

**From:** [Charles Woodson](#)  
**To:** [PDR Land Use Admin](#)  
**Cc:** [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of support for Ord 2024-251  
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Dear Friends on the Richmond Planning Commission and City Council,

Please support the new pet adoption center for Richmond Animal Care and Control at 2310 W Cary Street. This facility would be a wonderful new public amenity for the community and would aid in RACC's mission to provide animal adoptions for the region.

Thank you so much,

Charles T Woodson.  
302 S Cherry St  
Richmond, Va 23220

**From:** [Sarah-Anne Diamond](#)  
**To:** [PDR Land Use Admin](#)  
**Subject:** New Adoption space for RACC  
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Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

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:** [svcContactUsRelayPV](#)  
**To:** [PDR Land Use Admin](#)  
**Cc:** [CityWebManager](#)  
**Subject:** Support for ORD 2024-251 on 10/1/2024 Phone: 804-248-1795  
**Date:** Friday, September 27, 2024 11:56:08 AM

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Message:

To City Council and Richmond Planning Commission, I pray you can find it in your hearts to support the new pet adaption center for Richmond Animal Care @ 2310 W. Cary St. What a great help it would be to RACC's worthy cause.

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**From:** [David Calkins](#)  
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**Subject:** Support for Proposed RACC Adoption Center  
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Good evening,

I am a resident of the City of Richmond, and I would like to express my support of the proposed adoption center for Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC).

My wife and I are active supporters of RACC, and we have adopted three pets from RACC. Richmond has a very active and diverse dog-loving community, and a new adoption center will go a long way to helping that community grow.

RACC and its staff have demonstrated their commitment to the City over the past several years, with multiple initiatives, activities, and events to get the most out of their current shelter space. A new adoption center will increase RACC's reach in the community and result in more animals finding homes.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

**David Calkins**  
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**From:** [Ashley Calkins](#)  
**To:** [PDR Land Use Admin](#)  
**Subject:** Support for RACC's Proposed Adoption Center  
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Good evening,

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 Dobbins Calkins