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From: Kathy Dowdye <kathydowdye2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 9:21 PM
To: PDR Land Use Admin
Subject: 3422 R St Special Use Permit

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Attn: Mr. Jonathan Brown and Richard Saunders

As a decades long resident of this wonderful family-oriented neighborhood....It is my heartfelt feeling...that to approve this "special use permit" would NOT be in the best interest of existing homeowners & neighbors located in close proximity. This property is located at the corner of "R" & 1200 block North 35th Street (Stop sign)..Needless to say..it is an extremely active & heavily trafficked...street.....filled with speeding cars..& lots of precious CHILDREN....innocently at play on the sidewalks. There is already a signed petition (PUBLIC WORKS.DEPT)..to hopefully acquire a " speed bump" for safety measures. Installing a "2 family dwelling(3422..Ordinance#No.2021-279".....without ANY backyard...seems very potentially HAZARDOUS ..indeed...Secondly, to make matters worse...[potentially.to](#) approve ANOTHER separate dwelling/ home to be built ..literally on adjacent lot that does NOT " meet minimum lot area.,lot width ...Nor front yard requirements"!!(extracted from Notice of Public Hearing/ Planning Commission letter to neighboring homeowners). This proposed second home would NOT ..also have a " backyard".....just as 3422 " R" does NOT!! (2 family dwelling). The present owner has. "4" beautiful."young" children that deserve. a "BACKYARD"!!!..Parking near one's HOME..is. a vanishing reality...a real frustrating daily challenge.!!!..Where WOULD the potential occupants of the 3422(2 family.dwelling) & proposed house [to.be](#) built NEXT.door....actually." PARK" vehicles!!!..It is unfathomable to think that the proposed second house could be"SQUEEZED"..between 3422.&.existing 3420!!! OMG!! Here's thanking " Land Use/ Planning Commission/ City of Richmond" ...its board members & Mr.Jonathan Brown..Mr.Benbow..etc.. for.the opportunity to comment on this important issue(Ordinance No#2021-279 Special Use Permit/ 3422 " R" St & 1200 block North 35th St..(corner existing 2 family dwelling with new storage shed & proposed second.home(next door/ lot.size does NOT meet." minimum" requirements). Respectfully submitted, Ms.Kathy Graham Dowdye

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From: JOSE TOBIAS <jjjjjjjh9@gmail.com>
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Subject: Ordinance number 2021_279 special use for 3422 R street

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the corner of oakwood and R street is a busy street,adding a multi unit at said location will make it worse,it is also on a bus route,traffic is heavy and fast,I do not favor special use dwelling.Attention Jonathan Brown!!!!!!Per home owner Ruth C Hill Sent from my iPhone

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From: Diane Walker <dianegramwalker@gmail.com>
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Subject: MUST DENY SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST FOR 3422 R STREET

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I implore the Richmond Planning Commission to deny Keana William's request to build a second house between 3422 and 3420 R Street in Historic Church Hill North. His construction request is reckless and would have adverse impacts on residents and the North 35th Street neighborhood. It would be damaging to the integrity of the entire area, I vehemently object to this outrageous request and strongly urge the Richmond Planning Commission to shut it down and not allow Keana Williams to skirt around ordinance protections by building a structure that is prohibited because it does not meet even the minimum requirements. The lot is too small for a house sandwiched between two existing homes. It would be an eyesore and a constant reminder to longtime residents who have invested blood, sweat, and tears to keep their homes that the City of Richmond really doesn't care about people's quality of life or property values. This proposed construction offers no benefit to this neighborhood in Historic Church Hill North. It will only mean more money for Keana Williams and line his pockets.

I have met the applicant, Keana Williams, his wife and children a couple times. They are a nice family. But he is trying to create income to the detriment of neighbors living around them. I applaud him for renovating the house he currently lives in but to build a second home on a lot that can't support this huge structure is the wrong use for this lot. It will bring down property values and forever disrupt the harmony and integrity of the neighborhood.

I grew up in this neighborhood on North 35th Street. I have family in this neighborhood. They object. I'm a property owner in this neighborhood. I object. I know many of the senior residents in this neighborhood who have lived there 50 years or more. They are concerned and also object to Keana Williams' plans. Some may not express their objections because they don't know how to comply with the City's process. Many don't understand virtual meetings or composing emails. But they do understand that this construction is not a good fit for the place that they've called home for decades.

Keana Williams' special use permit request is unreasonable and damaging.
I urge the Commission and Jonathan Brown to reject it.

(Ordinance No. 2021-279) Special use permit for 3422 R Street The property is located in the Oakwood neighborhood on R Street between Oakwood avenue and North 35th Street.

Respectfully Submitted,
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