area, a new space can allow them to more effectively help more families and pets.

Thank you for your consideration of this strong proposal.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Hamrick, CAWA, M.S., CPDT-KA
Director of Shelter Outreach & Engagement
The Humane Society of the United States
lhamrick@humanesociety.org

¹ Shelter Animals Count, [2024 Mid-Year Report](#)

From: [Patricia Holley](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Project - Request to support this ordinance
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 10:57:10 AM

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Hello City Council Members,

I'm writing to express my support of the "Richmond Animal Care & Control Adoption Center" project, on which you will be asked to vote Nov. 12. This proposed ordinance would give RACC a new adoption space designed to accelerate the growth of their department, and the animals and people they serve.

- RACC is deeply rooted in Richmond history heralded as the first city pound founded in 1902 and the only open-admission animal shelter in the City of Richmond to date.
- Based on its resources, RACC has had an inordinate impact on reducing Richmond's stray animal population providing humane care for more than 3,000 stray, sick, injured, and relinquished pets each year.
- The RACC Foundation has demonstrated enormous success at raising funds that offset not just its own expenses, but those of other Virginia shelters and public animal control agencies. Case in point is the **Tommie Fund** (in honor of a pit bull who was tied to a fence, set on fire and later died), which met its donation goal in less than 24 hours and generated \$104,580 in 2023 alone from DMV license plate sales.

Please consider passing this ordinance so RACC can expand its footprint, and in doing so, give the City of Richmond an even greater opportunity to showcase its visionary leadership and strengthen its voice as a community that cares.

Thank you,

Patricia Holley

From: [Ihsan Topaloglu](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Formal public comment re: purchase of property at 2310 W. Cary St.
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 8:05:22 AM

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Dear Members of the City Council,

I'm writing to submit a formal public comment **against** the proposed purchase of the property at 2310 W. Cary St. and the establishment of the Richmond Animal Care and Control Adoption center at this location.

As a resident and property owner at 2318 Herbert Hamlet Aly, my condo faces directly the aforementioned property. I am concerned about the noise pollution this center will create. RACC director Christie Peters said they do not expect noise to be an issue, given the structural integrity of the shelter; however, this building does not even have properly insulated double-glass windows. Instead, the windows in the back of the property feature simple polycarbonate windows.

Christie Peters also mentioned that the shelter would have its own dumpster which would be placed in Herbert Hamlet Aly, and it would be emptied 3-4 times per week. I am concerned that this would create an unnecessary traffic in the alley with garbage trucks trying to maneuver multiple times a week. The entrance to our building is directly through the alley, and we already suffer from high-speed traffic passing through.

According to Christie Peters, the shelter would not have any designated off-street parking, although they expect this location to be an adoption center with a significant volume of customer traffic. Unfortunately, they could not answer the question regarding my concern how the RACC will control that its customers will not park their vehicles in our parking lot behind the adoption center. Their response was to simply call the towing company.

Finally, beyond these personal concerns, I think that the City should be spending its funds for the benefit of its human inhabitants. While I appreciate the important work of the RACC (me and my partner fostered cats in the past, and we currently live with our rescued furry friend), the people in this city are in desperate need of more crucial projects. During the meeting the Christie Peters held, they mentioned that the funds reserved for the purchase of this property need to be used only for infrastructure related projects. I'm sure as you all are aware such funds would be better spent, for example, to improve the condition of Richmond public schools, to provide more shelter space for the unhoused folks, or to establish a safe harbor for survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking. There are

many more examples one could add to this list which would improve the lives of the people of Richmond.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

-Ihsan Topaloglu

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From: [Isabel Adkins](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New Shelter Building for RACC
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 8:50:18 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to say I fully support RACC's efforts to try and secure a new adoption building in Richmond city. It is very much needed to continue to grow their organization and help more animals in need. I hope you consider also supporting that mission.

Best,
Isabel Adkins

From: [Lydia Worden](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New Shelter Location for RACC
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 8:50:26 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I would love to see RACC have this new shelter building. I fully support adding this building for them. I am excited for their future!

Thank you for your time,
Lydia Worden

From: [Haley Childress](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC possible new building
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 9:10:34 AM

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Good morning,

Today I wanted to write an email to you all showing my support for Richmond Animal Care and Control and their efforts to open a new adoption building. There are many benefits to city residents if this adoption center opens. There will be more outreach opportunities to the community such as emergency boarding for homeless people's pets, medical situations, domestic violence, and many more emergency situations where city residents may need emergency boarding for their pets. In addition to this there will then be more space for animals needing medical attention. I know with the current space at RACC there are only two kennels specifically assigned for medical holds for dogs right now. With the amount of Parvovirus that has been in the city this year RACC has had to use its stray space to quarantine these poor sick dogs. I hope that the city council is able to make this dream come alive for RACC!

Thanks for your time,
Haley Childress (city resident)

From: [Jo Veach](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New RACC Adoption Center
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 1:10:32 PM

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I would like to convey my support for the new proposed Adoption Center for Richmond Animal Care and Control. I have been a volunteer with RACC for 20+ years and have witnessed first hand the need for space and improvements to the current facility.

Safety for animals and staff/ volunteers is a major concern. Please give your support and approve the measure to purchase the Cary St building.

Thank you.

Jo Ann Veach

Sent from my iPad

From: [Sheri](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Richmond Animal Care and Control
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 2:17:17 PM

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As a long time volunteer with RACC I see first hand the need to increase shelter space. We are so fortunate to have a director and council persons leading this initiative. We desperately need the West Cary Street location so that RACC can continue to be a leader in the animal welfare community.

Thank you.

Sheri McGavic

From: [Connie Mayhew](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 4:07:43 PM

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Since I am unable to attend the meeting on October 15, I wanted to lend my support for Richmond Animal Care and Control to obtain the building on West Cary Street. I have been a volunteer at RACC for many years and see first hand the need for this space. Thank you for this consideration.
Connie Mayhew

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kristina L](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#)
Subject: Please VOTE yes - RACC new ADOPTION center on Nov 12
Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024 8:20:35 AM

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The RACC needs all the help & additional space it can get!!! Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kristina Larson

From: [Missy Douglas](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for RACC-Adoption Center
Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024 9:58:28 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Hello,

I support RACC's opportunity to purchase a building for more space for the adoption center.

The city council meeting is coming up next week and council will be voting on the opportunity for RACC to purchase a new building for an adoption center, centrally located on Cary St in the Fan. The building will provide a more friendly and inviting space for the public to meet adoptable animals.

**Thank you,
Missy**

Missy Douglas
Program Coordinator-Continuing Care Network
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From: [Sandy Appelman](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Potential New RACC Site
Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024 11:45:18 AM

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Good morning. I recently found out about RACCs bid to purchase the building in The Fan along West Cary Street. As a local developer and investor, I wanted to share my overwhelming support for this project. They are an incredible asset in our community and a prominent space along Cary Street is very appropriate and well deserved.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sandy

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Sandy Appelman
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From: [Jessica Fouke](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Support
Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024 1:10:06 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing to you today to encourage your vote and support for the opportunity to purchase a new adoption space for RACC on November 12th.

The shelter has provided such a needed community connection and a safe harbor for animals of the city that find themselves abused, unwanted, abandoned and lost. Currently, RACC operates out of a small and antiquated space on Chamberlayne Ave.

I believe that a new location in the city center on Cary Street would bolster the access and promotion of adoptions in the area. In order to attempt to remain a no kill shelter, RACC must have the ability to secure adoptions of animals without becoming critically full. Added, a closer location and connection to community would also increase the volunteer participation thereby offsetting additional staffing costs and a wonderful opportunity for citizens to "give back."

I will be able to participate in volunteering myself and also become involved in RACC Runners - a community of runners in RVA that exercise and interact with the dog population to encourage human contact, behavior strengthening, exercise, and decompression time away from the shelter environment,

I have personally adopted a puppy and a kitten from RACC - two of the best decisions I have made in my life and thereby making the lives of my two pets loving and full. Please see the attached photos of success stories of saving lives and love through RACC.

Thank you for your consideration and time,
Jess

Jess Fouke
[8 N Granby Street](#)
[Richmond VA](#)
[23220](#)



From: [Susan Folkes](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New Adoption Space for Richmond Animal Care and Control
Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024 2:30:21 PM

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Dear Richmond City Council Members:

I am writing to you today to ask for your support in the purchase of a new adoption space for Richmond Animal Care and Control.

I began volunteering for RACC in 2007. For seventeen years, it has been my privilege to learn from and assist staff members with daily socialization, behavior evaluations, clinic duties and off-site adoptions. From the kennels to the front lobby, to the officers out in the field, the RACC team brings empathy, patience and professionalism to the daily challenges of a high intake city shelter.

I discovered RACC by way of New Orleans where I had been living in the months leading up to Hurricane Katrina. After being allowed back into the city, I volunteered for two years at Louisiana SPCA under the guidance of Kate Pullen, the ASPCA's Senior Director of National Outreach, who was assisting LA-SPCA with recovery and rebuilding. When my husband's job brought us back to Virginia, I asked Kate before our departure what shelter she might recommend in Richmond. Without hesitation she told me to go to RACC. "I've been impressed with what they are doing up there," she said.

And she was right. Upon arrival I found this wonderful underdog of a shelter doing great things in an antiquated facility with hardly any volunteers or exposure. It's been so satisfying to see RACC grow into the shelter it is today and to have worked with all the amazing people who made these changes happen.

Please consider giving these amazing folks the opportunity to expand their footprint and save more lives. Their commitment to our community and its animals has been unwavering.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,
Susan Folkes

From: [Amy Bruch](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Support
Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024 5:44:53 PM

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Hi, I am emailing to express my support and I hope you will vote YES for the opportunity for RACC to purchase a new building for an adoption center, centrally located on Cary St in the Fan. The building will provide a more friendly and inviting space for the public to meet adoptable animals. This purchase is only \$2mil and RACC Foundation will provide the rest of the expense of outfitting the interior with kennels, visiting rooms, baths, etc. For comparison, Henrico and Hanover counties have spent upwards of \$15 million on new animal facilities in recent past.

RACC does so much to assist with rehabilitating and rehoming dogs and cats. They are imperative to our city and to the protection of animals. Their outreach and impact on the City of Richmond is truly amazing.

Thank you for reading this, and I hope you will vote YES for funding of the new building purchase by RACC, who would greatly benefit from this new facility.

Best regards,
Sarah Bruch

From: [zen4all](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#)
Subject: Support for new animal shelter
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 6:50:50 AM

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Please approve RACC new proposition for an animal shelter

Heather Bowman

From: [Stephanie B](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: amend Ord. No. 2024-100
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 6:58:12 AM

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Good Morning

I am reaching out to ask you to amend Ord. No. 2024-100, adopted May 13, 2024, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and determined a means of financing the same, by (i) transferring \$2,000,000.00 from the Department of Public Works' Commerce Road Improvement Project in the Transportation - Federal/State/Regional category; (ii) establishing a new project for the Office of Animal Care and Control in the Capital Investment Opportunities category called the "Richmond Animal Care & Control Adoption Center" project, and (iii) appropriating such transferred funds to the Office of Animal Care and Control's new project in the Capital Investment Opportunities category called the Richmond Animal Care & Control Adoption Center project, all for the purpose of providing funding for the acquisition of the real properties located at 2310 West Cary Street and 2311 Herbert Hamlet Alley.

Thank you for your time!!

Stephanie Brooks

From: chasesix@aol.com
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please support RACC in getting their new space!!
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 7:01:26 AM

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We strongly encourage you to approve the new building for RACC. They do amazing work and are in desperate need for the space. If you have not visited their current location, you really need to do so and see how great their need is and how a new building will greatly support their mission in saving and caring for animals.

We appreciate your consideration and feel you will make the right decision in this matter to support RACC.

The Chase's

From: [Becky Durfee](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support of RACC's adoption center
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 7:10:06 AM

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Good morning,

I just want to express my support for the adoption center for RACC. The purchase price is a bargain, and the need for more space is desperate.

Thank you for your time.
Becky Durfee

From: [France's](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC center
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 7:14:59 AM

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I am writing in support of the proposed RACC center to amend Ord. No. 2024-100, adopted May 13, 2024, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and determined a means of financing the same, by (i) transferring \$2,000,000.00 from the Department of Public Works' Commerce Road Improvement Project in the Transportation - Federal/State/Regional category; (ii) establishing a new project for the Office of Animal Care and Control in the Capital Investment Opportunities category called the "Richmond Animal Care & Control Adoption Center" project, and (iii) appropriating such transferred funds to the Office of Animal Care and Control's new project in the Capital Investment Opportunities category called the Richmond Animal Care & Control Adoption Center project, all for the purpose of providing funding for the acquisition of the real properties located at 2310 West Cary Street and 2311 Herbert Hamlet Alley in ..

Thank you so much for this much needed consideration

From: [maggie bragalone](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACCShelter
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 7:17:18 AM

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To All it May Concern,

Please strongly consider giving the new space to the RACC shelter. They have proved time and time again how dedicated they are to serving the City of Richmond in caring for any animal In our locality.

The commitment of their staff, ACO's and volunteers are evidence alone that this new facility will benefit so many more animals. The community sees what they do daily, and nightly through the newsletters and many social media updates. The citizens are always willing to donate to their greater good when it's needed. Please do the right thing.

Kind Regards,
Maggie B.

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From: [Jeanne McNeil](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please Strongly Support New Facility for RACC
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 7:27:14 AM

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Dear Folks,

In 2011 RACC rescued a litter of scruffy puppies from under an abandoned house on Commerce Road. My precious Zeke was one of those puppies! The angels at RACC nursed him back to health and I adopted 3 month old Zeke shortly after.

Since that time, Zeke became a certified Therapy Dog and, for the past 10 years, has been working his puppy magic every week by visiting patients and staff at VCU Hospital and Adult Outpatient Pavilion/Massey Cancer Center, listening to elementary school kiddos read at a Title I school or at a library, visiting an assisted living facility, etc. THIS is the type of wide ranging good that happens as a result of the great and difficult loving, skilled work of Our City Shelter, RACC.

RACC is a nationally recognized shining star in our city and a glowing example of LOVE in action. Please support this outstanding organization and the remarkable important work they do that helps our city on so many levels. Please move forward to provide them with this desperately needed new facility. The return on this investment in RACC will make the citizens of Richmond and our whole city richer in countless ways.

Thanking you in advance!

Jeanne McNeil & Zeke



Jeanne Etheridge McNeil

From: [Kelley Benton](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Richmond Animal Care and Control Adoption Center Project
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 7:32:27 AM

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Hi,

I'm emailing in regards to the new RACC and securing a New Adoption Center! ♥
I'm positive that this expansion will be of the utmost importance to our animals who deserve so much care and support that the RACC provides. I know this expansion will alleviate kennel/cage stress, provide needed isolation wards, and increase community outreach.

I am asking you to amend Ord. No. 2024-100, adopted May 13, 2024, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and determined a means of financing the same, by (i) transferring \$2,000,000.00 from the Department of Public Works' Commerce Road Improvement Project in the Transportation - Federal/State/Regional category; (ii) establishing a new project for the Office of Animal Care and Control in the Capital Investment Opportunities category called the "Richmond Animal Care & Control Adoption Center" project, and (iii) appropriating such transferred funds to the Office of Animal Care and Control's new project in the Capital Investment Opportunities category called the Richmond Animal Care & Control Adoption Center project, all for the purpose of providing funding for the acquisition of the real properties located at 2310 West Cary Street and 2311 Herbert Hamlet Alley.

This improvement serves the community and benefits the wellbeing of so many animals that deserve compassion and love that they have difficulty finding in Richmond when displaced or mistreated. This business is imperative to these animals and this expansion will be a blessing!

Thank you for your time,
Kelley Morrison

From: [Laura Spaulding](#)
To: addison@rva.gov; [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for a new adoption center for RACC
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I am writing to show my support for RACC securing a New Adoption Center! Their work is so important and every day they are doing as much as they possibly can to save animals lives. This center would greatly help them in their endeavors!

From: [DEBRA GUNTER](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Supporting RACC!!
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Good Friday morning to all ...

“please support RACC in their acquisition of a new shelter space at 2310 W Cary”.

Sincerely,
Debbie Gunter
3208 Stuart Avenue
Richmond, Va.23221

From: [Linda Reid](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC ADOPTION CENTER
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 7:37:50 AM

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Sincerely,

Linda S Reid

Sent from my iPhone 13 Pro Max

From: [Linda Reid](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC ADOPTION CENTER
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 7:37:50 AM

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From: [Kriste S](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#)
Subject: RACC New Adoption Center Opportunity
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Hello,

I am emailing in support of RACC securing a new adoption center. I live in NC but have been following RACC's Facebook page for a while. They pour their heart and soul into what they do, and I wish I lived closer to support them in person. Please, please support RACC with this opportunity to help them make an even more positive impact on the community.

Sincerely,

Kriste Susinskas

From: [Charlotte Rea](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New Facility For RACC
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 7:58:06 AM

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I have long been a supporter of RACC and have family members who have adopted loving pets from them. I am amazed by how much good they do for the greater Richmond community and beyond. Countless animals have been saved because of their efforts and so many more could be if they can acquire the facility space they need to continue their mission.

Richmond should be so proud of this organization and support them fully. They are a role model for other animal rescue organizations across the state and work closely with them to make sure they rescue as many animals as they can.

Please support them and approve the acquisition of the new facility for them.
Charlotte Rea

From: [Alexis R](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC New Adoption Center
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 8:03:35 AM

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Good morning,

Please consider approving a new space for RACC. This new center will help to alleviate kennel/cage stress, provide needed isolation wards, and increase community outreach. I'm sure that you are already aware of the overwhelming situation of the steadily increasing population of stray animals, injured animals, and those that are being rehomed. This would not only help the animals but also help to reduce caregiver burnout and fatigue for RACC staff.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Rummel

From: [kelly](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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Good morning,
I support the new adoption center project for Richmond animal care and control :)
Kelly Starke

From: [Mary Helen Scott-Lewis](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Hemsworth, Christy L. - ACC](#)
Subject: RACC Facility
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 8:11:00 AM

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Please vote to support the new adoption center for Richmond Animal Care and Control. A new space will help to alleviate kennel/cage stress, provide needed isolation wards, and increase community outreach. The work of the RACC is a shining example of a government agency performing at its best. Allow continued growth and success by providing the new facility. The benefits for the animals is a win for the city of Richmond.

Mary Helen Scott-Lewis
(804) 480-9610

From: [Julia Harris](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC New Adoption Center
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 8:14:18 AM

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Please provide for many adoptive animals the chance to have a safe place to be while awaiting for a new home.

Julia Harris

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Melissa Harreld](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Richmond Animal Care and Control Shelter - Urgent Need
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 8:15:37 AM

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I've been a resident of Richmond for more than 20 years. The city has seen a lot of change during that time. We are facing some very dark times ahead. The first victims of financial stress are often animals -neglected, abandoned or abused. On the other side of those tragic stories, stands the incredible staff at Richmond Animal Care and Control. They work miracles everyday for our cities most vulnerable residents. They save lives, they create a safety net for animals in need and they help residents meet the needs of their pets and all of this in a subpar facility. I urge you to do the right thing and support the purchase of a new building for RACC.

Thank you.

Melissa Harreld

From: [Wendy Morgan](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#)
Subject: RACC NEW ADOPTION CENTER
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 8:23:58 AM

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Happy Friday! The daily amount of intake continues to grow but the space they have does not! People are continuously abandoning pets on our streets due to housing changes and financial constraints we are all facing. A pet is a lifetime commitment and they in no way deserve to suffer because of this. We are all praying for a new adoption center this morning. Join us in our hope for a new space to alleviate kennel/cage stress, provide needed isolation wards, and increase community outreach!

Our City RVA and Richmond Animal Care and Control truly needs this space.

Vote: YES to this agenda Please!!!

Sincerely,

Wendy L. Morgan
RACC Supporter and Citizen

From: [Christina chandler](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#)
Subject: Support RACC Acquisition of New Shelter
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 8:44:54 AM

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Good morning,

Please support RACC in their acquisition of a new shelter space at 2310 W Cary". ♥

Thank you,
Christina Herring-Chandler

From: [Prodigy.net Mail](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Richmond animal shelter
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:02:28 AM

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I am writing in support of expanding Richmond animal control and permitting them to purchase the new building. RACC is a sterling example to all involved in animal rescue. They have worked miracles, galvanized the community for animal care and represent a successful and optimistic approach to animal overcrowding. You should be very proud to have them in Richmond and please help them continue their mission with the purchase of this new building.

Nancy eagleson
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From: [Rebecca Wilde](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New bldg. for Richmond Animal Care and Control
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:08:25 AM

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Good Morning!

I am reaching out to ask you to please amend Ord. No. 2024-100, which accepted a program of Proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.....by transferring \$2,000,000.00 from the Department of Public Works' Commerce Road Improvement Project in the Transportation - Federal/State/Regional Category: (ii) establishing a new project for the Office of Animal Care and Control in the Capital Investment Opportunities category called the "Richmond Animal Care & Control Adoption Center" project.....located at 2310 West Cary Street and 2311 Herbert Hamlet Alley.

In a nutshell, it would be wonderful for RACC to have a new, spacious adoption center. First and foremost, from my experience as an animal lover and working/volunteering in animal welfare, there are potential adopters who will *never* step foot inside an animal shelter. They find it too depressing. This new space should bring a new swath of people out to adopt animals who would normally never adopt from RACC.

Not only that but the space, designed properly, would be less stressful for animals in care of RACC.

This new site will also give the City of Richmond a better reputation as a city who cares, not just about its people but about its pets. And I truly believe that is something that we need.

Thank you for your time, for reading this, and for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Wilde

Rebecca Wilde
Co-Host of Wicker & Wilde
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From: [Rae Levy](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Proposed New Adoption Center - RACC
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:51:03 AM

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Dear Council Members,

As a citizen, born & raised in Richmond over seventy years ago, I want to ask that you all support the wonderful organization of RACC in approving their efforts to open another facility on Cary Street...it is Much needed!

RACC, as I'm sure you know, has been a leader in helping abandoned, stray & unwanted animals to find loving homes. They have also saved the lives of many abused animals. Remember Tommie?

I urge you to visit the current location and the proposed location. This space is urgently needed! The city is over-run with abandoned/stray animals...many that are sick. RACC helps to keep this under control, but they need the room...the facilities to do this. Honestly, I'd love to see a facility in each area of town...but one step at a time.

I have supported RACC for years...by bringing supplies and by monthly donation. I plan to volunteer in their program to bring a pound pet home for the holidays. It breaks my heart to see these frightened animals in their cages, though I know they are getting the best of care.

I'm sure you are well aware of the epidemic of stray animals in this city. RACC also helps to keep illness down & pet population. Did you see the most recent bout of Parvo?

Thank you for your consideration and taking the time to read this email.

Sincerely,

Rae H. Levy
1709 Edmiston Way
Midlothian, VA 23114
(804) 922-1711

Sent from my iPad

From: [Brian](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: "Richmond Animal Care & Control Adoption Center" Project
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:14:58 AM

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Good Morning,

I am a volunteer animal transporter for RACC and was recently made aware of the proposed amendment to allocate \$2 million to purchase the property at 2310 W. Cary St. As a lifelong resident of the Greater Richmond area, I am keenly aware of the incredible work that RACC does every day to improve the lives of animals. This is an issue that is very important to me and should be to everyone at every level of our government.

RACC staff works tirelessly and passionately, often without adequate resources and funding. They constantly see horrible abuse and neglect, which I am sure takes an emotional toll on them. Their facility on Chamberlayne Ave. is quite old and often at capacity, and I fear that adoptable animals may need to be turned away or euthanized as a result. If this building on W. Cary St. will improve conditions for RACC staff and the animals in their care, then there is no question. The cost is well worth it.

Thank you for your time.

Brian Alexander
804-868-6180

From: [Noelle Coates](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office; Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#)
Subject: Please support the new RACC shelter!
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 10:09:41 AM

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Hello - I am writing as a long-time resident of Richmond and an animal lover. RACC is truly a bright star in the city - heroic and talented staff and volunteers who have to face both the most heartbreaking and the most heartwarming scenarios every day as they care for the animals of our city. They - the people and the furry babies- deserve a new building so that the animals can get the care they deserve and the people who make RACC so outstanding can continue to do the work of heroes and angels. Please vote in support of the new shelter next week.

Thank you,
Noelle Coates
2004 Monument

From: [Victoria Hauser](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for RACC/ Ord. No. 2024-251 and Ord. No. 2024-252
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 10:29:15 AM

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Dear Members of City Council,

As a Richmond resident residing in the First District, I am writing to express my support for Ord. No. 2024-251 and Ord. No. 2024-252 to expand the operations of Richmond Animal Care & Control. The additional space will alleviate kennel/cage stress, provide needed isolation wards, and increase community outreach and foster additional pet adoptions.

Thank you all for your continued leadership for the City of Richmond.

Sincerely,

Victoria Hauser
4003 Grove Avenue, Apt 6

From: [Kelsey Radford](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC!!!!
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 10:49:54 AM

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Please support RACC in their acquisition of a new shelter space located at 2310 W. Cary!!

From: [Wilson, Julianna \(VSP\)](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#)
Cc: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Fw: RACC Facilities Expansion Support
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 10:52:30 AM

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Hello,

I'm writing again to express my support for the facility expansion for Richmond Animal Care & Control. Please see my email below.

Thank you,

Julie Wilson

From: Wilson, Julianna (VSP) <julie.wilson@vsp.virginia.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 17:29
To: cityclerksoffice@rva.gov <cityclerksoffice@rva.gov>
Subject: RACC Facilities Expansion Support

Hello,

I'm writing to express my full support of the expansion of Richmond Animal Care and Control facilities. RACC has a vital role in ensuring the well-being of animals in need, providing compassionate care, and working tirelessly to find loving homes for pets. As a foster parent and adopter, I can attest that their efforts not only protect animals but also enrich the lives of the people who adopt and care for them.

As someone who has witnessed the positive impact of RACC, I can personally attest to how their work promotes a more humane and responsible community. Whether through their rescue operations, fostering programs, or community outreach, RACC sets an example of dedication and care that benefits both animals and people in Richmond.

I wholeheartedly support their mission and believe that continued support for RACC with this expansion project is vital for the welfare of our animals and the overall health of our community.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Julie Wilson

Julie Wilson | IT Project Manager | Virginia State Police
Best way to contact me: Julie.Wilson@vsp.virginia.gov
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From: [Lorrin Mercer](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support of RACC getting the new space
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 10:51:43 AM

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Hi,

My name is Lorrin Mercer. I am a HUGE supporter of RACC and everything they do. I am also a current volunteer and virtual foster.

They deserve this new space and opportunity more than I can say. This new space would open for more adoptable pets. As well as an easier environment for families to come visit with adoptable animals.

This location is also even more convenient for some staff and volunteers. While I know everyone must work at both locations it would make things a lot easier for at least mornings and evenings when you know someone is minutes away. It would open up more time for adoption meetings.

Overall, this new space would bring nothing but amazing opportunities for RACC. They would do so much with it to benefit the community as they already do.

Please consider this and the words of other supporters

Thanks,
Lorrin Mercer

From: [Meghan Steele](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for RACC's New Facility
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 11:33:20 AM

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Dear City Clerks,

I am reaching out to express my strong support for Richmond Animal Care and Control's (RACC) proposal to purchase a new facility. As a dedicated community member, I am deeply invested in the welfare of animals in our city, and I believe that RACC's mission is invaluable to Richmond's residents.

I am a Henrico resident, but I have a great interest in seeing the City of Richmond thrive, and RACC is one of the organizations that helps that happen. I have been a supporter of theirs for years, and adopted a dog from them last year after our older dog became depressed when we lost our other dog to cancer. RACC found the perfect match for our family (our dog included!) and she has improved our lives so much over the last year thanks to RACC.

RACC has consistently provided compassionate and critical services to our community, from rescuing neglected animals to facilitating adoptions that bring joy to countless families. However, the current facility is outdated and unable to fully meet the growing demands for shelter, medical care, and outreach. A new space would allow RACC to expand its capabilities, improving the care provided to animals and ensuring a safer, healthier environment for both the animals and the staff.

Investing in this facility is also an investment in our community. Enhanced animal welfare services benefit everyone by reducing stray populations, educating pet owners, and promoting public safety.

I see stories from all over the country of shelters struggling due to lack of funds, support, or adequate facilities, and I fully believe the reason RACC is able to have the success they do is because they have support from both the city and the community.

I respectfully ask that you support RACC's proposal for a new facility, which will greatly enhance its capacity to serve our city.

Thank you for considering this critical issue, and for your continued dedication to Richmond's future.

Sincerely,
Meghan Steele

From: [Brook Myer](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#)
Subject: New RACC shelter
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 12:04:37 PM

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Hello!

I am writing on behalf of RACC. We have had a few wonderful experiences with them! The team there goes above and beyond to help the cities most helpless citizens!

They are so deserving of a new shelter to help even more animals! I applaud them for the tough work they do. Please consider granting this request for a new center!

Kindest regards,
Brook Myer

From: [Jennifer Coleman](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Help RACC
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 1:18:59 PM

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Please help RACC secure a New Adoption Center!

These animals need new space to alleviate kennel/cage stress, provide needed isolation wards, and increase community outreach!

This organization does so much to advocate, educate, and support the animals of this city.

Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Charity Parker](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for new shelter space- RACC
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 1:54:20 PM

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To whom it may concern,

-Please support RACC in their acquisition of a new shelter space at 2310 W Cary Street Richmond, VA.

-I have adopted my 2 rescue pups from this shelter, Saint & Fendi. We are proud supporters of this animal rescue/shelter. We are all in favor for a new shelter space.

Sincerely, Charity Parker
Sent from my iPhone

From: [greta b](#)
Subject: Just chiming in to support RACC getting a new adoption center!
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 1:26:49 PM

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Hello, Greta Brinkman, long-term resident of RVA here. RACC is a great organization doing great work, and they make Richmond look very good as they are known nationwide as a good example of animal control working with the local community. The monies allocated for them to get a new facility would be a very good use of my taxpayer dollars.

Have a good day!
Greta Brinkman
Oregon Hill

From: [JOHN A PIRKO](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC New Adoption Center
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I am wholeheartedly in favor of Richmond Animal Care and Control having the opportunity to acquire a new adoption center. I regularly drive transports for RACC to other facilities to help alleviate crowding, and I can appreciate how much the new space would benefit the animals in holding and facilitate greater access to potential adopters.

Please support this!
Terry Barnes-Pirko

From: [Amanda Riegel](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for new RACC adoption center
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Good afternoon,

As a resident of the 3rd district, I would like to encourage the city council to support RACC's efforts to secure a new adoption center. RACC does amazing work for the animals of the city and a new space would allow them to serve both the animals and our community better.

Thank you,
Amanda Riegel

From: [Jessica Guest](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Help RACC secure a New Adoption Center please
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Hi,
I'd respectfully like to ask for your support in securing funding for the proposed Richmond Animal Care and Control Adoption Center.

After our beloved first rescue dog unexpectedly passing away and left us heartbroken, we adopted our current and well loved pup from RACC during the pandemic in 2020. He has brought such joy to us!

We continue to follow RACC on Facebook and see their heroic attempts to save abandoned, injured and stray animals throughout the city of Richmond on a daily basis. They manage to find homes for animals who otherwise might not ever find a family to adopt, care for and love them. The magic of social media is an acquired skill and RACC possesses it in spades and utilizes it to the animals' advantage. I can't think of a more worthwhile expenditure to fund additional space for RACC to do their work.

Respectfully,
The Guest family





From: [SK Crews](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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Good Afternoon!

Please support RACC's opportunity to increase space, alleviate kennel/cage stress, provide needed isolation wards, and increase community outreach. This is vital for our community and the wellbeing of the animals served.

Thank you!
Sarah-Keel Crews

From: [Kelly Ozah](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New RACC Center Support
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Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic and heartfelt support for the RACC to secure a new adoption center. I am a city resident and dog mom to a sweet pup that was adopted from RACC. In addition to them providing loving homes to all kinds of pets, they also do tremendous work in our community for all kinds of animal issues. My dog was able to receive free medical care through their resources at a time when I could not afford it on my own, and, I know they have rescued and rehabilitated countless animals who desperately needed help. Their staff and mission are most deserving of the investment for a new center. I hope you take this into consideration and support the RACC, it's staff, animals and our community.

Thank you!

Kelly Ozah

From: [Teresa Tabor](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC new shelter space
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I was made aware of the opportunity for RACC in their acquisition of a new shelter space at 2310 W Cary. I wanted to reach out and express my support for this wonderful organization and the amazing work they do and the difference they make!
Thank you for your consideration and please push this project forward!!

Sincerely,

Teresa Tabor

From: [Nancy Feldman](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC New Adoption Facility
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 8:56:19 PM

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Please highly consider approving the acquisition of 2310 W. Cary and 2322 Herbert Hamlet Alley for this endeavor!

Save our Pets!!
Nancy

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tyler Mayo](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); nichole.jones@rva.gov; [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC ACQUISITION
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Please support the RACC acquisition of 2310 W Cary St.
We all know that the current shelter needs more space to help our 4 legged residents.

Thank you,
Tyler Mayo
-Stansbury Ave. 23225-

From: [megan benson](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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Good Evening!

I am writing in support of the new adoption center for RACC. In comparison to say the local SPCA, RACC facilities are behind. It can be intimidating, the SPCA interior is a lot more friendly and open. I love this shelter and I hope we can make this happen for them!

Megan Benson

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nancy Feldman](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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From: [Shayna Higgins](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 10:05:56 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am a resident of the city of Richmond and wanted to email expressing my interest in supporting RACC goal of securing a new shelter space. Anyone who lives in Richmond city knows how frequently we deal with lost and stray dogs and what a crucial role RACC plays in our community.

Thank you and have a wonderful day,

Shayna Higgins

From: [TRACEY WINCKLER](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Richmond Animal Care and Control
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 11:36:17 PM

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Hello,

Please support the New Adoption Center for RAAC.

Thank you,
Tracey Winckler

From: cookekimber@aol.com
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council; City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC
Date: Saturday, November 9, 2024 8:20:52 AM

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Please! This organization is a jewel in this city.

Help RACC secure a New Adoption Center! ♥ surely you are aware new space is needed to alleviate kennel/cage stress, provide needed isolation wards, and increase community outreach.

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Subject: Fwd: Support for RACC adoption center
Date: Saturday, November 9, 2024 8:26:00 AM

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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: [Kate Kaluzny](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Proposed new adoption center for RACC
Date: Saturday, November 9, 2024 10:50:55 AM

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Hi, I would like to express my strong support for the proposed new, expanded adoption center for RACC. I can speak first hand about the incredible work they do as I have been a volunteer there for the last 6 months and see how dedicated and passionate they are about the animals they take care of. I have volunteered at several animal shelters in the various cities I've lived, and RACC is by far the most efficient, effective, and compassionate of all that I've worked at. I was impressed immediately with how clean and well kept the facilities were and once I started working there, by how much individual care and attention each animal receives. I worked at a center in Chicago, and believe me, what they do is truly outstanding for a busy, city shelter. Please help them continue to excel at their mission by providing them a much needed larger space so that they can expand their mission.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kate Kaluzny, Richmond resident

From: [Savannah Etzler](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Adoption Center
Date: Saturday, November 9, 2024 1:09:49 PM

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Hello,

I am emailing in support of Richmond Animal Care and Control's project for a new adoption center. I've followed their Instagram for a long time and have seen the incredible work their team do for our community and its animals. As a Richmond taxpayer, I believe strongly in funding this project.

I hope you will lend your support to their cause so that they can continue to grow and expand the care that they can give to the animals in need in the Richmond community.

Sincerely,

Savannah Etzler

From: [Susan Tyler](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for RACC new facility
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Dear Valued Community Representative,

I am writing to you today, as a former foster parent and adopter from Richmond Animal Care and Control, to request your support in helping us facilitate a vital new initiative: the creation of a new adoption space for abandoned, neglected, and homeless animals in our area.

As you may know, the need for more shelter space has become critical, with an increasing number of animals in need of care and refuge. Currently, RACC is operating at full capacity, due to so many animals left without proper care, attention, or a safe place to call home. The new RACC facility aims to address this gap by providing a safe, welcoming environment where animals can receive care, support, and eventually be adopted into loving homes. It will be a place where they can truly showcase the incredible work they do to help save so many animals and let those "lovies" become so many people's new best friends.

Your generous support would not only make a lasting impact on the lives of countless animals in our community, but it would also benefit the broader community by reducing the number of stray animals and ensuring that every animal has the chance to be loved and cared for. Your backing for this new facility will make a meaningful difference for the animals and people in our community.

Dr. Susan Tyler

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From: [Susan Tyler](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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Subject: Approve the New RACC Adoption Center
Date: Saturday, November 9, 2024 4:14:07 PM

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Hello to all,

I want to request that you support the acquisition of 2310 West Cary Street and 2311 Herbert Hamlet Alley in the city of Richmond and for the expansion and operations of the Office of Animal Care and Control's adoption center. The staff does a phenomenal job trying to rescue animals and prevent abuse. They work on a shoestring budget in a facility that is usually overcrowded. I have adopted two of my dogs from RACC and I always take time to recommend them to others looking for their fur baby.

Whenever there is a death of one of my friend's beloved pets, I donate to RACC hoping to turn a sad event into a positive. It would be amazing to see what could be achieved if given more space to work with the animals and potential adopters.

Please use your representative power to make a difference in the life of these neglected and abused animals by supporting the purchase of the new facility.

Thank you in advance for your help with this,

Jody Godsey

From: [AnnaLea Elliott](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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Good evening,

I hope you will support Richmond Animal Care and Control's acquisition of a new adoption center. They provide invaluable resources to our community, and a new center would be beneficial not only to them, but to members of our community as well.

Thank you,
AnnaLea Elliott

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From: [Ann Pane](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Ann Pane](#)
Subject: Please Support and Purchase the Building for Richmond Animal Control
Date: Saturday, November 9, 2024 5:24:17 PM

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RACC is one of the VERY BEST Services in Richmond.
Excellent Staff.

Great Work.

The addition of the new building would be such a wonderful addition to the organization.

Please support them.

Please.

It is such a worthwhile cause and very needed.

They do GOOD WORK.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ann Pane

804-385-6310

804-475-1671

From: [Kristin Rosato](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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I am writing to support the new RACC Adoption Center proposal. The city, with Christie Peters and her staff, has worked tirelessly to help animals in need in our city and they are in need of, and very deserving of the space and budget to create a new adoption center.

Sincerely,
Kristin Rosato

From: [Chelsea Mahaffey](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for RACC's New Adoption Center
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Dear Council Member,

I am writing to express my strong support for RACC's proposal to establish a new adoption center. Securing this space would alleviate current capacity issues, provide a dedicated quarantine area, and enhance RACC's outreach within the Greater Richmond community.

As a volunteer with RACC for the past year, I have witnessed firsthand the incredible demand for their services and the limitations of the current facility on Chamberlayne Avenue. The existing space is stretched thin, and a new facility would enable RACC to better serve the Richmond region by reducing kennel overcrowding, providing much-needed isolation areas, and expanding its community engagement.

RACC has facilitated countless adoptions each week, carefully matching dogs, cats, and other small animals with loving families. Their commitment to ensuring the best fit for both pets and adopters fosters meaningful connections that benefit our entire community. By moving to a more central location, RACC can reach even more families, helping pets find their forever homes and strengthening the bonds within our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important initiative. I hope you will support RACC in securing a new adoption center.

With gratitude,

Chelsea Mahaffey

RACC volunteer

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Chelsea Mahaffey
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814-449-0437

From: [Liz S](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Peters, Christie C. - ACC](#)
Subject: Richmond Animal Care and Control New Adoption Center
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Thank you for your consideration.

Elizabeth Schwatka

703-606-9732

From: [Paula Marks](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please Support RACC!
Date: Sunday, November 10, 2024 9:27:31 AM

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Dear Council Members,

RACC is a super organization for the city and deserves to have additional spaces to promote animal adoption! Animals and citizens of Richmond Metropolitan area will benefit greatly!

Please vote YES!

Paula Marks
Richmond City Resident and RACC Volunteer

From: [Dena Zundel](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); ann-francis.lambert@rva.gov; [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for new Richmond Animal Care and Control Adoption Center
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Best,
Dena Zundel

From: [Liz S](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Peters, Christie C. - ACC](#)
Subject: Richmond Animal Care and Control New Adoption Center
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From: [S Ward](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support the West Cary Building for RACC
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To Members of the City Council: I stand 100% in support of the funding needed to acquire 2310 W Cary Street for use by RACC. They are in desperate need of a facility to support the adoption of dog and cats, not to mention the goats, cows and snakes. RACC's mission is wholly different than the SPCA and other such organizations. RACC depends on the City and its citizens, and the City needs RACC to be successful to address animals that find themselves abandoned or abused.

Let some of these 2023 stats sink in:

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]--> Approximately 12,000 service calls
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]--> Nearly 700 bite cases
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]--> 124 cruelty / neglect charges
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]--> Over 3,000 animals cared for

I can't think of another City department that does so much for the City with so little, or another City department that has brought the City of Richmond *so much national and international press*. Their success is a tribute to the leadership of Christie Chipps Peters, the dedicated staff and volunteers at RACC and the RACC Foundation. The West Cary building will be a step in the right direction for a community facility to support RACC's mission. RACC deserves our support.

Sherrye Ward
4626 Hanover Avenue
RVA, 23226, District 1

From: [Amy McCracken](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New Shelter Opportunity for Richmond Animal Care and Control
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I'm writing to express my support for a new adoption center at 2310 W Cary Street. For years, Richmond Animal Care and Control has been a vital part of animal--and human--care. From both a public safety perspective and a citizen well-being perspective, RACC is a KEY PLAYER.

They have managed to achieve so much in the limited space of the current shelter. They have remained a positive and hopeful place despite seeing so many hard things--cruelty cases, abandoned animals, hoarding situations, animals caught up in the system when there are other crimes involved (with pet owners).

When the city's generous budget does not allow them to go above and beyond, they raise their own funds to support not only the animals in their care, but also in surrounding counties and beyond.

Having an adoption center in a high traffic area will benefit shelter staff, the community and the animals!

I fully support the investment in this community improvement!

Best,

Amy D McCracken

From: [Jim Connors](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); ann-francis.lambert@rva.gov; [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for new Richmond Animal Care and Control Adoption Center
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Thank you for considering this important and lifesaving initiative.

Thank you,
James Connors

From: [Jim Connors](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); ann-francis.lambert@rva.gov; [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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Best,
James Connors

From: [Gigi Luu](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New animal rescue adoption space
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 10:53:20 AM

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Hello,

I'm writing in support of a new adoption space for RACC so they are able to continue their efforts and maximize capacity for all of our furry friends.

Thank you for your consideration and your help!

Gigi Luu

Luu.Gigi@gmail.com
202.403.9635

From: [Ann Waters](#)
To: [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#)
Cc: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for RACC Adoption Center
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 11:49:44 AM

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Good afternoon,

I am a resident of Richmond's 2nd District, and I am writing to express my full support for Richmond Animal Care and Control's acquisition of a new shelter space at 2310 W Cary St. The opportunity to secure this new space would allow RACC to better serve the Richmond community and continue their life saving mission. A second location would increase available intake space, alleviate kennel stress, and provide needed isolation wards for the shelter.

Also, I currently serve as RACC's Volunteer Coordinator, and the new shelter space would offer an incredible opportunity to increase community engagement and education initiatives. We have an amazing group of volunteers who dedicate their time to RACC, and the new adoption center in the Fan would increase our visibility and allow us to expand our volunteer and community outreach programs.

I hope that the City Council will also support this opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration!

Ann Waters

From: [Ulrichs, Alice - ACC](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please support the purchase of 2310 W Cary St for RACC
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 1:27:38 PM

Please support the purchase of 2310 W Cary St for Richmond Animal Care and Control.

Thank you,

Dr Alice Ulrichs

From: [Sarah-Anne Diamond](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#)
Cc: [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New Adoption space for RACC
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To the Honorable Richmond City Council Members,

I have been a volunteer with RACC for over 14 years, and have been witness to the incredible life saving forward progress of the shelter under the direction of Christie Chipps-Peters. I would like to express my support of the new adoption space at 2310 W Cary St. This would increase access to adoptable animals as it is exposed to higher foot traffic, and would provide space for fundraising and adoption events. It would also allow the current space to be utilized for new intakes and animals needing medical care prior to adoption, all of which would increase its life saving mission. Current vaccine clinics and medical care for residents' pets would also be a benefit as space would be available in the current location. By expanding the footprint of RACC, the human and animal citizens of Richmond City would benefit greatly. RACC is a leader among open access shelters in Virginia and our country, and this expansion opportunity would only allow it to be a greater example of life saving possibilities.

Please support the acquisition of the W Cary St property for RACC.

Thank you,
Sarah-Anne Diamond

From: [Katherine Calos](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for new RACC adoption center
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Please register my support for the city's proposed purchase of a vacant building on West Cary Street for a new RACC Adoption Center. The over-abundance of abandoned animals in Richmond has been heartbreaking. This new space will give them a better chance to find a new home. I am a long-time city resident.

Thanks

Katherine Calos

From: [Emily Nelson](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New Adoptions Center for RACC Shelter
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Good afternoon,

I am emailing in regards to the possible new building RACC is asking for as a new adoptions building. I am a city resident and have also worked at RACC as a kennel assistant for over 3 years. This new building would change the lives of the future dogs and cats we help in so many ways. Cats wouldn't have to live in small, cramped kennels until they get adopted. Dogs would have a much calmer environment to live in until they get adopted. I've watched so many dogs loose their lives to kennel stress. Our hopes for the new kennel design at the new building would replicate more like a home environment and decrease the stress levels significantly. Please consider approving this new building, it would change the lives of so many animals.

Thanks for your time,
Emily Nelson

From: jennifer.l.scantling@gmail.com
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New facility for RACC
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 3:58:15 PM

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Hello,

I am writing today to encourage your consideration of a new facility for Richmond Animal Care and Control. RACC has done an amazing job thus far supporting animals of all walks of life in the community from providing medical care, to finding suitable homes for abandoned or lost pets.

In a new facility, they will have the chance to better serve more animals than before and lower the number of that cannot be reconnected with their original owners, and save the lives of many more.

As a proud member of the Richmond community, I would love nothing more than to see them continue to expand and support so many animals. I truly hope you will strongly consider them for a new adoption facility.

Thank you for your time in reading this message!

Best,
Jennifer

From: [Bridgmon, Pamela](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#)
Cc: [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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Attachments: [Letter of Support .docx](#)

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Good afternoon Council Members,

Please find attached a letter of support for the adoption center proposal for RACC.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if needed.

Sincerely,

Pamela Bridgmon



Pamela Bridgmon
Animal Shelter Manager

From: [Kim Gower](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Expansion
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 6:24:34 PM

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>> Dear City of Richmond Leaders:

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>> 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.

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>> Thank you for your time, and please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss the amazing work of Richmond Animal Care and Control.

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>> Dr. Kim Gower

>> 804-335-7835

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>> Kim Gower

>> MBA, PhD

From: [Nate Ferrara](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for RACC's New Adoption Center
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 5:35:46 PM

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Dear Council Member,

I am writing to express my strong support for RACC's proposal to establish a new adoption center. Securing this space would alleviate current capacity issues, provide a dedicated quarantine area, and enhance RACC's outreach within the Greater Richmond community.

As a volunteer with RACC for the past year, I have witnessed firsthand the incredible demand for their services and the limitations of the current facility on Chamberlayne Avenue. The existing space is stretched thin, and a new facility would enable RACC to better serve the Richmond region by reducing kennel overcrowding, providing much-needed isolation areas, and expanding its community engagement.

RACC has facilitated countless adoptions each week, carefully matching dogs, cats, and other small animals with loving families. Their commitment to ensuring the best fit for both pets and adopters fosters meaningful connections that benefit our entire community. By moving to a more central location, RACC can reach even more families, helping pets find their forever homes and strengthening the bonds within our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important initiative. I hope you will support RACC in securing a new adoption center.

With gratitude,

Nathan Ferrara

From: [Kim Gower](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Expansion
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 6:26:42 PM

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>> 804-335-7835

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From: [Teresa Cato](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: For RACC
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Good evening,

My name is Teresa Cato. I have been a foster for Racc for a few years now. My daughter and myself also pick up a lot of stray animals. And I mean a lot. It has become very overwhelming sometimes with the amount. Without Racc these animals would not make it. Also because of the amount of care and space. Sometimes they just don't have anymore room for these animals. All animals life's matter. If you could please allow this to go through. It will help tremendously. We right now have 3 puppies that we are fostering. They were just dropped off in a cage and left outside. We took them in the same day. Because they have no room.

Thank you so much.

Please please approve it. It is very much needed.

Teresa Cato
804-368-5819
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lisa Jernigan](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New RACC New Adoption Center support
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Hi -

I'm writing in support of the proposed adoption center for RACC. This organization provides so much needed support for the City of Richmond and it's extremely important for them to have the growth opportunity. By voting yes in support of this new space, it would mean the opportunity to offer additional programs and enhancements with the new space. They already do such an incredible job with their community outreach and this would provide the opportunity to do so much more. The city benefits from the incredible national exposure that RACC has brought to the community and by voting yes, that would only increase. Please consider this incredible opportunity for them.

Lisa Jernigan
RACC supporter & volunteer

From: [Grace Albritton](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#)
Subject: In support of RACC's new adoption center
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Hello,

As I won't be able to attend the meeting tomorrow, and as a resident & homeowner in Richmond, I am writing in support of RACC receiving the support they need for a new adoption center.

Richmond animal care & control has always done an exceptional job supporting lost, abandoned and neglected pets in Richmond; they have proven over and over again that they can do a LOT with a little. Considering the enormous amount of our city budget that goes to policing, a budget that only seems to balloon by the year, it seems like the city should be able to make the funding available to support this other, extremely important community resource. Our streets are made safer by humanely housing stray pets—this is as important a safety initiative as anything the police have done, and we certainly don't seem to begrudge them the funding.

Thank you,
Grace Albritton
N 23rd St
Richmond, VA, 23223

From: [Dr. Katie Bell](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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Hi there,

My name is Dr. Katie Bell, a veterinarian who works with RACC performing spay and neuter surgeries for the animals eligible for adoption at the shelter.

I am writing to show my support for the project to expand to include an adoption center on Cary Street. This expansion would not only allow for a more comfortable space for adoptable animals and community members seeking new pets, but will also serve as a community outreach center for education and betterment of animal care and welfare in the city of Richmond. The current shelter space does not meet the needs of the animal population in Richmond, as it is frequently at capacity with adoptable animals, animals on stray-hold, and animals being held for legal reasons. This over-crowding leads to more stress for the animals residing there which can interfere with their adoptability, as well as more opportunity for infectious disease spread which can ultimately affect public health.

RACC is an AMAZING organization that goes above and beyond for the animals and pet-owning community in Richmond (which is a BIG community). This space will further their mission and positive impact on the city of Richmond.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions,

Dr. Katie Bell

From: [Anne Grier](#)
To: [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Richmond Animal Care & Control
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 7:12:32 PM

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Dear Members of the Richmond City Council. I hope you all will vote favorably for the purchase of the building on West Cary Street to provide an adoption center for RACC. This building will provide a quiet and welcoming environment for the people of Richmond to find their next furry family member. It is a wonderful opportunity to enhance the entire adoption experience for your constituents and to increase the number of homeless animal adoptions as well. Thank you.

Anne M. Grier

Sent from my iPad

From: [Kristen K](#)
Subject: RACC new location
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 7:12:42 PM

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Hi!

I am writing to you all in support of securing the new location for Richmond Animal Control.

Their organization has been tremendously beneficial to saving animals lives- from cats to dogs, iguanas to horses, you name it. Not only have they helped numerous families find their missing pets but they've helped numerous animals find their furever homes.

They're always there to help rescue in any sort of situation, and there's been some horrible ones.

They have been expressing lately their lack of space due to the high number of strays in this city so it is absolutely dire they get a bigger space. They need all the resources they can get to ensure the love and care for our cities animals can continue.

Please PLEASE make this a reality. The innocent animals of this city need this.

Thank you,
Kristen Kalmanson

From: [Krisztina Callahan](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC shelter expansion
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 7:23:42 PM

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Dear City Council,

We adopted a beautiful dog from RACC shelter 7 years ago who has enriched our lives enormously. The work they do for our community is important and not thanked enough. I am in full support for their Cary Street location program.

Much appreciated,

Krisztina Callahan

From: [Laurie Tate](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 7:29:57 PM

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Dear Council Member,

We are writing this email to you today in support of Richmond Animal Care and Control's getting a new adoption center building. Please consider giving the financial support to them for an adoption building. RACC is in need for this building to have a true adoption center to be able to help more animals. My husband and I have been lucky to foster some dogs for RACC and we absolutely love it!! We have chosen to foster with RACC over many other shelters and/or rescues because we love what RACC stands for and how they help the animals in need. We have also adopted 3 dogs from RACC and feel so grateful that we have them and that RACC were able to bring them into our lives.

RACC would benefit by having a separate adoption building so they can also have more room for the strays, court cases and/or any animal recovering from any medical issues before being ready for adoption. Again, we strongly encourage you to support the new shelter building. It will help so many lives including the animals that will be saved there as well as the humans that are able to adopt from RACC.

Thank you
Laurie and Rick Boiteau

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Griffydd L. Fowler](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for RACC
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 7:34:28 PM

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Hello,
I am a Richmond resident and just wanted to email my support for Richmond Animal Care and Controls proposed move to their new location.
Thank you!

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From: [jcats jcats](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Shelter Expansion
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Hi City Council members!

Richmond citizen of the 5th District here, writing you in support of Richmond Animal Care and Control.

I understand you are considering whether to grant them more space and I would really like them to get the space they need, please! They will be able to build on the excellent service they provide the people and animals of our community.

They were there to help me a few weeks ago when a couple of parakeets were found abandoned in my neighborhood and within a short time RACC was able to find them a loving home.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue, and for your hard work and dedication to our city.

Sincerely,
Jamie Smith

From: [Emily Glisson](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for RACC
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 7:49:27 PM

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Dear Community advocates,

RACC is an immensely valuable and impactful organization within the Richmond community. I trust that you all understand and recognize that value. Please give us this sliver of hope for the future by investing in the future home of a portion of our community that cannot speak for themselves.

Best,
Emily Glisson

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From: "Griffydd L. Fowler" <griffydd.fowler@live.longwood.edu>
Date: November 11, 2024 at 7:36:16 PM EST
To: Emily Glisson <eglisson24@gmail.com>
Subject: Fw: Support for RACC

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Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 7:34 PM
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Subject: Support for RACC

Hello,

I am a Richmond resident and just wanted to email my support for Richmond Animal Care and Controls proposed move to their new location.

Thank you!

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From: [Kimberly Davis](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Help RACC Secure a New adoption center
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 7:49:17 PM

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Good evening,

I am a RVA resident who wants to share their support for RACC with securing a new adoption center at 2310 W. Cary St. These wonderful people deserve all the support they can get so they can continue to take great care of our city's furry friends in need of shelter and love.

Please help RACC, and all their wonderful volunteers, with whatever funds and space they need to protect these wonderful animals until they can find their forever homes. These animals need all the love and support they can get so they can continue to bring joy and love to our world.

Thank you for supporting RACC and Richmond city animal lovers.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Davis
Richmond, VA 23221

From: [Elizabeth Henderson](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Adoption Center
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 7:48:47 PM

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I am a city resident who is asking you to support ORD.2024-251 which makes funding available for an RACC Adoption Center.

I was recently made aware of the extensive community cat problem that exists all over the city. The demand for TNR resources far outweighs the supply. Thousands of kittens are saved in the process of TNR by a compassionate army of volunteers and rescue organizations, but there aren't enough homes for these kittens.

I have trapped and TNR'd 13 feral and stray cats that a neighbor harbored and then abandoned in Sept. In the process, I also saved five little kittens who will all get proper homes. I was able to get a rescue to intake three of them, but every rescue is operating beyond capacity and I struggled to find anyone to take the last two. I know RACC does wonderful work, but I couldn't stomach sending two tiny kittens to an over-crowded shelter so I will give them a home instead. RACC desperately needs additional resources, including an adoption center.

Please also consider additional TNR resources in future sessions. Preventing litters is far more cost effective than kittens. The public desperately needs more TNR resources.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

From: [Elizabeth Henderson](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Re: RACC Adoption Center
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 7:50:32 PM

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Sorry, sent too quickly.

Thank you for your consideration,
Elizabeth Henderson
4027 Collingbourne Road
Richmond, VA 23235

> On Nov 11, 2024, at 7:48 PM, Elizabeth Henderson <ejhender1209@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Thanks,

> Elizabeth

From: [Kate Foray](#)
Subject: Support for new RACC space
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 8:03:20 PM

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Hello!

I am writing to express my strong support for the opportunity to purchase an adoption center space for Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC) at 2310 West Cary Street. As a resident who lives in the same district, I believe this investment is essential for the well-being of our community and its animals.

RACC plays a crucial role in caring for homeless animals in Richmond. By securing a dedicated adoption center space, RACC will be better equipped to:

- **Increase adoption rates:** A centralized adoption center will make it easier for potential adopters to find their furry companions, leading to more animals finding loving homes.
- **Improve animal welfare:** A dedicated space will provide a more comfortable and stress-free environment for animals awaiting adoption, promoting their overall health and well-being.
- **Strengthen community bonds:** RACC's adoption center can serve as a hub for community engagement, fostering a deeper connection between residents and the animals in their care.

I urge you to support this important initiative. By investing in RACC's adoption center, we are investing in the future of our community and the lives of countless animals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kaitlin Foray

13 S Allen Avenue, 13A

Richmond, VA 23220

From: [Claudia Mohamed](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for RACC Adoption Center
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 8:14:13 PM

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Hi,

I am sending this email in support of RACC and their new adoption center. RACC does invaluable work for this community, and this expansion is much needed. I have never seen a city or county shelter do the incredible, caring work that RACC does. We are lucky to have such a city shelter and the amazing people who support it. Please continue to support this incredible place and people through this new project.

Thanks,
Claudia Mohamed

From: [Colin Corini](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#)
Subject: Email of Support for the RACC New Adoption Center - W. Cary Street
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 8:16:26 PM

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Hi All,

Please see this email as a show of support for the vote to approve the new RACC Adoption Center on West Cary Street.

RACC has made an incredible impact on not only my family's life but also on the community as a whole. This organization could greatly use another outlet to help care for the animals of Richmond and to support the means to place animals in the right place.

Thank you for your attention to this email.

Best regards,

Colin Corini

From: [Alia Adlich](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Animal control
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 8:29:16 PM

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Good evening!

I am emailing to support Richmond City Animal Control getting a new location in the fan. I believe moving to this location will increase awareness of the issues of homeless pets and create more adoptions just by moving to a highly trafficked location.

Please support this.

Thank you!
Alia Adlich, Richmond City Resident
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Chasitty Mosso](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: PLEASE grant a bigger building for RACC
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 8:34:17 PM

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Hello , my name is Chasitty Mosso. I do fostering through Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC) I have been doing this for about two years now. On top of helping fostering animals through RACC, I pick up strays off the streets as well. RACC has been doing everything possible they can to help provide for these poor animals who get dumped, abandoned, mistreated, abused and forgotten. It's a pure shame the way animals are tossed around the city like they are nothing. Irresponsible owners who do not get their animals fixed and causing overpopulation, people gifting animals as gifts with no intention of giving them a LONG loving FURever home. The mistreatment and abuse some of these poor animals experience are extremely disturbing to witness. They do not deserve the way they are being forced to live. RACC does everything and more that they can with the resources and limited space they have. I take in fosters, multiples at a time just to give them space for others that are steadily coming in. So many animals come in everyday and they deserve to have the proper space to make them feel loved until they finally get to go home to a family who will love and care for them. Please grant RACC the opportunity for a bigger, better building to be able to provide these sweet animals a step closer to a better, loving and nurturing life. Thank you for your time.

Chasitty Mosso
804-298-8222

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Erin Ferrell](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#)
Subject: RACC
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 8:59:45 PM

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Hello,

My name is Erin Ferrell and I have been fostering kittens for RACC for 2.5 years. I am writing in regard to the decision to allow them to purchase the adoption center on Cary St.

I can't tell you how deserving RACC is of a nicer, larger facility. They do unbelievable work for the city of Richmond and the new location would allow them to do even more. Have you seen how excited the staff of RACC is about the Cary St building and all of its possibilities?!? I think they are well aware of what the current location lacks and what they need to make it a better environment for the animals, as well as the community. Please allow this purchase and let's see what they can do!

Thank you,
Erin

From: [Geneda Taylor](#)
To: [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [City Clerk's Office](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#)
Subject: RACC new adoption center
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 9:08:42 PM

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Good afternoon council people,
I'm writing this email to support the new adoption center for Richmond Animal Care and Control. I have lived in the city for almost 16 years, and I believe RACC is the best run city organization. They would be able to help so much better with the new location. Please give your support.
Thank you!

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From: [Lauren Rice](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please Support RACC's Adoption Center
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 9:34:03 PM

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Hello,

I want to send along my **support** for RACC's new adoption center. I know this adoption center will supplement their existing facility and significantly increase space for housing pets in need, engagement with the public, grow community outreach efforts, and save more animals' lives.

Thank you,
Lauren Gillison
Richmond, VA 23227

From: [Jacklyn McMillan](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for RACC
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Hello,

My name is Jacklyn and I am a Richmond resident and have been since 2020. I know RACC is currently attempting to procure a new location for their shelter and I am happy to throw all my enthusiasm and support behind this choice. I have been involved with RACC since 2021, first by adopting my second dog Boomer from them, followed by promoting their amazing staff and animals, becoming a virtual foster, and helping train dogs rescued from RACC through my partner's dog training business, CalmK9 Training. With so many things that help divide us, particularly now, this feels like a cause we can all get behind. Please consider helping animals and giving an opportunity for our city to come together to feel good by allowing this spot to be for the animals. May we care more for all things, starting here.

Thank you,

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Jacklyn McMillan

From: bdimmett@yahoo.com
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Carytown Adoption Center
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 10:05:56 PM

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Hello,

I am writing in support of establishing a new adoption center in Carytown for RACC. The organization does great work and would have a wider reach and be more accessible to so many in the area with a new center.

Please consider the advantages of approving the location.

Kind regards,
Becky Dimmett

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From: [RICHARD and DIANE BRENT](#)
Subject: New Adoption Center for RACC
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 10:45:51 PM

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Good Evening,

I am writing to ask of your support for Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC) to secure a new adoption center. RACC is an invaluable asset to the City of Richmond and surrounding areas. Acquiring the new facility enables them to continue to provide the best care for the stray, injured, and homeless animals as well as expand their ability to find loving homes for them.

Over the last year the need to care for and find homes for abandoned animals has risen to all time highs all over the country. It is unfortunate that many animals are being euthanized just because the shelters are overcrowded and have no other options.

These animals desperately need RACC. And RACC needs your vote of support. Along with the staff of RACC, be the voice that these animals need. I ask each of you to please support the new adoption center.

Thank you!

Diane Brent
Animal Lover, Resident of Hanover County, and Avid Supporter of RACC

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From: [SUSAN VANDENBURGH](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC new facility proposal
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 11:03:05 PM

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Council persons,

I am writing in support of the city funding the new adoption center space proposed for RACC. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team of animal advocates running the current RACC facility. They are a huge credit to their jobs. They have managed for years to maintain an outstanding adoption rate, much higher than that of most municipally funded animal control operations. This city's residents appreciate the amazing work that RACC continues to do on behalf of the area's animals in need, as well as the help they offer animals from other areas with the funds donated to their supportive foundation. The amount of help RACC, and the area animal experts they rely upon, are able to provide the voiceless animal population they are so dedicated to should be something the officials of Richmond brag about on a daily basis. The citizens of the Richmond area prove by their donations that the welfare of animals in the area is very important to them. They understand, though, that RACC has only a limited amount of space to use in helping the needy animals that they strive to bring assistance to. The building that RACC is proposing to expand into would offer the area that much more of the support the animal lovers of the city know is needed. Richmond has an extremely high functioning animal control operation and I believe it would be in the best interest of the city to fund the proposed location so that RACC's mission can continue to grow and thrive and help as many area animals in need as possible. We appreciate ALL that Christy Peters and her amazing staff do, from saving the neediest of animals with the most severe injuries, to making the heartbreaking decisions to euthanize those that are beyond help. We support RACC and want to see them continue their outstanding work with more space to do it in. Please vote to support the new adoption center they are requesting. Ours is a better community for the hard work they do on a daily basis.

I thank you for your time and consideration of the matter at hand.

Have a wonderful day.

Susan M. VanDenburgh

From: [Sarah Nelson-Bush](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC New location
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 11:34:16 PM

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Dear City Council members,

I am an avid supporter of RACC. I have three dogs and three cats all from this wonderful institution. Two of my cats are “foster fails” because I also foster kittens. They offer to provide everything I need even though they can’t afford it. I make sure to decline the offer every time so they can use the funds to save another life.

The one thing they don’t have, and can’t provide or conjure, is space for more animals in need. They desperately need this new facility to be able to expand their helping hands across the city. So many times their small building on Chamberlayne Ave has been so full that they have to move animals out through adoption, fosters, and reclaims before they can help any others.

I have worked closely with this organization through Covid and even got a cute Channel 8 news story about fostering kittens at the Senior Living Facility in which I was working at the time. Kittens needed fostering and my poor residents just wanted something to love on and cuddle since they couldn’t see (or even touch) their families. So basically they save more than just animals. They saved me and my residents. It was so hard being an activity director when we weren’t allowed to do activities.

To the point, they need this new facility, no, they DESERVE this new facility to do so many more wonderful things for our community.

Thank you for your time,
Sarah Nelson-Bush

From: [Emily Fox-Brennan](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New adoption center for RACC!!
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 11:46:09 PM

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I am emailing in support of the new adoption center for Richmond animal care and control! Cannot say enough positive things about them and their incredible staff!!

Emily Fox-Brennan

From: [Carolyn Turner](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC New Adoption Center
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:22:30 AM

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From: Carolyn Turner <cdturner1@verizon.net>
Date: November 12, 2024 at 3:07:59 AM EST
To: andreas.addison@rva.gov
Subject: RACC New Adoption Center

I urge your approval of the new adoption center for Richmond Animal Care and Control.

The additional space is urgently needed. In recent months the increase in stray animals has become overwhelming. The staff wants to give adoptable animals their best chance to find new, loving homes. The additional space will facilitate this.

The new location will be attractive to potential adopters. An increase in the number of people who visit and view adoptable animals will result in increased adoptions.

Please support this plan.

Sincerely,
Carolyn D. Turner

Sent from my iPhone

From: [D. Jackson](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#)
Cc: katherine.jordon@rva.gov; [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New Shelter RACC
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Good morning

I am contacting you to please help in allowing the new RACC Animal shelter. Many animals are in need of care and adoption. It seems overwhelming now for several reasons. The RACC does an amazing job with animal care and processing animals for adoption. This keeps animals off of the street where harm can come to them and others.

Thank you

Danita Jackson
Associate Broker
Joyner Fine Properties

From: [Ann Hancock](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for RACC
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:53:27 AM

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Good morning,

I am writing you to ask for your approval of RACC's bid to purchase 2310 W Cary St for a new adoption center. RACC's mission is so important, and they play an enormous role in helping animals and families both. We adopted our first dog, Bella, from RACC. Prior to that, we rolled our eyes at people who said their rescue dog rescued them; after Bella came along though, we discovered the truth in that. Helping RACC make this move will enable them to keep serving Richmond and its animals, in a time when the need is greater than ever before.

Thank you for your consideration.



Ann Hancock

From: bridget.patterson
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); ellen.roberts@rva.gov; [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: A new facility for R.A.C.C
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:55:54 AM

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To the members of Richmond City Council,

My name is Bridget Foster, and I have had the privilege of serving as a medical foster for Richmond Animal Care and Control for the past three years. I am reaching out to express my unwavering support for their initiative to secure a new facility that would significantly enhance their already remarkable efforts in serving the Richmond City community and its beloved pets.

A little background, I have been a Licensed Veterinary Technician for 15 years and have worked in the surrounding communities for over 20 years in veterinary medicine. I currently work in a shelter setting and am always in awe of the efforts put forth by the staff and volunteers at R.A.C.C. They are bettering YOUR community by providing compassionate care for the animals that come to them and the people as well. They bring insurmountable awareness to the emotionally taxing work that they do and try to bring awareness to the need for more kindness in the community. They have brought national attention to their love and altruistic presence in the City of Richmond and have done nothing but enhanced that image daily.

While they are open about the difficult cases they handle, the emotional toll it takes can often go unnoticed by the public. Each act of cruelty and neglect they witness weighs heavily on their hearts. Yet, it's essential to remember that through this struggle, they continue to provide hope and healing. They show us the strength of the human spirit and the impact of compassion in transforming lives.

The work of Richmond Animal Care and Control is vital to ensuring the health and well-being of animals in our area. A new facility would not only allow for better resources and care but also enable them to expand their outreach and support programs for pet owners in need.

I request that you consider with kindness the significance of such a contribution to this remarkable group of individuals and the extensive benefits that would arise from this new establishment.

I thank you for your time,
Bridget Foster, LVT
804-938-5867

From: [Mallory Knapp](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Adoption Center
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:16:31 AM

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To Whom This May Concern:

Please approve the new adoption center for RACC. They are truly a wonderful organization, helping so many animals.

Thanks,
Mallory Sweeney

From: [JOHN A PIRKO](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New Space for RACC
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:25:25 AM

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Good Morning. I hope each of you will support RACC's acquisition of additional kennel space. It is hard to overstate how important more space is, especially now when kennels are filled to bursting. More space and the new location would help address the overcrowding and resulting kennel stress that the poor animals experience while waiting to be adopted. It would increase visibility to the community. So many people have stepped up to help RACC deal with the problems of overcrowding in the kennel, and I feel the city should recognize how important this is. I cannot overstate how fabulous a job the entire RACC staff is doing, every day. They handle the saddest situations with compassion and steadfastness. The animal control officers go above and beyond over and over again. These folks are among the kindest people in the city. Please help make their jobs a little easier and even more successful.

Thank you so much.

Terry Barnes-Pirko

John Pirko

Transport Drivers for RACC

From: [hanna mead](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Re: RACC
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:53:55 AM

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On Tue, Nov 12, 2024 at 7:45 AM hanna mead <hannamead16@gmail.com> wrote:

I am in full support of Richmond Animal Care & Control expanding and opening up another adoption center at 2310 W Cary st! I think this would be amazing for our community and for our furry friends of Richmond! Let's give back to RACC who has given 1000s and will give 1000s more of our furry friends a place to be safe until they find their forever home!! I love Richmond and I love RACC!!!

From: [Susan Shepherd](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC's New Adoption Center
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:09:42 AM

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Good Morning,

I have been a volunteer at RACC for 6 years now. I have worked for Richmond Public Schools and have lived within the city limits. As we all know, many things in Richmond do not function the way they should. From the public works to the schools. When I first started volunteering at RACC in 2018 as I expected this to be the case as well at RACC. However, I was VERY surprised to find that RACC does not function like a typical Richmond entity. Please allow them to continue to put Richmond City's name out into the world in a positive way by voting to approve the new adoption center on Cary Street. It will allow RACC to have some room to breathe and continue to help the pet population in Richmond.

Sincerely,

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Susan Shepherd
RACC Volunteer



From: [Kelly Kornman](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New Facilities for RACC
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:12:19 AM

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Hello!

I am emailing as a city resident and supporter and volunteer of Richmond Animal Care and control. I am in support of them purchasing the new adoption space to care for all of the animals that need help in the city.

Thank you!

Kelly Kornman

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Caley Cantrell](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please make the right call and help RACC
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 3:56:47 PM

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As a pet owner who has adopted nine rescue dogs through the years and as someone who volunteered at RACC because of the power of their work PLEASE HELP RACC secure a new adoption center!!

Many thanks for helping RACC save and protect more animals and place them in loving homes.

Caley Cantrell

From: [jess versus](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Writing in support of RACC acquiring the new space for an adoption center
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 10:02:19 PM

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Dear City Council members,

I am writing to offer my support of Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC) acquiring the new adoption center located in the Fan. The staff at RACC work tirelessly for this community and the animals in their care, and it is my firm desire that they receive any and every resource/funding that City Council can provide them, in order for them to do the most they can for Richmond's animals.

Thank you for your time and consideration!
—Jess vS

From: [suzanne hendricks](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#)
Cc: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Richmond Animal Care and Control
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Good Morning,

I am writing to you to implore you to support the efforts of Richmond Animal Care and Control to acquire the building in Carytown to create a space to house animals for adoption. I am a long time volunteer, foster parent and adoptee of animals from RACC. Both of my boys Eagle Scout projects were in support of RACC. The current building can no longer support the needs of the community. A separate facility to support adoption efforts would help the animals, the staff and the community. More space is needed to quarantine sick animals and hold the ever increasing number of stray and abandon dogs in the city. Not only does the building create more space for RACC, by being in a highly visible area it will increase foot traffic to the shelter and hopefully increase the number of animals adopted.

Again, I hope you will vote in favor of acquiring this space to allow Richmond Animal Care and Control to create a new adoption center.

Respectfully yours,

Suzanne

Suzanne Hendricks
suzanne.hendricks@outlook.com

From: [Emily Chadwell](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC on Cary St
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:46:54 AM

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Hello there

I am reaching out to express my support for the RACC location on Cary St.

As a volunteer and animal lover, RACC's only shortfall has always been their access to space for the animals they want to support. I know with this location they will encourage more Richmonders to adopt and ensure the animals have space. The best of both worlds!

I hope you're able to support this measure!

Emily Chadwell

Senior Manager - Onboarding, Implementation, and Integration Teams

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emilychadwell93@gmail.com

From: [Brent Ward](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: 2310 W Cary Pet Adoption Center Concerns
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 7:55:42 AM
Attachments: [2310 W Cary Pet Adoption Center Concerns.msg](#)

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Warren Jr., Richard A. - Clerk's Office

From: Brent Ward <bward@riggsward.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 7:55 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: 2310 W Cary Pet Adoption Center Concerns

Hello,

I was told to email this address to make a public comment about the issue in the subject line. So here goes:

First, let me say that I have adopted several pets from shelters and adopted others that were abandoned by hunters, etc. Our family has two shelter beagles now, and we have always had pets at the homes we owned. We have supported several humane societies and shelters over the years financially. Pets are incredibly important members of our family. I would like nothing more than to see a wonderful, bustling facility with happy pets going to their forever homes.

However, I and others in the neighborhood are still concerned about the noise and traffic this new facility might create. Is there any way a study can be done to estimate decibel levels and the amount of traffic that will come with the new use of the building?

Also, as I understand it, this center is being put here for better retail exposure. Is there any proof that this will increase adoption rates? Is there a comparable example to review (in another city or location) with pre and post move adoption numbers?

After Covid I know that the shelters were full of pets adopted during Covid. People discarded them because they didn't think through the commitment that comes with caring for a pet or their remote work policies were revoked. I wonder if making it too easy also makes for less responsible adoptions? Are there studies or numbers that show that where an adoption center is located drives forever adoption rates?

It would be good to have some real-world information to back this concept up.

Thank you!

Brent Ward, CIP & VAM Governing Council

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From: [Monika Barringer](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support of new Richmond Animal Control Building
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:53:42 AM

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Good morning,

I hope this email finds you well. I am sending this email in support of a new Richmond animal control building. Richmond animal control does so much for the community and surrounding communities when it comes to saving, rescuing, and advocating for these amazing animals that are sometimes close to death.

Monika Barringer

From: [Christine McLaughlin](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#)
Subject: RACC New Adoption Center Project SUPPORT
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:54:14 AM

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Good morning,

As a long term resident of Richmond City, I am in full support of RACC securing a new adoption center. There are so many abandoned pets on the street or neglected animals that currently "cannot" be picked up that deserve a safe place to stay while they wait for their forever-person to find them. Please consider pushing this venture through, as it would be a huge win for the city.

Thank you,
Christine M

From: [Kate Tinsley](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); ann-frances@rva.gov; [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC New Adoption Center - Letter of Support
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The Honorable Members of the Richmond City Council
City Hall
900 E Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Members of the Richmond City Council,

I am writing on behalf of Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC) to express our enthusiastic support for the proposed initiative to secure funding and resources for a new, dedicated adoption center in our city. As the primary animal welfare agency serving the City of Richmond, RACC is keenly aware of the critical need for a modern and expanded facility to enhance our ability to connect animals in need with loving, responsible homes.

Our current facility, while serving the community with dedication, faces significant limitations in terms of space, resources, and overall capacity. With over 3,000 animals taken in annually, RACC has consistently worked under challenging conditions to provide the highest standard of care and to find adoptive families for as many animals as possible. However, the existing infrastructure simply cannot accommodate the growing demand for services, nor does it provide the welcoming, humane environment that our animals deserve during their time with us.

A new adoption center would not only alleviate overcrowding and improve the overall health and safety of the animals in our care, but it would also enable us to expand our adoption and outreach programs. This center could serve as a community hub for animal welfare, offering educational resources, volunteer opportunities, and events to engage the public in animal advocacy and responsible pet ownership.

Investing in a new adoption center would be a long-term benefit to our city, enhancing our ability to improve animal welfare outcomes and strengthen the bond between residents and their pets. It would also contribute to Richmond's reputation as a compassionate, progressive city that values the well-being of all its inhabitants, human and animal alike.

We urge the City Council to prioritize this important initiative and to support the securing of funding for a state-of-the-art adoption center. With your partnership, we can continue to make

Richmond a model of animal welfare and a community where every pet has a chance for a better life.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and ongoing commitment to the well-being of Richmond's animals.

Sincerely,
Kate Tinsley

From: [SOHA NAGARKAR](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New Location For RACC
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:11:12 AM

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Hi,

I'm writing to express my strong support for Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC) in securing the proposed new location. As a crucial resource for animal welfare and community support in Richmond, RACC deserves this opportunity to expand and enhance their work in serving our city's animals and residents alike.

RACC's impact goes beyond simply being an animal shelter. They have provided shelter, medical care, and hope to countless abandoned, neglected, and abused animals, finding them loving homes while relieving the burden on our community resources. In addition, RACC plays a vital role in promoting responsible pet ownership, educating the public, and fostering compassion across all age groups.

The new location would allow RACC to expand its services and reach. With additional space, RACC could increase its capacity to house animals in need, create more volunteer opportunities, and improve public access to adoption events and educational programs. Moreover, a more visible, accessible location will only help amplify their message and further engage the community, strengthening the relationship between Richmond's residents and the animals that enrich our lives.

Please consider all that RACC contributes to Richmond in making this important decision. The positive impact of granting RACC this space would benefit not only our local animals but also the broader community, promoting compassion, safety, and unity.

Thank you for your consideration and for supporting such an important cause.

Sincerely,

Soha Nagarkar

From: [Vicki Anderson](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New Adoption Center - RACC
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I am writing to express my strong support for Richmond Animal Care and Control and to urge you to consider expanding their facilities to create a larger, modern adoption center. RACC plays a critical role not only in our community but across Virginia and beyond, serving as a compassionate advocate and lifesaver for countless animals.

Over the years, RACC has demonstrated a unique commitment to animal welfare, addressing heartbreaking cases with resilience, compassion and expertise. One notable example is their work with Tommy, the pit-bull who tragically suffered after being set on fire. The international response to Tommy's story, and RACC's dedication to seeking justice and changing laws in his memory, brought widespread attention to the essential work they do.

RACC's team works tirelessly, not only to rehome pets but also to rehabilitate, fundraise and raise awareness on critical animal welfare issues. A larger, better equipped adoption center would allow them to continue- and even expand – these efforts, enabling them to assist more animals and proved community support through education and outreach.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Supporting RACC expansion is an investment in our community, a stand for compassion and a recognition of the essential work RACC does to make Richmond a place of safety and respect for all animals. I couldn't be prouder of all the work these folks do for animals.

Vicki Anderson
113 NE 8th Street
Oak Island, NC 28465

From: [Dominique Lee](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for New RACC Adoption Center
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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Richmond Animal Care and Control's (RACC) proposal to secure a new adoption center. As a future neighbor and an enthusiastic dog owner, I see this project as a crucial development that will significantly benefit our community.

The new facility is not just an upgrade; it represents a commitment to improving the lives of countless animals in need. The current facilities have served us well but are no longer sufficient to meet the growing demands and the standards of care that our community expects and that our animals deserve.

As someone who plans to volunteer and contribute regularly to the RACC, I am excited about the potential of a new center that can provide improved services, better conditions for the animals, and a more welcoming environment for potential adopters. It will also enhance our neighborhood, bringing together animal lovers and fostering a community spirit centered around care and support.

I urge you to consider the positive impact this new adoption center will have not only on the animals but also on our community's quality of life. Please feel free to reach out if you require further information or a more detailed discussion on why this project is so essential for our city.

Thank you for considering this vital initiative. I hope to see it come to fruition with your support.

Warm regards,

Dominique Lee

From: [Dawn Sweeney](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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I am writing on behalf of RACC and all of the many lives that they have changed. They not only save the lives of so many animals but they give so much love to the families that adopt these animals. I have supported RACC for years. I even support with a #teamtommie license plate. I support them because I believe in them and I believe in what they do. These employees and volunteers work tirelessly to do what they do. They save thousands of lives and make such a difference. I can only hope that you will allow them to move to the new building so they can change even more lives. I ask that if you question anything at all about what they do, please go look at their Facebook page. Please go to the RACC Alumni page to see the animals that have all been adopted and read the testimonies of the families that have saved a life. Please approve the move for RACC. It will make a difference for so many.

Dawn Sweeney

Sent from my iPhone please excuse any typos

From: [Leah Keuper](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC New Adoption Center
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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to voice my support for the RACC's new adoption center. As you know, animal welfare is a critical concern, and many animals in our area are in need of safe, loving homes. This new center will provide a dedicated space to care for these animals, promote responsible pet ownership, and help reduce the number of animals in shelters.

The center will not only serve as a safe haven for homeless animals but also as a resource for our community, offering education on pet care, adoption services, and programs to encourage responsible pet ownership.

However, to make this vision a reality, we need the support of local leaders like you. I would like to kindly request your endorsement and assistance in securing the necessary funding, zoning approvals, and other resources required for the center's development. Your backing would lend significant weight to this initiative and help us move forward with the project.

Thank you for your consideration,



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From: [Susan Patton](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Re: RACC Expansion
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:00:41 AM

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I write in support of a new adoption center for RACC. The shelter is struggling with an influx of stray and surrendered animals, and more space is needed. I am a 47-yearlong resident of Richmond, and I have seen our shelter become a sterling example. Please vote to enable them to continue their good work for the animals in our city.

Thank you,

Susan C. Patton

From: [Jennifer Keegan](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC - appeal for approval of new adoption center
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Dear Richmond City leaders,

As a volunteer for and supporter of RACC, I respectfully request that you help this amazing organization secure a new adoption center. RACC's current adoption space is outdated, too small, and isn't up to the challenge of meeting the ambitious goals of staff and leadership. However, it's inspiring how much love is in their current building and how they maximize every inch of the space. When I think about the potential the new space offers and the unlimited opportunities, I can't begin to imagine how many animals will be saved and the lives that will be transformed.

Richmond is growing and developing into a first-rate city. We deserve a shelter that reflects the animal-loving culture of our community and is a welcoming space for adopters. Please, please approve RACC's request for a much-needed new adoption space!

Respectfully,
Jennifer Keegan

From: [Alexandra Teter](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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Good morning,

I am sending this email to show support in RACC's project for the new shelter space. As a resident of Richmond City, I can confidently say everyone works relentlessly hard and their efforts should not go unnoticed. I firmly believe providing a new shelter space for RACC would be extremely beneficial to our community. They truly deserve this!

Best,

Alexandra Teter

From: [Corena Huffman](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC-New adoption center
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Hello!

We are a volunteer-based, foster-run rescue in rural VA and are writing in favor of the new adoption center for RACC.

Not only will this beautiful location increase space, it will alleviate overcrowding at the current facility. As you know there are 1,500 animals adopted a year with 3,000 intakes.

The new location on Cary Street will open up adoption options, allow for adoption events, increase foot traffic and provide a brighter, more positive adoption experience for families and the public. It will separate the intake and holding space from the current location.

Please consider this a win-win for the city shelter and your Richmond area community!

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Best Regards,
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From: [V Spinos](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC
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Reminder if you haven't yet emailed your support to Help RACC secure a New Adoption Center! ♥, the cutoff is tomorrow morning at 10am! Copy and paste the list below-thank you!

Sincerely, Vickie Spinos

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kathleen Sanders](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New Adoption Facility for RACC
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Good afternoon,

Please fund the new adoption center for Richmond Animal Care and Control. It is greatly needed and will be well used.

Thank you,
Kathleen Sanders
319 N 32nd Street
RVA 23223

Sent from Kathi's iPhone

From: [Richardson, Kristi](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RACC Support of new Shelter
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To whom this may concern,

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I wish to extend and express my support for the new space at *2310 W. Cary St.* that the RACC shelter wishes to obtain for a new shelter.

I think this would bring upon many opportunities that a city shelter could benefit from and that our pet community could be supported through.

Happy to speak with you further if needed.

Thanks again,
KR

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From: [Rainey, Cole](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Jones, Nicole - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
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Hello,

I am sending this email to ensure RACC has a safe and clean new adoption center for their animals. This community in Richmond is very tight-knit and loves dogs, cats and other creatures.

Please consider this, as it would do a lot of good for our community and the lives of many homeless pets.

Thank you,

Cole Rainey
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From: [Lauren Gwaley](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: yes to new city shelter
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:40:35 PM

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This year, I fostered three dogs from Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC) who were too scared in the shelter. They stayed with me until they found loving homes. I support RACC because they do incredible work, with adoption rates that other shelters only dream of. But they urgently need a new facility. A walkable, accessible location near Carytown will boost community engagement, and larger spaces will reduce kennel stress for the animals. Investing in this facility means a safer, more supportive space for homeless pets and continues as a model for animal welfare in our region. Thank you.

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