



City of Richmond

Formal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, June 8, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall
Virtual Meeting

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Kim Gray
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (late arrival)
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., and presided.

Invocation was offered by Dr. Sheary Johnson of Victory Family Worship Center, 30 LaBrook Drive, Richmond, VA.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Members of Council and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTRONIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

City Clerk Candice Reid, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, announced the meeting would be held through electronic communication means. City Clerk Reid stated notice of the meeting was provided to the public through a public information advisory issued on May 28, 2020, and through Legistar on the city website in accordance with usual practice. She also stated members of the public were encouraged to provide comments in writing prior to the meeting and all comments received prior to 10:00 a.m., on Monday, June 8, 2020, were provided to Council members. Ms. Reid indicated that members of the public who signed up to speak and provide comment would be called to speak at the appropriate time.

CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES

President Cynthia Newbille informed members that 18 individuals signed up to speak during the Citizen Comment Period and inquired if members had any objection to allowing the additional 10 speakers to provide public comment.

It was the consensus of Council to allow the additional public comment speakers and to limit the usual three minutes offered to provide public comment to two minutes.

Upon the President's request, Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren provided citizen speaker guidelines.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

Councilor Michael Jones moved that the following reappointment be approved:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Terms</u>
City Personnel Board (9 members)	Resident	Shannon Taylor 4 th District Resident (reappointment)	06/27/2020 – 06/27/2023

* Applicants must reside or work in the city.

The motion was seconded and was approved: Ayes 7, Jones, Larson, Lynch, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille. Noes None. Robertson was excused.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no awards or presentations.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing prior to the Formal City Council meeting. All written citizen comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting, and are included as an appendix to the June 8, 2020 Formal City Council meeting minutes.

Kathryn Brown addressed Council and expressed her support for the removal of all Confederate monuments within the city. Ms. Brown stated the removal would help eradicate white supremacy in the city.

Mera Carle addressed Council and requested the reallocation of Richmond Police Department (RPD) funds to schools, community programs and living wage jobs. Ms. Carle also requested the implementation of a *Marcus Alert* to assist individuals suffering from a mental health crisis. Ms. Carle stated she wanted the officers responsible for dispersing tear gas on protesters at the Robert E. Lee monument to be removed from the field.

Ebony OpongBrown, Three Girls with a Message (3GM) member, addressed the positive atmosphere among people protesting within the city. Ms. OpongBrown requested Council assist with declaring July 5, 2020 as a day to uplift black owned restaurants in the city.

John Bradley addressed Council and expressed his belief that the Richmond Police Department's interaction with protesters was an anti-democratic betrayal of the public trust. Mr. Bradley requested Council defund the RPD and redirect funds to schools, housing and the public good.

David Robinson addressed Council and informed members he was a United States Marine Corps veteran requesting police reform. Mr. Robinson stated the use of military equipment by police was eroding the public's trust. Mr. Robinson expressed his belief that higher education requirements should be necessary for prospective police officers to receive employment.

Marshal Turner addressed Council and referenced the death of Marcus-David Peters. Mr. Turner requested Council defund the RPD and that funds be reallocated to address mental health in minority communities.

Talal Bitar addressed Council and expressed his concerns with the amount of funds allocated to the Richmond Police Department. Mr. Bitar requested police officers be held accountable and that funding should be reallocated from the RPD to improve human services.

Jason Douglass Reed addressed Council and informed members that a proposed bike lane on the 4400 hundred block of Patterson Avenue would remove all public access parking to residents of the street. Mr. Reed stated those with mobility issues would be negatively impacted with the lack of parking available due to the addition of a bike lane. Mr. Reed requested Council suspend construction of the bike lane pending review of a proposal for an alternative location for the bike lane.

Hilary Small addressed Council and shared her support for the removal of Confederate monuments within the city. Ms. Small requested the removal of police officers from schools, defunding of the RPD and the reallocation of funds towards community care.

Kathleen Thompson addressed Council and commended members for their commitment to the removal Confederate monuments within the city. Ms. Thompson requested less financing for the RPD in order to reallocate funds towards mental health services, affordable housing, workforce development and school funding.

Leslie Johnson addressed Council and spoke to the experiences people of color face within the city. Ms. Johnson requested that the RPD require a two year degree in criminal justice from prospective police officers.

Viktoria Chronister addressed Council and stated people needed to take the opportunity to be educated in the experiences of others. Ms. Chronister expressed her hope that the city could be an example to others for how to promote positive change.

Jayqua Williams addressed Council and shared the experiences she faced as a black child in the city. Ms. Williams stated the interactions between black youth and police needed to improve. Ms. Williams also stated she was collecting experiences and grievances regarding racism and police brutality. Ms. Williams further stated she hoped to share the results with members of Council.

Parth Sheth addressed Council and expressed his concerns with the RPD's actions regarding protesters in the city. Mr. Sheth requested Council create meaningful mental health response teams, replace the chief of police, defund the RPD and reallocate funds towards city services.

Councilor Michael Jones shared his appreciation of individuals who provided public comment and citizens participating peacefully in protests. Councilor Jones stated funding for public safety needed to be re-examined and that a transparent discussion about the amount of funding allocated to the RPD was necessary.

AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

The following amendments to the agenda were presented:

ORD. 2018-324

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2007-131-174, adopted Jul. 23, 2007, which authorized the special use of the property known as 1400 Grove Avenue for the purpose of permitting a multifamily dwelling consisting of no more than ten units and authorized the special use of the properties known as 1410 and 1412 Grove Avenue for the purpose of allowing single-family attached dwellings on substandard sized lots, together with accessory off-street parking, to remove from the ordinance the provisions pertaining to 1412 Grove Avenue, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020

ORD. 2018-325

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1412 Grove Avenue for the purpose of either a single-family attached dwelling or a single-family detached dwelling and up to four rooms or groups of rooms for short-term rental use, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020

ORD. 2020-110

To amend Ord. No. 2019-041, adopted May 13, 2019, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by reducing total appropriations by \$11,782,826, transferring funds from various agencies and non-departmental programs and the Budget and Revenue Stabilization Contingency Reserve, and appropriating the transferred funds to various agencies and non-departmental programs; and to amend Ord. No. 2019-042, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Special Fund Budget and made appropriations thereto, by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development's Affordable Housing - Non CDBG Areas special fund by \$1,000,000.00 to provide for affordable housing initiatives.

Withdrawn

ORD. 2020-117

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Records Management System User Agreement between the City of Richmond and Virginia Commonwealth University for the purpose of contracting for the use of equipment and materials as allowed by Va. Code § 15.2-1736 by allowing the Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department to become an operational user of the Department of Police's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the Department of Police and the Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department.

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020

ORD. 2020-119

To amend Ord. No. 2019-089, adopted Apr. 22, 2019, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 5400 Hull Street Road, 5336 Hull Street Road, and 5348 Hull Street Road for the purpose of self-storage facilities and multifamily dwellings containing up to 245 dwelling units, to modify the site plans, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be continued to Monday, June 22, 2020

ORD. 2018-236

To amend ch. 26, art. V, div. 2 of the City Code by adding therein new sections 26-370-26-374, concerning a real estate tax deferral program for real estate owned and occupied as a sole dwelling, for the purpose of establishing a new real estate tax deferral program for real estate owned and occupied as a sole dwelling.

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020

ORD. 2020-041

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2017-129, adopted Oct. 9, 2017, which authorized the special use of the property known as 1704 Arlington Road for the purpose of illuminated canopy signage, to modify the permitted uses, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be continued to Monday, June 22, 2020

RES. 2020-R034

To declare surplus and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to seek proposals for the properties located at 112 North 7th Street, 114 North 7th Street, 116 North 7th Street, 500 North 10th Street, 401 East Broad Street, 730 East Broad Street, 800 East Clay Street, 808 East Clay Street, 609 East Grace Street, and 601 East Leigh Street for the purpose of facilitating the purchase and development of such parcels.

To be amended and continued to Monday June 22, 2020

All written comments received by the Office of the City Clerk prior to the Formal City Council meeting, regarding Ord. 2020-117, were provided to members of the Council and are included as an appendix to the June 8, 2020 Formal City Council meeting minutes.

The motion to amend the agenda was seconded and unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:

ORD. 2020-087

To designate and incorporate certain City-owned properties along West 42nd Street, West, 43rd Street, West 44th Street, West 46th Street, Rear West 42nd Street, Dunston Avenue, and Rear Dunston Avenue[, and Reedy Avenue Rear] into Crooked Branch Ravine Park. (As Amended)

ORD. 2020-090

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2852 Hull Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

ORD. 2020-111

To declare the property known as 1201 Porter Street to be blighted property pursuant to Va. Code § 36-49.1:1 and to approve a spot blight abatement plan for such property.

ORD. 2020-116

To amend City Code §§ 21-67 and 21-68, concerning public procurement, for the purpose of conforming the sections to the requirements of Va. Code §§ 2.2-4302.2 and 2.2-4303.1.

ORD. 2020-118

To amend Ord. No. 91-220-208, adopted Jul. 8, 1991, which authorized use of the properties known as 1704 and 1706 Floyd Avenue, containing 4847.82 square feet located on the north side of Floyd Avenue between Vine Street and Allen Avenue, being more completely described as follows: beginning at a point being 43.00 feet west of the west line of Vine Street, thence fronting 37.58 feet in a westerly direction along the north line of Floyd Avenue and extending back 129.00 feet between parallel lines, parallel to the west line of Vine Street, to the south line of a 10.75 foot wide east-west public alley, to be split into two separate lots, for the purpose of a two-family dwelling on each property, to authorize a third dwelling unit at 1706 Floyd Avenue, together with accessory parking, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-120

To authorize the special use of the property known as 7345 Longview Drive for the purpose of a wildlife rehabilitation facility accessory to an existing single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-121

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2100 West Cary Street for the purpose of a retail use on the ground floor, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-122

To authorize the special use of the property known as 301 West 6th Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to 350 dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-123

To rezone the properties known as 400 Maury Street and 418 Maury Street from the M-2 Heavy Industrial District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District and the property known as 401 Maury Street from the B-7 Mixed-Use Business District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District.

ORD. 2020-124

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition by gift, purchase, condemnation, or otherwise of the property known as 1201 Porter Street for the public purpose of implementing a Spot Blight Abatement Plan adopted in accordance with Va. Code § 36-49.1:1 for such property.

ORD. 2020-125

To amend and reordain City Code § 9-58, which assigns polling places in the city, to relocate and establish a new polling place for Precinct 206 and Precinct 702. (As Amended)

RES. 2020-R024

To recognize the effects of global warming caused by human activity and to establish a climate action goal to achieve a 45 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 from the 2008 baseline.

RES. 2020-R037

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the development of a housing policy plan to address homelessness and affordable housing in the city of Richmond.

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding Consent Agenda items prior to the Formal City Council meeting. All written comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting, and are included as an appendix to the June 8, 2020 Formal City Council meeting minutes.

Public Hearing

Blake Gayle, Zwerdling, Oppleman & Adams attorney, on behalf of the property owner of 1201 Porter Street, spoke in opposition to Ord. 2020-111 and Ord. 2020-124. Mr. Gayle stated his client was not properly notified by the city regarding the blight complaint and therefore the ordinances before Council for consideration were invalid. Mr. Gayle also stated he believed his client should be provided more time to respond to the city's attempt to declare 1201 Porter Street a blight property due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tychelle Brown spoke in support of Res. 2020-R037, and the need to assist the homeless population within the city. Ms. Brown stated many in the homeless population suffered from mental health issues and requested the city provided additional services within that community.

Councilor Kristen Larson inquired about the legal issues referenced by Blake Gayle.

Interim City Attorney Haskell Brown informed members that nothing prohibited Council from considering Ord. 2020-111 and Ord. 2020-124, and that no court had issued an order that prevented the city from moving forward on declaring 1201 Porter Street a blighted property.

Mark Olinger, Planning and Development Review director, informed Council he believed the city took all appropriate steps to notify the property owner of 1201 Porter Street.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch requested an update from city partners regarding steps taken to address and assist the homeless population within the city.

There were no further comments or discussions and the **Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted.**

REGULAR AGENDA

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2020-132

To amend Ord. No. 2019-041, adopted May 13, 2019, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by reducing total appropriations by \$11,377,891, transferring funds from various agencies and non-departmental programs and the Budget and Revenue Stabilization Contingency Reserve, and appropriating the transferred funds to various agencies and non-departmental programs; and to amend Ord. No. 2019-042, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Special Fund Budget and made appropriations thereto, by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development's Affordable Housing - Non CDBG Areas special fund by \$1,000,000.00 to provide for affordable housing initiatives.

Jay Brown, Budget and Strategic Planning director, provided an introduction to Ord. 2020-132 and informed Council a presentation regarding the proposed ordinance was provided to members at the Informal Session of Council held earlier that evening.

Councilor Kim Gray stated she believed potential cuts should be examined before the city transferred funds from the Revenue Stabilization Contingency Reserve.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Ord. 2020-132 was adopted:** Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Trammell, Addison, Newbille. Noes 1, Gray.

MOTIONS

Councilwoman Reva Trammell moved that the resolution entitled:

RES. 2020-R034

To declare surplus and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to seek proposals for the properties located at 112 North 7th Street, 114 North 7th Street, 116 North 7th Street, 500 North 10th Street, 401 East Broad Street, 730 East Broad Street, 800 East Clay Street, 808 East Clay Street, 609 East Grace Street, and 601 East Leigh Street for the purpose of facilitating the purchase and development of such parcels.

be amended and continued to Monday, June 22, 2020, as follows:

Page 1, Line 5

At the beginning of the line, delete the word "properties" and insert the word "property"

After the word "at", strike the text "112 North 7th Street, 114 North 7th Street, 116 North 7th Street"

Page 1, Line 6

After the text "10th Street", strike the comma and the text "401 East Broad Street, 730 East Broad Street, 800 East Clay Street, 808 East Clay Street, 609 East Grace Street, and 601 East Leigh Street"

Page 1, Line 8

After the word "such", delete the word "parcels" and insert the word "parcel"

Page 1, Line 13

After the word "the", strike the word "properties" and insert the word "property"

After the word "at", strike the text "112 North 7th Street, 114 North 7th Street, 116 North 7th Street"

Page 1, Line 14

After the comma following the text "10th Street", strike the text "401 East Broad Street, 730 East Broad Street, 800 East Clay Street, 808 East Clay Street, 609 East Grace Street, and 601 East Leigh Street" and the following comma

Page 1, Line 16

After the word "Parcel", strike the text "Nos. W000-0008/010, W000-0008/009, W000-0008/008" and the following comma and insert the abbreviation "No."

Page 1, Line 17

After the tax parcel number "E000-0235/001", strike the comma and the text "W000-0025/001, N000-0002/016, N000-0009/002, N000-0009/001, W000-0008/001, N000-0007/001, respectively" and the following comma

Page 1, Line 18

After the comma following the text "City Assessor", strike the text "are properties" and insert the text "is a property"

Page 1, Line 19

After the word "determined", strike the word "are" and insert the word "is"

Page 2, Line 4

After the word "the", strike the word "properties" and insert the word "property"

After the word "at", strike the text "112 North 7th Street, 114 North 7th Street, 116 North 7th Street"

Page 2, Line 5

After the comma following the text "10th Street", strike the text "401 East Broad Street, 730 East Broad Street, 800 East Clay Street, 808 East Clay Street, 609 East Grace Street, and 601 East Leigh Street" and the following comma

Page 2, Line 7

At the beginning of the line, strike the text "Nos. W000-0008/010, W000-0008/009, W000-0008/008" and the following comma and insert the abbreviation "No."

After the tax parcel number "E000-0235/001", strike the comma, the text "W000-0025/001, N000-0002/016, N000-0009/002, N000-0009/001, W000-0008/001, N000-0007/001, respectively" and the following comma

Page 2, Line 9

After the comma following the text "City Assessor", strike the word "are" and insert the word "is"

At the beginning of the line, strike the word “properties” and insert the word “property”

There were no comments or discussions and **motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Councilor Kim Gray moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

RES. 2020-R041

To consent to the Director of Emergency Management’s declaration that a local emergency exists in the city of Richmond due to ongoing instances of civil unrest beginning on May 29, 2020, in the city of Richmond.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Fire Chief Melvin Carter provided additional information regarding the proposed resolution and stated the resolution would provide the mayor with the authority to ensure public safety.

Councilor Kristen Larson inquired what additional authority the resolution would provide that was not previously granted by Res. 2020-R025, adopted March 16, 2020, which authorized an emergency declaration due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chief Carter informed Council the city could not rely on the previously granted pandemic emergency declaration to address civil unrest within the city. Chief Carter stated the resolution would aid first responders with emergency response time in the city.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Res. 2020-R041 was unanimously adopted.**

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

RES. 2020-R042

To express the Council's support for the Governor of Virginia's executive order requiring that face coverings be worn in public indoor areas to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Patron: Mr. Jones

Councilor Michael Jones provided an introduction of Res. 2020-R042 and stated the proposed resolution would promote safety within the city regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was the consensus of Council members present to be added as co-patrons of Res. 2020-R042.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Res. 2020-R042 was unanimously adopted.**

Councilor Kim Gray requested additional information regarding when additional personal protective equipment supplies would be available for distribution.

Acting Chief Administrative Officer Lenora Reid informed Council city administration would provide an update regarding supplies.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Andreas Addison moved to approve the minutes of the following Richmond City Council meetings: Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, May 11, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, June 22, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2020-133

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$20,104,653.00 from the Commonwealth of Virginia; to amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Fire and Emergency Services called the COVID-19 Relief Special Fund; and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' COVID-19 Relief Special Fund by \$20,104,653.00 for the purpose of funding necessary expenditures due to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

ORD. 2020-134

To amend Ord. No. 2019-041, adopted May 13, 2019, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by re-appropriating \$117,041.00 of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 fund balance excess assigned to the "Delinquent Tax Sales" special fund of the Office of the City Attorney, and to appropriate these funds to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of the City Attorney by \$117,041.00 for the purpose of offsetting any deficit in that special fund.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

ORD. 2020-135

To amend Ord. No. 2019-043, adopted May 13, 2019, which (i) accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and the four fiscal years thereafter, (ii) adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, and (iii) determined a means of financing the same, to modify the purpose of the Stormwater Facilities Improvements project in the Utilities category to provide that such project includes a grant to Capital Trees pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-953(B) to plant native plants and trees in the Low Line Park.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 15, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-136

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Agreement and Deed of Lease between Scripps Media, Inc., as lessor and the City of Richmond as lessee for the purpose of the construction, maintenance, repair, and operation of a

communications facility to support the City's emergency communications system at 3300 Cutshaw Avenue.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-137

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Programmatic Project Administration Agreement Extension Addendum between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of the development and administration of previously authorized and future Revenue Sharing Program projects.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-138

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a City of Richmond Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Capital Trees for the purpose of making native plant and tree landscape improvements to The Low Line park in the city of Richmond.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-139

To approve the Work Plan and Budget for the fiscal year ending Jun. 30, 2021, for the provision of services in the Downtown Richmond Special Service and Assessment Districts.

Patron: President Newbille

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

RES. 2020-R043

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be developed a process for renaming the Robert E. Lee Memorial Bridge.

Patron: Ms. Lynch

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, July 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2020-140

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 85-77-79, adopted Apr. 15, 1985, as amended by Ord. No. 2001-169-164, adopted May 28, 2001, which authorized the special use of the property known as 3103 Ellwood Avenue, to authorize the elimination of the operator occupied residency requirement of the second floor dwelling unit, additional signage and awning installation, to authorize an office use, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, July 6, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-141

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1110 North 35th Street for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, July 6, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-142

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1705, 1707, and 1711 Westover Hills Boulevard, and 4922 New Kent Road for the purpose of retail, office, and commercial uses accessory to an existing church, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, July 6, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-143

To authorize the special use of the property known as 3416 East Broad Street for the purpose of a two-family attached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, July 6, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-144

To conditionally rezone the properties known as 3307 Cutshaw Avenue and 3311 Cutshaw Avenue from the R-48 Multifamily Residential District to the R-63 Multifamily Urban Residential District (Conditional), upon certain proffered conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, July 6, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Members of Council provided reports and announcements regarding respective district meetings and activities.

Councilor Kim Gray exited the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

CITY CLERK

From: [Torja Edmonds-Howell](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Resolution- Remove Confederate Statues
Date: Sunday, May 31, 2020 6:48:50 PM

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Greetings

First I want to start by saying that I hope you all are well. Amidst the climate of the times, I hope each of you is able to find support and moments of mindfulness to aid you in your continued leadership of our city.

As City of Richmond resident, I am writing to urge you all to introduce a resolution to take down the confederate statues throughout our city that memorialize the crime of slavery and the lynchings of black bodies. We can't continue to profess a deep understanding of the pain felt by Black people and not do everything in our power to take down physical celebrations of that very pain.

I am hopeful that with the council's newly granted power to determine the fate of the confederate statues you all will do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Torja Edmonds-Howell
Lifelong 7th District Resident

From: [Crystal Robinson](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: June 1, 2020 City Council Meeting Comments
Date: Sunday, May 31, 2020 8:23:45 PM

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Good evening,

My name is Crystal Robinson and I would like to suggest a few things to be discussed and implemented for our cities and communities to hopefully improve our safety and our way of living.

What is the plan to improve background checks for our officers or improve and implement the process of misconduct and mental health review for all officers? What is the procedure for investigating, firing, and charging cops who have committed a crime? How can we make sure that these criminal police officers are treated and charged appropriately for their crimes? What is the procedure of making complaints against officers and how will those outcomes be determined?

Can we start and maintain programs and activities that will build healthy and safe relationships between community leaders, police officers, and the individuals that they are paid and sworn to serve and protect?

Thank you for accepting my concerns and I pray that we will be able to improve these issues that we face daily.

--

Crystal Robinson, BA QMHP-C

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From: [Sarah Small](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Citizen Comment for City Council Meeting
Date: Sunday, May 31, 2020 8:32:54 PM

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Dear members of the City Council,

As a resident in the 2nd district, I urge you to act on three matters.

First: introduce a resolution to remove the Confederate monuments in Richmond. They are a symbol of white supremacy and cruel reminder of our history of slavery.

Second: introduce a bill to establish a citizen review board and a Marcus alert. There must be a citizen review board independent of police departments that has the proper subpoena power and ability to propose and make changes to the way the police department operates. Also a Marcus Alert should be implemented so that compassionate community members without guns can help people experiencing mental health crises instead of police. The death of Marcus David Peters was an avoidable tragedy and it is shameful at the lack of action taken to ensure nothing happens like it again.

Third: defund the police. Currently 20% of our city's budget goes to the Richmond police who routinely criminalize and harass Black communities and homeless populations. Even now they are using excessive force, tear gas, and flashbang grenades on a community who are fed up with being ignored and brutalized. Instead resources should be redirected to community led initiatives that truly serve the people.

I look forward to participating in the virtual city council meeting tomorrow

Thank you,
Sarah Small

From: [Ethan Cory \(ecory\)](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Comment for the Removal of Confederate Monument
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 1:45:59 AM

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Hello Council,

In times such as now, where black lives are tested on a daily basis, any steps to reduce the harm induced to enslaved ancestors is important. Confederate monuments do not belong and should have never belonged in public. I am not black, but I am able enough to understand that a reminder such as the Robert E. Lee statue is disheartening and traumatic. It belongs in a museum or, better yet, simply torn down permanently.

Thanks,

Ethan Cory

From: [Tammie Jones](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: June 1, 2020 Special Meeting / Request for Justice
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 9:05:15 AM

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Ms. Reid,

Good morning. I trust this email finds you in the best of health. Needless to say, I am very bothered by the state of our city and country.

I am the mother of two young black teenagers ages 15 and 18 years old. I'm very concerned with the injustices they are challenged with each and everyday. My husband and I are employed, law abiding citizens. We attend services weekly prior to the pandemic at our church. We teach our sons respect and moral values. Our 18 year old is graduating this month and has received a full scholarship this year to Norfolk State University. He has goals and aspirations. He's looking forward to this new chapter in his life, even after not having a normal senior year in high school.

My heart hurts to know at any given time, they're subjected to racial profiling, stereotyping, injustices, and even murder by Police Officers based solely on the color of their skin. In light of the senseless murder of George Floyd, I don't know what to tell my black sons. We always taught them to respect, comply, and cooperate with Police Officers or anyone in authority. Clearly, that does not always work for people of color. My question is this. What am I suppose to tell my sons to do, if confronted by police officers? Sadly at this point, I don't even know.

I would love to see Police Officers partnering with churches and schools to break the barriers that we all know exist. I am willing to do my part as a parent and as a law abiding citizen to be a part of the solution. I may be contacted at Thank you all for your time and concern. I look forward to seeing positive changes.

Tammie P. Jones

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the full staircase." ~ MLK

From: [Britney Robinson](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Submission for Public Comment
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 9:36:38 AM

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Good Evening City Council,

My name is Britney Robinson and I am long time resident of the 5th District. I am urging that this body propose a resolution to remove all Confederate monuments from our city immediately. Those monuments do not reflect values of our community and should have been removed long ago. They are symbols of hate and are intimidating to the thousands of Black residents of the City of Richmond. Given the current climate, I find it absolutely insensitive to not to take action now.

Britney Robinson

From: [Shirelle Rush](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Upcoming Meeting
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 9:55:30 AM

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Dear Council,

I am a resident and am writing this email to urge you to introduce a resolution to remove all Confederate Monuments in Richmond City. On December 9th, 2019 Mike Jones introduced a resolution for localities to decide whether to remove the monuments which passed 6-2. This was an important first step but it is not enough. The city council has until June 9th to introduce a resolution to remove the monuments.

The Confederate Monuments which feature statues of confederate leaders such as Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee and J.E.B. Stuart were erected to glorify the confederacy at the turn of the twentieth century. As prominent Civil War historian Kevin Levin recently explained these monuments are “understood as a reflection of the reemergence and maintenance of white supremacy during the Jim Crow era.” Plainly put, the monuments were erected to maintain a violent racial order in which Black people and other non-white citizens did not have the same rights or power as White citizens. It is long past due to remove these divisive symbols.

We the citizens of Richmond city are watching closely. We hope you will use your power and position to take this critical step towards unity, peace and racial reconciliation.

Signed,

Shirelle Rush

From: [Kathryn Brown](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting- Monument Resolution
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 9:56:46 AM

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I would also like to speak at the meeting if possible.

[Public Statement]

Dear City Council,

I am a concerned citizen of the 7th district. I was elated at the resolution introduced by Mike Jones to give Richmond City Council the jurisdiction to remove the monuments within our city limits. To my understanding this resolution passed 6 to 2, which is why it's very confusing to me that there has not yet been a resolution introduced to remove the monuments this session.

As I'm sure many of you are aware, the monuments were constructed in the postwar period as a means of controlling the historical narrative and maintaining social control. The monuments celebrate a failed cause and continue to reinforce an American racial hierarchy within our city.

I have watched Mayor Stoney call for unity and peace in the face of recent protesting downtown and can't think of a better way to indicate the city's seriousness in bringing citizens together than finally removing these relics meant to continue divisive, bloody, and violent systems of oppression towards Black Richmonders. Police brutality, disparities in healthcare and education, all racial and economic disparities in our city are directly tied to the legacy of Slavery and Jim Crow. Removing confederate symbols ends the too long period of Confederate influence over this city. It is a foundational step to introduce another era and period of a Richmond built for all.

As a native Richmonder, I have spent my whole life wondering whether or not my life as a Black American woman was as important to those in power in this city as others of lighter hue. I am watching closely to see how City Council proceeds. No longer can you sit back and claim powerlessness. No longer can you put political convenience over Black lives. This time, this session, is the time to make it clear which side you are on. In the absence of action, we the people will have no choice but to organize for your removal and find someone brave enough to stand for what's right.

Kathryn Brown
7th District Resident

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Kathryn Brown
Columbia Business School

Masters in Business Administration

From: [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#)
To: [Lisa Haber](#)
Cc: [Bond, Aaron A. - City Council](#); [Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RE: Constituent question re: RPD oversight
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 6:46:00 PM

Lisa – I believe that several of my colleagues are putting forward proposals related to the civilian oversight board and I will work with them on moving that forward. I don't know the timing of anything because nothing is formally in the pipeline but I would encourage you to reach out to our city clerk to get notices or just keep an eye on the news because I anticipate it will be closely monitored. I'm copying our city clerk in case you want to be added to public notification list.

Thanks

Kristen Nye Larson

Richmond City Council Member, 4th district
kristen.larson@richmondgov.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/KristenNLarson/
Twitter: @kristenrva

From: Lisa Haber [mailto:listurn@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 8:19 AM
To: Larson, Kristen N. - City Council <Kristen.Larson@richmondgov.com>
Cc: Bond, Aaron A. - City Council <Aaron.Bond@richmondgov.com>
Subject: Re: Constituent question re: RPD oversight

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Hi Kristen,

Thanks very much for your reply. Following the news this morning, I came across a [piece from VPM](#) referencing this [petition](#) -- which I just signed and sent to my family, hoping they will join me in signing.

It appears that there is currently no civilian oversight board for Richmond police, but I hope you will agree that it's high time our city addresses this long-standing public need and joins the list of cities and towns around the country who have one. We need to build a culture of law enforcement ABILITY to respond appropriately and humanely to public health and safety issues, and ACCOUNTABILITY to the community for their actions. Without building such a culture, there will continue to be trauma and mistrust both among Richmond residents and among the officers who are supposed to serve and protect them.

Thanks for listening, and thanks in advance for any additional information you can provide. **I would like to know when this issue will be taken up publicly by City Council as I would like to be present -- virtually or in person -- at that meeting.**

Thanks and best regards,

Lisa

On Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 9:57 AM Larson, Kristen N. - City Council
<Kristen.Larson@richmondgov.com> wrote:

Hi Lisa,

I don't know if what we have is a civilian oversight board. I used to be on the city's public safety committee and right before my tenure ended, we were discussing implementing such a body. Let me see if I can find out more information and get back to you.

Thanks

Kristen

Kristen Nye Larson

Richmond City Council Member, 4th district
kristen.larson@richmondgov.com

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From: Lisa Haber [mailto:listurn@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 8:02 PM

To: Larson, Kristen N. - City Council <Kristen.Larson@richmondgov.com>

Subject: Constituent question re: RPD oversight

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Greetings, Kristen,

My name is Lisa Haber and I'm a resident of the 4th Council District here on Springhill Ave. in Forest Hill. I'm writing because I'm hoping to become involved in an effort that RPD's Chief Smith mentioned this morning in the press conference that he and Major Stoney gave following disruptive protests in Richmond over the weekend. I thought I understood Chief Smith to indicate that there is some kind of RPD civilian oversight board in place, and to welcome interested Richmond residents to become involved. However, I can find no direct information about this online after searching today -- but did discover the existence of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), which did not list Richmond as a city with such a board. (Virginia Beach was listed and was the only VA city I saw while reviewing the list.)

So I would like to ask you for further information on this, and express my interest in becoming involved.

Thanks very much for your time, and best regards,

Lisa

From: [Elizabeth Jorgensen- Best](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: June 8th meeting
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2020 10:04:47 AM

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Living in Richmond for the past eight years, I would drive past Monument Avenue, and mainly just didn't pay much attention to it. But for many of our citizens, they don't have the privilege to ignore the monuments of people that fought so hard to limit the freedom of their ancestors.

These monuments are a constant reminder for people of color that there are many systematic inequalities and biases against them. I've never realized how deep the pain was for my fellow community members until now. I refuse to have the city that I call home, keep something that is so agonizing for so many members of the community. Removing these monuments will be some weight lifted off the shoulders of our community, however, it doesn't fix the systematic inequalities. Our citizens will continue to work towards making it better-removing the monuments is just the first step.

-Elizabeth Jorgensen-Best

From: [Shane Abinette](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please Take Down the Confederate Monuments
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2020 1:49:49 PM

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Dear City Council,

My name is Shane Abinette, and I am a resident of the 5th district. I am writing to ask that you please vote to take down the Confederate Monuments, as they are only stopping the communities of Richmond that are hurting the most from healing. I have been marching every day this week, and I have never been more proud of my city or state. There are so many people with great ideas out here, and I hope you are listening. I'm excited to be more engaged in local politics for a long time to come.

Thank you for putting in the work to make this city a better place. We are counting on you.

-Shane Abinette

From: [Grace Lumsden-Cook](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Monument removal and relocation
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2020 4:51:33 PM

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Hello City Council members and I hope you are well. My name is Grace Lumsden-Cook and I am emailing you to show immense support to the Confederate Monuments' REMOVALS in Richmond. I have been a resident of the city for my entire life, and growing up around Carytown I have seen the toll that police brutality and institutionalized racism he had on the minority communities across this city. As I began my college education at VCU in 2018 it became that more clear to me that these monuments do no good in the COMMUNITY. These statues are physical manifestations of such racism that is still pervasive in this country today. Council members, you have the opportunity to be on the right side of history, and we will not forget which side you choose come time for election. Please look deep into the hearts of the families of victims like George Floyd and Breonna Taylor and ask yourselves, what if that was your son or daughter? Would you want a daily reminder of the systems of oppression that contributed to the loss of life that is being seen at the hands of police officers and Confederate-sympathizers? Do the right thing.

Sincerely, Grace Lumsden-Cook

From: [Sydney Swanson](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Monument Removal
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:15:00 PM

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I support the removal of the confederate monuments in Richmond. They are a symbol of this county and city's racist past and we as a community need to be actively anti-racist. Take the confederate monuments down!

-Sydney Swanson

From: [Caleb Knapp](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council; City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Monument Removal
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2020 8:42:41 PM

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Dear Council Member Addison,

As a constituent in the First District, I would like to make a plea to request that you stand with Mayor Stoney and Michael Jones to rid our City of these antiquated, hateful monuments that line our beautiful City's streets. These monuments have no place in our City's future and should be removed immediately. These monuments pain the community and instill a divide between our people. Thank you for voting on behalf of your constituency.

From: [Mary-Dryden Maio](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Public Comment For June 8
Date: Friday, June 5, 2020 10:49:14 AM

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Dear Councillors,

I am writing this email to urge you to introduce a resolution to remove *all* confederate monuments in Richmond City, not just those on Monument Avenue. On December 9th, 2019 Mike Jones introduced a resolution for localities to decide whether to remove the monuments which passed 6-2. This was an important first step but *it is not enough*.

The confederate monuments were erected to glorify the confederacy at the turn of the 20th century. As prominent Civil War historian Kevin Levin recently explained, these monuments are "understood as a reflection of the reemergence and maintenance of white supremacy during the Jim Crow era." Plainly put, the monuments were erected to maintain a violent racial order in which Black people and other non-white citizens did not have the same rights or power as white citizens.

It is long past due to remove these divisive structures as a first step on the long road to racial reparation and reconciliation. We the citizens of Richmond City are watching closely. We hope you will use your power and position to take this critical step towards unity and peace.

Furthermore, we hope you will dedicate yourself to a timeline that addresses other past due needs, including but not limited to a Marcus David-Peters Alert and an independent Citizen Review Board of RPD.

Signed,
Mary-Dryden Maio
Resident of Richmond City 1st District

From: [Magdalen Karrs](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Monument Avenue
Date: Friday, June 5, 2020 1:09:00 PM

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Dear city officials,

I am a citizen living in your district, Richmond's 5th district. I am writing to you in support of the resolution that will be presented on July 1st to remove all five Confederate statues on Monument Avenue. During the recent protests in the wake of George Floyd's death, the city of Richmond has clearly expressed it's feelings on the matter--namely that the statues must come down immediately.

The presence of these statues is a daily reminder of the former enslavement of Black Americans, and the oppression and systemic injustices the Black community still faces. By removing the monuments from the daily path of the city, Richmond will be demonstrating that it is committed to taking steps to dismantle harmful systems and to making the city a safer, more peaceful, and more just place for all its citizens.

As a constituent in your city, I urge you to show your support for this resolution. Take down the monuments, and help the city start to heal.

Thank you,

Magdalen Karrs

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From: [Hayley Loftur-Thun](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Defund Richmond Police
Date: Friday, June 5, 2020 1:58:53 PM

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Dear City Clerk's Office,

My name is Hayley Loftur-Thun and I am writing to you because after reading the Proposed Amendments to the Biennial Fiscal Plan for 2020 for the City of Richmond I am in dismay.

Walking the streets and seeing protests not only in Richmond but all over the country and the world we are calling for the reallocation of citizens' monetary resources to be redistributed to programs that will actually help the community. Police will not do that.

Why should the very people of Richmond being tear gassed by the police, beat by the police, and afraid of the police have to pay property and local taxes to fund their very fears and dangers?

JUST ALONE you are proposing MORE to the Police Department THAN ALL of Social Services. This is unacceptable.

I ask you to not only fund more programs that will help heal our community such as social service programs and education, but also to think of your daughter or your son, what if every time they left the house to go for a jog you had in the back of your mind that they might never come back? Police reforms are NOT working. There has been research and proof that community policing works. For first responders I ask for you to give more funding to mental health professionals, peer support, EMTs, social workers, conflict resolution counselors, nurses, and firemen.

Side on the right side of history. Change will happen. It is happening. Be a part of it.

Thank you,
Hayley Loftur-Thun

From: [Jalyn Wheatley](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Monument Avenue Proposal
Date: Friday, June 5, 2020 3:03:21 PM

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To the Office of the City Clerk:

Thank you for taking the time to read my proposal for the future beautification of Monument Avenue. There is of course plenty of discussion about the removal of these racist statues, and I would like to propose their replacements.

First, we begin with Stonewall Jackson. He should be replaced by Arthur Ashe. The Arthur Ashe statue at the Roseneath Road intersection is not perfect, but it makes sense for him to stand on the newly renamed Arthur Ashe Boulevard. (To fill the space where Arthur Ashe's current statue is, I recommend honoring the Powhatan people, on whose land we currently reside. We should commission an indigenous artist to create this monument.)

Second, we have Jefferson Davis. I personally believe that the general structure of this statue is aesthetically pleasing. We could keep the semi-circle and the tower. We would simply remove the statue of Jefferson Davis and replace the plaques with better contextual information.

Next, we have the largest, most prominent statue: Robert E. Lee. I recognize this is the property of the Commonwealth, but I would be remiss if I didn't incorporate this into my proposal. Robert E. Lee should be replaced with a beautiful, peaceful, as eco-friendly-as-possible fountain. It is unproductive to replace a terrible man with a less terrible man. We need to recognize that no human is perfect, and therefore we should stop glorifying any person, no matter how great they look in our present cultural lens.

And finally, the easiest decision of all. We must replace J.E.B. Stuart with Rumors of War by Kehinde Wiley. This statue was modeled after the Stuart statue and it is only fitting that this should be the replacement.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you. If you have information about who else I should contact and how I can get involved in the planning process, that would be greatly appreciated.

Take care,
Jalyn Wheatley

From: [Esther Gibbs](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: For the City Council Members Meeting- June 8th
Date: Friday, June 5, 2020 5:49:42 PM

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To the Richmond City Council,

I understand that these issues are not on your agenda tonight, but the severity of what's happening in your city will no doubt be addressed and I wish to make my voice heard.

I applaud that you have agreed to remove the statue of Robert E. Lee, but his alone is not enough. We must remove all other confederate monuments: Jefferson Davis, Stonewall Jackson, J.E.B. Stuart, and the Soldiers and Sailors of the Confederacy, and permanently close the Memorial Building of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

These monuments and memorials honor a movement that was founded on the desire of Southern states to protect their right to enslave, brutalize, and dehumanize the black race for their own profit. Their continued presence in Richmond is an affront to every Black American who resides here or passes through the city. These monuments, in particular the ones to the generals, were erected many years ago to intimidate freed Black Americans and remind them of the power white men still held over them. To allow these statues to remain is to be complicit in their initial goal and to stand in agreement with the movement they honor.

I moved to Richmond from Seattle two years ago and was horrified to find that the most beautiful street in Richmond was devoted to the ugliest part of American history. The absence of one is not enough. They all must go. You will be remembered forever in Richmond history for your vote and participation in these decisions. This is long overdue.

Thank you for your time,
Esther Gibbs

Esther Gibbs

"Your silence will not protect you." – Audre Lorde

From: [AlterNatives Boutique](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Re: Formal City Council Meeting- June 8th
Date: Friday, June 5, 2020 6:22:00 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Guadalupe Ramirez. I am a minority business owner in Richmond. My store is AlterNatives Boutique in Carytown at 3320 W. Cary St. Richmond, VA 23221.

I am commenting in support of progressive resolutions that address Richmond inequalities. I make the following policy recommendations:

- (i) tax credits to property owners leasing property to minority individuals, families, and business, for the purpose of lowering the rent for these minority communities;
- (ii) public funding for housing loans, for minority individuals, families, and businesses to own property; and
- (iii) public funding for Developments owned by minority individuals, families, and businesses.

I believe such progressive policies would promote wealth development through land ownership of minority individuals, families, and businesses.

Thank you and take care,

Guadalupe Ramirez

On Fri, Jun 5, 2020 at 6:13 PM AlterNatives Boutique <alternativesboutique@gmail.com> wrote: _____

Dear Council Members,

My name is Guadalupe Ramirez. I am the owner of AlterNatives Boutique in Carytown at 3320 W. Cary St. Richmond, VA 23221.

I am commenting today in support of loans or tax credits to assist minority businesses owners' rent. Considering many of the properties owned

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Thank you and take care,

Guadalupe Ramirez, Owner
AlterNatives Boutique

From: [Bridget Stadelmyer](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Audio file to participate in June 8 meeting
Date: Saturday, June 6, 2020 3:42:23 PM
Attachments: [New Recording_14.m4a](#)

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From: [Bridget Stadelmyer](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Second audio file to participate in June 8 meeting
Date: Saturday, June 6, 2020 3:44:50 PM
Attachments: [New Recording_16.m4a](#)

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Another audio file from myself on a separate issue.

From: [Virginia Lee](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Removing the Confederate Monuments
Date: Saturday, June 6, 2020 9:14:49 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am emailing to commend the (hopefully imminent) removal of the Confederate monuments in Richmond. I grew up in Virginia and visited Richmond often. It is a city I love and cherish. However, I've never understood or accepted the strong Confederate "heritage" that obviously marred an otherwise progressive and lovely city. I wanted to encourage and applaud this gesture for reform and progress. I hope this is the start of more reforms and improved community relations for the future.

Thank you for your time!

Regards,

Virginia Lee

From: [Kaitlynne Heath](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Re: formal city council meeting- June 8
Date: Saturday, June 6, 2020 9:29:42 PM

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Dear Council Members,
My name is Kaitlynne Waits and I live at Willow Creek Ln, Richmond, VA 23225. I am submitting public comment in support of the resolution promoting confederate monument removal, promoting positivity in the city and needed changes in policing in the city.

I look forward to your response,
Thank you and take care,
Kaitlynne Waits

From: [Neil Dhand](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RE: Formal City Council Meeting - June 8th
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 12:52:20 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Neil Dhand and I live at Broad Branch Circle, Richmond, VA. I am submitting public comment in support of:

- (i) A citizen review board made up entirely of civilian citizens to hold RPD personnel accountable for misconduct and mistreatment of citizens. Police need to be held accountable for their actions. There have been too many cases where police have abused their power and there has been no justice served. This civilian review board could help ensure justice by putting these decisions up to unbiased, civilian citizens.
- (ii) Banishment of chokeholds and neck restraints by police. I also ask that you require officers to stop any other officer that they see using improper force and hold officers accountable to that. There is no need for this type of force.
- (iii) Firing all Richmond Police Officers involved in the tear gassing of protesters on June 1, 2020. This was unjust and these officers need to be held accountable for their reckless actions. They put many people in danger.
- (iv) Defunding of the police department to reduce the ability for law enforcement to have resources that harm the community. These funds could be put to better use in the community, establishing social services for mental health, domestic violence, and homelessness, among others. Those funds could also potentially be used to fund better schools, hospitals, housing, and food in impoverished communities.

I believe these policies would uplift the community and promote social justice by holding police accountable for their actions and reinvesting tax dollars into the community rather than law enforcement.

Thank you,

Neil Dhand

From: [Evan S](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 2:12:36 PM

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Evan Sims

I have no associations or economic/professional relationships, because our government has led us into a pandemic unprepared, destroyed our economy, eliminated my job, and fractured regular daily life.

Public comment: The United Daughters of the Confederacy does not differentiate between monuments to Confederates and monuments to the KKK.

These statues are of slave-run plantation owners, of Confederate Generals, of Confederate officers, and others associated with the Confederacy, and those who "gave Material aid to the Confederacy."

The Confederate States of America lost The Civil War approximately 155 years ago.

Mary Surratt, Lewis Thornton Powell, David Edgar Harold, and others were Confederates who conspired against the United States of America to kill the heads of State at the time.

They were executed for their crimes of treason, as should any individual who proclaims association or renewal of the Confederate States of America.

The Confederate States of America and their allies are actual, literal domestic terrorists, who continue today to terrorize our citizens.

I SHOULD NOT EVER HAVE TO SAY THAT OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR CITY SHOULD NOT REPRESENT THE IDEOLOGY OF ACTUAL DOMESTIC *TERRORISTS*, AND THESE STATUES SHOULD BE LEFT GRAFFITIED AND BE PLACED IN A MUSEUM.

Any fees associated with entry to any museum holding these pieces should be donated directly to the Black Lives Matter organization, and any other organization which speeds forward equality, civil rights for all, and functions to serve the people by helping to defund and abolish the police and create citizen review boards with the power of subpoena that are made up of a diverse group of individuals of the City.

The assets of the United Daughters of the Confederacy should be seized immediately to pay for removal and transportation of these statues post haste.

Thank you.

From: [Maureen McNabb](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RE: Formal City Council Meeting - June 8th
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 2:37:17 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Maureen McNabb and I live at North 29th Street in Richmond. I am submitting public comment in support of --

(I) Implementing the #8cantwait plan laid out by Campaign Zero here : <https://8cantwait.org/>
These strategies have been proven to work by the police departments that have already implemented them.

(II) Fire all of the police that were involved in tear gassing protestors at the Robert E. Lee Monument. Also fire police officers who were involved in the death of Marcus David-Peters.

(III) Remove the National Guard from the city

(IV) Terms of the Citizen Review Board need to be solidified. And the members of the board should be selected for the people and by the people and definitely not by police officers.

I look forward to your response.

Maureen McNabb

From: [Ethan Hubbard](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: June 8th City Council - Making Police Disciplinary/Misconduct Records Available to the Public
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 3:05:53 PM

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Good afternoon,

My name is Ethan Hubbard and my address is West Grace St. Richmond, VA.

I'm reaching out to express my support for making the disciplinary records of Richmond police officers available to the public. These are currently exempt from the freedom of information act and I feel that we, as citizens of the city, have a right to know how the officers charged with protecting and serving our community have failed to do so and in what manner they did. The police officers of this city are supposed to protect us and when they fail in their duty they are failing all of us, and we have a right to know when they do. To keep that information from the public is to further the corruption and injustice that is systemic in our law enforcement system, and allowing officers to hide their misconduct from the the people they serve is just one more way for them to escape being held accountable. It is unfair and it is unacceptable.

Thank you.

From: [Kelly Garcia](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Defunding Police
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 4:01:03 PM

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Hello,

My name is Kelly Garcia and I am a resident of Richmond. I am sending this email to show my support for Black Lives Matter and to call on defunding police.

Research shows that crime is a response to social conditions. Defunding police and redirecting that money into communities will reduce violent crime and uplift the communities. Also, reform has been shown not to be enough to end police violence on black people. Minneapolis was thought to be progressive with their police reform. Defunding and investing in the community is the only way to bring change. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kelly Garcia

From: [Devin Dougharty](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Defunding the Police
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 5:33:47 PM

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Hello,

I am emailing as a Richmond citizen to express my concern over the current city budget. I would like to hear the issue address at the City Council meeting tomorrow. It is my belief, as well as many others, that the Richmond Police Force is receiving too much capital, that could be better used to fund the Richmond Educational system, which is already inequitable. Hopefully, the funding for Richmond City schools can be more evenly distributed, and the Police force can be diminished, allowing use to reinvest in our community in a way that fosters growth and togetherness. Black Lives Matter!

Thank you very much,
Devin Dougharty

From: [Kaitlyn Quinn](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ord No. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 9:08:09 PM

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June 7, 2020

Dear Council Members ,

My name is Kaitlyn Quinn and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that every representative vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week (and I've spoken with MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,

Kaitlyn Quinn

From: [Caroline Meyers](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: removing confederate monuments
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 9:48:24 PM

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Hi, Richmond City Council,

I am writing in advance of tomorrow's meeting to voice my support for the removal of all confederate monuments in Richmond.

Over the past week, these statues have been updated to reflect the city's righteous anger at the murder of George Floyd and countless other Black people at the hands of the police. Removing these monuments simply seems the only choice you have to continue to support the livelihoods of Black people living in Richmond, apart from defunding and abolishing the police.

Thank you,
Car Meyers

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Pronouns: she/her and they/them

From: [Kaitlin Heath](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RE: Formal City Council Meeting - June 8th
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 6:35:35 AM

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Good morning Clerk Reid,

I am writing to submit comments for this evening's city council meeting as follows:

Dear Council Members,

My name is Kaitlin Heath and I live in the Museum District of Richmond. I am writing to express my support for justice in this city. I am pleased with the decision to remove our confederate monuments, as well as Mayor Stoney's promise of implementing the Marcus Alert and citizen review board. However, I do not believe that these go far enough. I support radical change in our police department so that the complaints brought to the review board do not have to happen in the first place. Let's shift our funding away from police and toward effective social services and education. Let's be an example to the rest of the nation of what true police reform looks like.

I also strongly support a climate action goal plan that is swift, radical and effective.

I look forward to seeing these developments in our beloved city.

Thank you,

Kaitlin Heath

From: [Liz Swerdlow](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Remove all Confederate Statues on Monument Ave
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 7:35:37 AM

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Good morning,

I am writing to vote to remove ALL of the Confederate Statues on Monument Ave. They are symbols of oppression, murder, and systematic racism that still runs rampant in this country. Please do whatever is necessary to remove these statues and support the healing of our citizens of color.

Thank you,

Liz Swerdlow

From: [Ruben Blevins](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Public comment- June 8th council meeting
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:20:38 AM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Ruben Blevins, I live at N Allen Ave #3, Richmond VA 23221, and I am commenting in support of the following resolutions:

(I) the resolution to remove confederate statues in Richmond.
(II) the message of increasing positivity in the city. (III) the message of the addressing needed changes in the city.

Additionally, I recommend City Council initiate a special meeting, open to public comment, regarding the citizens review board. I would like to know more about the stakeholder review process. Importantly, the stakeholder group should include people with ideologies representative of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Very truly yours,

Ruben Blevins

Sent from my iPhone

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Highland Partners is a program of the Highland Support Project to provide Indigenous social enterprises with networking tools to grow their social capital. Highland Support Project <<http://highlandsupportproject.org>> * AMA <<http://amaguate.org>> * Pixan <<http://pixanproductions.org>>* AlterNatives <<http://alternatives.boutique>> * ADA <<http://highlandsupportproject.org>>

From: [Brendan Callan](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RE: Formal City Council Meeting - June 8th
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:41:52 AM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Brendan Callan and I live at Rosewood Ave, Richmond, VA, 23220. I am submitting public comment in support of: (i) the resolution regarding monument removal (ii) promoting positivity in the city (iii) needed changes in the city.

I look forward to your response.

Thank you and take care,

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Brendan Callan
Freelance Writer
Musician
804-516-5520



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From: [Mark Raper](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ordinance 2020-120
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:43:28 AM

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We are neighbors of Longview Drive - and we are generally opposed to a wildlife rehab facility. We have young children here. What "wildlife" would be permitted? What precautions would be taken? What insurance do the neighbors have?

Thanks.

Mark/Martha Raper
Joey/Stuart Nuckols

From: [Jessie Walton](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Formal City Council Meeting - June 8th
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 10:10:52 AM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Jessica Walton and I live at N 25th St, Richmond, VA 23223. I am submitting public comment in support of:

- a. creating a civilian review board as an oversight measure of the Richmond Police Department
- b. reducing the budget of the Richmond Police Department by 75% and reallocating funds to Richmond Public Schools and Libraries, community programs assisting with mental health resources for Black and Brown communities, and additional community building in Black and Brown communities of Richmond.

I look forward to your response.

Thank you,
Jessica Walton

From: lauren.sughrue@gmail.com
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: City council 6/8/2020
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 11:16:19 AM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Lauren Sughrue and I live at E. Broad street. I am submitting public comment in support of:

- a. creating a civilian review board as an oversight measure of the Richmond Police Department
- b. reducing the budget of the Richmond Police Department by 75% and reallocating funds to Richmond Public Schools and Libraries, community programs assisting with mental health resources for Black and Brown communities, and additional community building in Black and Brown communities of Richmond.
- c. Marcus Alert (an alert that calls out mental health professionals to deescalate situations rather than having cops do it- came out of a RPS teaching, Marcus David Peters, being shot to death by RPD in 2018 while having a mental episode. He was naked and unarmed when he was killed)
- d. Removing confederate statues all over the city - not just monument ave.
- e. Dropping charges against peaceful protesters
- f. Firing all officers involved in tear gassing peaceful protesters before curfew last week

I look forward to your response.

Thank you,

Lauren Sughrue

From: [Eva Swanson](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Public comment
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 11:31:29 AM

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Dear Council Members:

My name is Eva Swanson, and I live at Fendall Ave., Richmond, VA 23222. I am submitting a public comment in support of:

1. Creating a civilian review board as an oversight measure of the Richmond Police Department;
2. Reducing the budget of the Richmond Police Department by 75%;
3. Reallocating those funds to Richmond Public Schools and Libraries, community programs assisting with mental health resources for Black and Brown communities, and additional community building in Black and Brown communities in Richmond;
4. Implementing the Marcus Alert, so that mental health professionals are first responders to citizens in the midst of a mental health crisis;
5. Dropping all charges against protestors;
6. Firing all officers involved in teargassing protestors before curfew on Monday, June 1; and,
7. Removing all confederate statues in the City - not just the ones on Monument Avenue.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Eva Swanson, Esq.
evaswanson718@gmail.com

From: [Catherine Koyiades](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#)
Subject: Comments Re: Ordinance No. 2020-117, City Council Meeting on June 8 @ 6 PM
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 3:38:41 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Kate Koyiades and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, the Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille, vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week (and I've spoken with MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,

Kate Koyiades

From: [Fiona Zaloshnja](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ordinance No. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 3:59:08 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Fiona Zaloshnja and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week (and I've spoken with MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,
Fiona Zaloshnja

From: [Amelia Martin](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Attn: Cynthia Newbille - NO on Ord. #2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 4:35:18 PM

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Dear Cynthia Newbille and other council members,

My name is Amelia Martin and I am writing to express my very-strong opposition to Ord. #2020-117, which would allow for VCUPD to become an operational user of RPD's record management system for the retrieval, input and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two police departments.

I'm aware that the only council member who is currently against this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones. I demand that Cynthia Newbille and other council members vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of oversight on RPD. It is a completely unnecessary violation of public trust to share records and tax-funded resources to what's essentially a private police agency that is entirely unaccountable to taxpayers, and which employs unknown, privately contracted security officers who are unregulated by city government; a private police agency that is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to allow this unjust consolidation of power and loss of transparency and accountability. I have not spoken to a single person in my community (the 7th district) or in the city of Richmond that supports this ordinance. If you vote in favor of this ordinance, you are doing irreparable damage to public trust, and will be voted out of office.

Respectfully,
Amelia Martin
Fulton Hill, Richmond, VA

From: [Andy Clifford](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: NO on Order #2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 5:04:01 PM

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Dear Cynthia Newbille and other council members,

My name is Andy Clifford and I am writing to express my very-strong opposition to Ord. #2020-117, which would allow for VCUPD to become an operational user of RPD's record management system for the retrieval, input and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two police departments.

I'm aware that the only council member who is currently against this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones. I demand that Cynthia Newbille and other council members vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of oversight on RPD. It is a completely unnecessary violation of public trust to share records and tax-funded resources to what's essentially a private police agency that is entirely unaccountable to taxpayers, and which employs unknown, privately contracted security officers who are unregulated by city government; a private police agency that is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to allow this unjust consolidation of power and loss of transparency and accountability. I have not spoken to a single person in my community (the 7th district) or in the city of Richmond that supports this ordinance. If you vote in favor of this ordinance, you are doing irreparable damage to public trust, and will be voted out of office.

Respectfully,
Andy Clifford
Church Hill, Richmond, VA

From: [Hannah M](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Comments for City Council Meeting on 6/8/2020
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 5:09:34 PM

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Dear Candice D. Reid,

My name is Hannah McHugh. I represent no organizations. I am a concerned Richmond citizen and am commenting on some upcoming legislation because I feel that it personally concerns me, and it does not economically or professionally impact my relationships.

My comments are as follows:

I am strongly urging that city council **oppose Ordinance No. 2020-117**, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two departments. There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a private police agency that is almost entirely unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs unknown, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. I vehemently oppose city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

City Council has already allocated over 138 million dollars of our taxpayer-funded general funds to the RPD and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. Which brings me to my second request for **opposing Ordinance 2020-110**, regarding more adjustments to the budget. I simply do not believe another budget should be passed until the adjusted amounts being spent on the RPD and RCSO is \$0. In the future, there should be more specific deliberation and careful thought into further defunding these entities all-together. However, in the meantime, I would strongly advocate that these specific additional funds instead be evenly redistributed to Human Services (whose additional adjustments in this budget were a mere ~\$5k) and Education (whose adjusted amounts in this budget were an utterly disturbing and appalling \$0...)

Ultimately: I urge you all not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue facilitating the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond, as well as continuing to fund their brutalization of citizens— *your constituents*. If you choose to vote in favor of the above ordinances, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council.

Instead, please consider **voting in favor of Resolution No. 2020-R024**: an honorable resolution to protect the citizens of Richmond by merely beginning the necessary fight against climate change. This is essentially a bare-minimum-effort response—addressing that climate change needs to be addressed.

Similarly, please consider **voting in favor of Resolution No 2020-R037**, as there is absolutely no reason that we can somehow budget for the RPD to teargas its own citizens and aggressively enforce curfews while we simultaneously cannot ensure all citizens have a home. Please pass what seems to be an obvious commitment to justice and equality by helping our most vulnerable population.

Best,

-Hannah McHugh

From: [Summer Rhodes](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ordinance 2020-117 Opposition
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 5:12:28 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Summer Rhodes and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord. No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operations user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know this has been the policy up until now, but it is time to put an end to this.

I am aware that Dr. Michael Jones is currently the only Council Member against this ordinance, and this is an unacceptable number. Respectfully, I request that Kimberly Gray vote "NO" on this ordinance.

Our city currently lacks civilian oversight on the RPD. It is unnecessary, and further violates trust to share records and tax resources with a, technically, private police department. The VCUPD is unaccountable to tax paying citizens, and they employ private contract officers who are unregulated by our government. As of the recently passed budget, \$130,000,000 of taxpayer money has already been allocated to the RPD and Sheriff's Office. \$130,000,000 is an outlandish and problematic number on its own, but for now, we must zealously oppose the city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer resources and information on the citizens of RVA with a privately-owned police system. We possess no control over VCUPD, they are not required to operate under any transparency, and this is in no way a move forward to protect the citizens of Richmond, VA.

I plead with you to oppose using our resources to further facilitate the consolidation of power and force amongst RPD and VCUPD. My individual research concludes that our city does NOT support ordinance 2020-117. Voting in favor of this ordinance will further damage the already broken trust in the City Council. I will be voting for a candidate that does NOT vote in favor of this unmitigable ordinance. It is clear, our city has experienced enough pain, wrath, and grief.

Respectfully,

Summer Rhodes

From: [James](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council; City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ord No. 2020-117 Opposition
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 5:23:56 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is James McGrory and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

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I urge you not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,
James McGrory

From: [Warren Rhodes](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ordinance 2020-117 Opposition
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 5:28:31 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Warren Rhodes and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord. No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operations user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know this has been the policy up until now, but it is time to put an end to this.

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Respectfully,

Warren Rhodes

From: [Virali Bhagat](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RPD/VCUPD Contract Opposition Letter
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 5:49:48 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Virali Bhagat and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, Ellen F. Robertson vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week (and I've spoken with MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,
Virali Bhagat

From: [Sterling Frost](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: ORD. #2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 5:59:30 PM

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Dear Stephanie Lynch and other council members,

My name is Sterling Frost and I am writing to express my very-strong opposition to Ord. #2020-117, which would allow for VCUPD to become an operational user of RPD's record management system for the retrieval, input and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two police departments.

I'm aware that the only council member who is currently against this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones. I demand that Stephanie Lynch and other council members vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of oversight on RPD. It is a completely unnecessary violation of public trust to share records and tax-funded resources to what's essentially a private police agency that is entirely unaccountable to taxpayers, and which employs unknown, privately contracted security officers who are unregulated by city government; a private police agency that is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to allow this unjust consolidation of power and loss of transparency and accountability. I have not spoken to a single person in my community (the 5th district) or in the city of Richmond that supports this ordinance. If you vote in favor of this ordinance, you are doing irreparable damage to public trust, and will be voted out of office.

Respectfully,
Sterling Frost
City Stadium, Richmond, VA

From: kate.montgomery
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: I DO NOT CONSENT FOR VCU POLICE TO HAVE MORE ACCESS
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 6:49:55 PM

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Dear Councilperson Lynch,

My name is Kate Montgomery and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up to now but it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, Stephanie Lynch vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers- and which employs UNKNOWN private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. you have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer supported general fund to the RPD and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem, in itself, that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information of our city's population with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. Given the facts of the day, I do not wish the police to have any more power than they already do. I have been educating myself about the history and context of policing in this country and have decided, based on my stature as a business owner and homeowner in this city for many years, I would rather have no police at all than to have what we currently have. Thank you for your time. Please consider the future of our city.

Thank you,
Kate Montgomery
2310 Maplewood Ave
Richmond, VA

From: [Elena Malkov](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Opposition to Ord No. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 6:54:28 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Elena V Malkov and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, Andreas D. Addison, vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,
Elena V Malkov

From: [Laurance Nowell](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Regarding Ord No. 2020-117, from a voter
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 6:55:40 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Laurance Nowell and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, Andreas Addison vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,
Laurance Nowell

city council letter

Subject: To the Council Members
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 7:20:11 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Bryleigh Jackson and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, (their name here) vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week (and I've spoken with MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Sincerely,

Bryleigh Jackson

From: [Alex Caligiuri](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Ord No. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 7:23:34 PM

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Dear Council Members

My name is Alexander Joseph Caligiuri and I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to Ord No. 2020-117 which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, **Kimberly Gray**, vote **NO** on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on the RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I **vehemently OPPOSE** city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in the City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,
Alexander Joseph Caligiuri

From: [Ella Gray](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: VCU PD
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 7:42:26 PM

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Kimberly Gray,

My name is Ella Gray and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future.

But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week (and I've spoken with MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,
Ella Gray

From: [Hunter Moore](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ord No. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 8:00:04 PM

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Dear Council Members,

Hello, I am Hunter Moore and I am typing this email to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operation user of the RPD's record management system for the input, renewal, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police departments. I am aware that this has been the policy up until now, however it is the perfect time to end it.

I understand that the only current city council member who is against this is Dr. Micheal Jones. That is an unacceptable fact. I demand that my representative, Stephanie Lynch, should vote No on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight in the Richmond Police Department. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem that I shall address in the future. I vehemently oppose city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation power among police agencies in Richmond. Every single person I have spoken to this week not only does not support this ordinance, but they also see a want for a defunded police program. As currently the Police department here has gassed its citizens while they were protesting peacefully and while before curfew. I will be sharing this information with more people this week, and will share the ultimate decision by the council. Voting for this ordinance will not only lose trust in the council, but also can be assured that anyone who voted for it will be voted out.

Respectfully,
Hunter Moore

From: [David Jaycox](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: ORD #2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 8:14:35 PM

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Dear Kimberly Gray and other council members,

My name is David Jaycox and I am writing to express my very-strong opposition to Ord. #2020-117, which would allow for VCUPD to become an operational user of RPD's record management system for the retrieval, input and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two police departments.

I'm aware that the only council member who is currently against this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones. I demand that Kimberly Gray and other council members vote **NO** on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of oversight on RPD. It is a completely unnecessary violation of public trust to share records and tax-funded resources to what's essentially a private police agency that is entirely unaccountable to taxpayers, and which employs unknown, privately contracted security officers who are unregulated by city government; a private police agency that is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to allow this unjust consolidation of power and loss of transparency and accountability. I have not spoken to a single person in my community (the 7th district) or in the city of Richmond that supports this ordinance. If you vote in favor of this ordinance, you are doing irreparable damage to public trust, and will be voted out of office.

Respectfully,
David Jaycox,
Richmond, VA

From: [ashley bland](#)
To: [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ord No. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 8:17:27 PM

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Good evening Kristen (and other Council Members),

My name is Ashley Bland Meade and I am a resident of the 4th District. I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ordinance No. 2020-117, which gives permission for VCUPD, a private police force that is not required to operate transparently, to be an operational user of the RPD's record management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitates interoperability between the two Police Departments. I understand that this has been the policy up until now- and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand that as my council person, you vote NO on this ordinance.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to continue facilitating the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not heard from a single person who supports this ordinance, but I have heard from plenty who vehemently oppose it. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,
Ashley Bland Meade

From: [Missy Thieman](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ord No. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 8:24:19 PM

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Dear Council Members and Mrs. Ellen F. Robertson,

My name is Melissa Frances Thieman and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, (Mrs. Ellen F. Robertson) vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer-funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week (and I've spoken to MANY) who support this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,
Melissa Frances Thieman

From: [Tima Love](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Regarding Ord No. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 8:25:40 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Fatima Sawi and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, (their name here) vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week (and I've spoken with MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,

Fatima Sawi

From: [Rachel Rinehardt](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ordinance No. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 8:50:26 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Sarah Rinehardt and I oppose Ordinance No. 2020-117.

I ask all Council Members to vote NO on this ordinance.

The citizens of Richmond have made it clear in the past week that expanding police power is undesirable, as it disproportionately affects black communities to a drastic extent. Expanding the power of VCU police will hurt the community around it, and will hurt the students the ordinance intends to protect. The lack of civilian oversight over the Richmond Police is already a disgrace. Please do the right thing. Vote NO on Ordinance No. 2020-117.

Thank you for reading.

From: [Laura Cartwright](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ord 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 9:36:08 PM

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My name is Laura Cartwright and I live in Church Hill. I am writing to state my strong opposition to Ordinance 2020-117, which would grant VCUPD access to RPD data and record management systems. I am gravely concerned by the existing lack of citizen oversight on RPD. It is wholly inappropriate for RPD to share tax-funded resources with a private entity. I do not want my information, or the information of my neighbors to be shared with a privately run security fund, over which we have zero control and which has provided zero transparency. I urge my council person, Cynthia Newbille, to vote no. I feel, and everyone I've discussed this with feels, very strongly about this. It's especially shocking the council would consider passing this right now, when there is already so little public trust in RPD.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Seth Mitchell](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ord. No. 2020-117 - Letter of Opposition
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 9:37:05 PM

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June 7, 2020

Dear Council Members,

My name is Seth Mitchell and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, Stephanie Lynch vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week (and I've spoken with MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,

Seth Mitchell

From: [Emily Csukardi](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#)
Subject: Opposition to Ord No. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 9:07:03 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Emily Csukardi and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, Andreas Addison, vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week (and I've spoken with MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,

Emily Csukardi

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Best,

Emily Csukardi

MA in English '21 | Graduate Teaching Assistant | Department of English
Virginia Commonwealth University

From: [Heather Jerabeck](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ord. No. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 9:53:33 PM

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Dear Cynthia Newbille and Council Members,

My name is Heather Jerabeck and I am writing to tell you that I strongly oppose Ord. No.2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's record management system. I understand that this practice has been the policy up to this point and it must end.

I respectfully demand that you join Council Member Dr Michael Jones AGAINST this ordinance. I respectfully demand that you vote NO to this unnecessary violation of public trust, that will allow record sharing and tax-funded resources to be shared with a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers and is not required to act transparently.

If you chose to vote in favor of this ordinance you will be doing such damage to the public's trust of the City Council that we have no choice but to vote you out of office.

Respectfully,
Heather Jerabeck

From: [Sensairanay Duty-Stone](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ord No. 2020-117 IMPORTANT
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 10:20:12 PM

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June 7, 2020

Dear Council Members,

My name is Sensairanay Duty-Stone and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, Kimberly Gray vote NO on this ordinance.

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Respectfully,
Sensairanay Duty-Stone

From: [Joseph McCorkle](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Opposing RPD sharing Data with VCUPD
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 10:56:09 PM
Attachments: [citycouncilnewbille](#)

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Please share this letter with city council. Thank you from the 7th District.

Joseph McCorkle

June 7, 2020

Dear Council Members,

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Respectfully,

Joseph McCorkle
7th District

From: [patrick kearney](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Concerns over Ord No. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 11:03:09 PM

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Dear Councilwoman Gray

My name is Patrick Kearney and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

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Respectfully,
Patrick Kearney

From: [Vivian-lee Taylor](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: No Ord. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 11:04:54 PM

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June 7, 2020

Dear Council Members,

My name is Vivian Taylor and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

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Respectfully,
Vivian Taylor

From: [Ryenne Wyne](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: No
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 11:07:37 PM

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Dear council members,

My name is Ryenne Wyne. I am writing to express my strong opposition to ord. No. 2020-117. Which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPDs records management system for input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating inoperability between the two police departments. I know this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to change it.

I am aware that the ONLY city council who is currently against the ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand respectfully that my representative vote NO on this ordinance.

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Respectfully
Ryenne Wyne

From: [Magdalen Karrs](#)
To: [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Opposing Ord. no. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 11:13:58 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Magdalen Karrs, I live in Richmond's 5th district, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord. no. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's record management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up to this point--and it is time to end it.

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Respectfully,

Magdalen Karrs

From: [Elaine Negasi](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: City Council Letter
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 11:32:03 PM

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June 7, 2020

Dear Council Members,

My name is Elaine Negasi and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

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Respectfully,
Elaine Negasi

From: [Camille](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office; Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#)
Subject: Opposition to Ord No. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 11:21:28 PM

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Dear Councilmember Robertson,

My name is Camille McMullen and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

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Respectfully,
Camille McMullen

From: [charlie juers](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office; Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council](#)
Subject: Opposition to Ord No. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 11:25:40 PM

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My name is Charlie Juers and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

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Respectfully,
Charlie Juers

From: [Marisa Cagnoli](#)
To: [Newbille, Cynthia J. - City Council](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ord 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 11:34:08 PM

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June 7, 2020

Dear Council Member Newbille,

My name is Marisa Cagnoli and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

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Respectfully,
Marisa Cagnoli

From: [Eric Marsh](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: City council meeting
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 11:35:13 PM

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June 7, 2020

Dear Council Members

My name is Eric Marsh-Delk and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

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Respectfully,

Eric Marsh-Delk

From: [Peter Rylander](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: In opposition to proposed ordinance no. 2020-117
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 11:35:14 PM

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June 7, 2020

Dear Council Members (or your specific Council member),

My name is Peter Rylander and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

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Respectfully,

Peter Rylander.

From: [Thomas Jakob](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Public Comment for 7/7/2020 City Council Meeting
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 11:54:30 PM

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Dear Council,

My name is Thomas Patrick Jakob. I am a VCU student and resident of Randolph in the fifth district.

I do not support the proposed legislation to expand cooperation between the Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department and the Richmond City Police Department. In fact, I place acute emphasis on the antithesis of such a disgraceful and disrespectful proposition. I believe VCUPD must cut all ties wherever possible with RPD if it truly wants to respect, serve, and protect its student body.

The very idea of such a useless and unnecessary expansion of policing capabilities for VCUPD is extraordinary. As a proud VCU student and RVA resident, I sincerely believe that enacting such legislation would have drastically negative outcomes for all of VCU's student body and for all RVA residents. After seeing RPD's unwarranted assault on peaceful protestors (many of whom were VCU students) with the use of tear gas last Monday, I cannot --by any stretch of the imagination-- support this proposal. Furthermore, RPD's attempt to lie directly to the bromoacetate-covered faces of those they took an oath to "protect and serve" emphatically proves that RPD has absolutely no right to expand their abilities. This idea to grow cooperation between both entities is heinous, unfair, and treacherous to the VCU student body and RVA community.

In case somebody needs to remind you all, allow me to refresh this very straightforward concept within the minds of this disappointing administration: as a student, I pay both tuition towards the school and taxes to the city. Words cannot describe how insulted I am as a citizen and VCU student to think that this council would consider using my hard-earned money to further exacerbate the systemic issue of police forces abusing their power.

This will not stand. VCU students will not allow this to happen; the parents of VCU students will not allow this to happen; citizens of the great city of Richmond will not allow this to happen. Should I go on, or have I made my point clear yet? In case the latter falls upon deaf ears, let me leave you all with a quote from film director James Cameron:

"Cops think of all non-cops as less than they are—stupid, weak, and evil. They dehumanize the people they are sworn to protect and desensitize themselves in order to do that job."

Do the right thing; it is --after all-- your job. And, if you fail to do so, we as a city will be sure to remove you from the offices you have each ascended to, consequently cutting short any dreams you had to ascend to an office higher than that.

Have a happy Monday,

Thomas Patrick Jakob of the 5th District

From: [Eric Richmond](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Richmond Police Department Records Management System Agreement
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 12:14:08 AM

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My name is Eric Michael Richmond.

I believe that a private institution with contractors outside of direct state control should not be able to enforce the law, never mind allowing them access to police equipment.

The idea that these private contractors could share student information across these systems, even "inadvertently", is an incredibly stupid thing to allow. Having the records being "destroyed" only works if the officers are acting in good faith to begin with.

Please rethink what these communications imply and ask yourself if the RPD really needs more help than they already have. 138 million taxpayer dollars say no.

From: [Jenny Snyder](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ord. No. 2020-117
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 12:19:18 AM

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June 7, 2020

Dear Council Members,

My name is Jennifer Snyder and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, council president Cynthia I. Newbille, vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future.

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Respectfully,

Jennifer Snyder

From: [Ember Ashley](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Records Management System User Agreement btwn VCUPD and RPD
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 12:50:22 AM

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Good Evening, Richmond City Councilors.

My name is Ember Ashley, and I am submitting a public comment in regards to the Records Management System Agreement between the Richmond Police Department (RPD) and the VCU Police Department (VCUPD).

As a recent graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, I urge you to oppose this proposition. The most egregious clause, Article III, Section C., states : “The Parties acknowledge that VCUPD may have access to certain student information from “education records” protected by the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. §, 34 CFR Part 99) and Code of Virginia Section 23.1-405(C) and certain patient information protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) (Public Law 104-191)”.

There is no conceivable necessity for RPD to have proximate access to any information protected by FERPA or HIPAA. I consider it a flagrant invasion of privacy that runs counter to public safety, and the method proposed (destroying records) to “remedy” the possible disclosure of protected information is nowhere near sufficient, especially if the damage has already been done.

We cannot erode the barrier of these legal protections just for the ease of communication between RPD and VCUPD. This agreement does not benefit VCU’s ability to provide education, safety, or security to its students.

Please do not approve this legislation.

Thank you,
Ember Ashley

From: [jess versus](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: VOTE NO on Ord No. 2020-117
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 1:12:01 AM

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June 7, 2020

Dear Council Members Newbille,

My name is Jess Versus, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

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There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week (and I've spoken with MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully your constituent,
Jess Versus

From: [Stefan Banks](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: On Ord No. 2020-117
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 2:47:47 AM

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June 7, 2020

Dear Council Members,

My name is Stefan Banks and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, Kimberly Grey vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week (and I've spoken with MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,
Stefan Banks

From: [Burns, Sam](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Taxpayer opposition to Ord No. 2020-117
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 3:37:02 AM

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Dear Councilman Addison,

My name is Samantha Burns, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now- and it's time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently *against* this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative Andreas Addison vote **NO** on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a *private* police agency that is *entirely* unaccountable to tax payers- and which employs *unknown*, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated ***138 million*** dollars of our taxpayer-funded general budget fund to the RPD and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. In the meantime, I vehemently ***OPPOSE*** city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week that supports this ordinance. This is especially notable as **Richmond's young adults** have been heavily involved in peaceful demonstrations; they will now be looking to City Council to bring justice to their city. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,
Samantha Burns

From: [Nathan Grice](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ord. No 2020-117
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 6:18:21 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Heather Jerabeck <Hjerabeck@gmail.com>
Date: June 7, 2020 at 9:58:13 PM EDT
To: Nathan.d.grice@gmail.com
Subject: Ord. No 2020-117

Dear Council Members,

My name is Nathan Grice and I am writing to tell you that I strongly oppose Ord. No.2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's record management system. I understand that this practice has been the policy up to this point and it needs to end.

I respectfully demand that my 7th District Council Member Cynthia Newbille join Council Member Dr Michael Jones **AGAINST** this ordinance and vote **NO** to this unnecessary violation of public trust, that will allow record sharing and tax-funded resources to be shared with a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers and is not required to act transparently.

I strongly urge you not to use taxpayer funded resources to continue consolidating the power of police agencies in Richmond. If you chose to vote in favor of this ordinance you will be doing such damage to the public's trust of the City Council that we have no choice but to vote you out of office.

Respectfully,
Nathan Grice

From: [Nick DeRosa](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: VCUPD x RPD
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 7:08:06 AM

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Dear Council Members (or your specific Council member),

My name is John DeRosa (full name) and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, (their name here) vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week (and I've spoken with MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,
John DeRosa Your name here

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Nick DeRosa
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From: [Joe Foster](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office; Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#)
Subject: Ord. #2020-117 Concern
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 7:57:12 AM

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June 7, 2020

Dear Kristen Nye Larsen and other council members,

My name is Joe Foster and I am writing to express my very-strong opposition to Ord. #2020-117, which would allow for VCUPD to become an operational user of RPD's record management system for the retrieval, input and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two police departments.

I'm aware that the only council member who is currently against this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones. I demand that Cynthia Newbille and other council members vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of oversight on RPD. It is a completely unnecessary violation of public trust to share records and tax-funded resources to what's essentially a private police agency that is entirely unaccountable to taxpayers, and which employs unknown, privately contracted security officers who are unregulated by city government; a private police agency that is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to allow this unjust consolidation of power and loss of transparency and accountability. I have not spoken to a single person in my community (the 7th district) or in the city of Richmond that supports this ordinance. If you vote in favor of this ordinance, you are doing irreparable damage to public trust, and will be voted out of office.

Respectfully,
Joe Foster
Forest Hill, Richmond, VA

From: [Leigh Rossi](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office; Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#)
Subject: Vote no on VCUPD record sharing
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 8:39:47 AM

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Dear Council Member Newbille and and Council Members,

My name is Leigh Rossi and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now – and it is time to end it.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers – and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond.

Respectfully,
Leigh Rossi

From: [Rachel Griffin](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ordinance 2020-117 VOTE NO
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:03:20 AM

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Dear Council Member Chris A. Hilbert,

My name is Rachel Griffin and I am writing to express my strong opposition of Order No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only council member that is AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, Vice President Chris Hilbert vote NO on the issue.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is entirely unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN and private contract security officers who are unregulated by the city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our tax-payer funded general fund to the RPD and Sherifs Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. In the meantime, I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share tax payer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a PRIVATE police force over which we have no control and is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken with a single person (and I've spoken with so MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in our City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,

Rachel Griffin

From: [Jonathan Parker](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Vote NO on VCUPD/RPD ordinance
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:07:45 AM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Jonathan Parker, a resident of Oregon Hill, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020117 which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, Stephanie Lynch, vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently

I urge you not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week (and I've spoken with MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Warren Parker

From: [Comcast](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: No. 2020-117
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:18:30 AM

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Dear Council Member Chris A. Hilbert,

My name is Ellory Camejo and I am writing to express my strong opposition of Order No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only council member that is AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, Vice President Chris Hilbert vote NO on the issue.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is entirely unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN and private contract security officers who are unregulated by the city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our tax-payer funded general fund to the RPD and Sherifs Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. In the meantime, I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share tax payer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a PRIVATE police force over which we have no control and is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken with a single person (and I've spoken with so MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in our City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,

Ellory Camejo

From: [Megan San Pietro](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office; Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council](#)
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:25:48 AM

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June 7, 2020

Dear Council Members,

My name is Megan San Pietro and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only Council Member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, Kimberly Gray vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime, I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week (and I've spoken with MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,
Megan San Pietro

From: [James Montgomery](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Vote NO on Ord No 2020-17!
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:29:11 AM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is James R. Montgomery and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No 2020-17, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only council member who is currently AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representation Reva M. Tramelli (and other council members) vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is ENTIRELY unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN, private contract security officers who are unregulated by city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars worth of our taxpayer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. But in the meantime I vehemently OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share taxpayer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control and which is not required to work transparently.

I urge you to not use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken to a single person in the past week that (and I've spoken with MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,

James R. Montgomery

From: [Timothy Harwich](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Order No. 2020-117
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:30:08 AM

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Dear Council Member Chris A. Hilbert,

My name is Timothy Harwich and I am writing to express my strong opposition of Order No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only council member that is AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, Vice President Chris Hilbert vote NO on the issue.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is entirely unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN and private contract security officers who are unregulated by the city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our tax-payer funded general fund to the RPD and Sherifs Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. In the meantime, I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share tax payer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a PRIVATE police force over which we have no control and is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken with a single person (and I've spoken with so MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in our City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,

Timothy Harwich

From: nicolettemariesteele@gmail.com
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Order no. 2020-117
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:37:36 AM

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Dear Council Member Cynthia Newbille,

My name is Nikki Steele and I am writing to express my strong opposition of Order No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only council member that is AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, Vice President Chris Hilbert vote NO on the issue.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax funded resources with what is essentially a PRIVATE police agency that is entirely unaccountable to taxpayers - and which employs UNKNOWN and private contract security officers who are unregulated by the city government. You have already allocated over 138 MILLION dollars of our tax-payer funded general fund to the RPD and Sherifs Office on the recently passed budget. This is a separate problem in itself that I intend to address in the future. In the meantime, I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE city council allowing RPD to share tax payer funded resources and information on our city's citizens with a PRIVATE police force over which we have no control and is not required to operate transparently.

I urge you not to use taxpayer-funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I have not spoken with a single person (and I've spoken with so MANY) that supports this ordinance. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in our City Council, and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,

Nikki Steele

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Drew Storcks](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please vote NO on Ord. 2020-117
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:37:58 AM

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Dear Kimberly B. Gray, and all other council members,

I am sure you have gotten a lot of e-mails in the last few days, and I beg you to take the time to read everyone's. My name is Andrew Storcks, I am a resident of Richmond, Virginia living in the Fan. I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ordinance No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the police departments. I know that this has been the policy up until this point, but it cannot continue.

It has been made aware to me that the only council member who is currently against this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which to be honest, is quite absurd. I respectfully demand that you also do the right thing here, and vote NO on this ordinance.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on the Richmond Police Department. It is completely unnecessary, and a violation of public trust, to share records and tax-funder resources with what is essentially a private police agency that is entirely unaccountable to tax-payers - and which employs *unknown*, private contract security offices who are unregulated by city government. Side note, you have already allocated over 138 Million dollars of our tax-payer-funded general fund to the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff's Office on the recently passed budget. Why?

Given the way that police departments nationwide have failed us, I think you can understand my, and many others' concerns, with you allowing the Richmond Police Department to share taxpayer-funded resources and info on our city's citizens with a private police force over which we have no control over and which is not required to operate transparently.

I beg you not use tax-payer funded resources to continue facilitating the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. I work in the film industry in town, and am a member of the music scene here, and have talked with many people in both of those communities, of all ages, about this ordinance. None of them have been in support of it.

If you chose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing some serious and irreparable damage to the public's trust in the City Council, and we will vote you out of office. Voting for this ordinance is not the right call.

I hope you can take our words into strong consideration today.

Thank you for your time,

Andrew (Drew) Storcks

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Drew Storcks

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[Instagram.com/drewstorcks/](https://www.instagram.com/drewstorcks/)

From: [Haleh Pedram](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office; Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#)
Subject: Opposition to Ord No 2020-117
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:43:32 AM

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Dear Council Member Lynch,

My name is Haleh Pedram and I am a resident of the 5th district, I live in Oregon Hill. I am writing in opposition to Ord No 2020-117 which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police departments. I know this is the policy until now and it is time to end it.

There is already a dangerous lack of civilian oversight on RPD. It is completely unnecessary and a violation of public trust to share records and tax-funded resources with a private police agency that is entirely unaccountable to taxpayers and which employs unknown, private contract security officers who are not regulated by city government.

I urge you not to use taxpayer funded resources to continue to facilitate the consolidation of power among police agencies in Richmond. If you choose to vote in favor of this ordinance, you will be doing irreparable damage to the public's trust in city council and we will vote you out of office.

Respectfully,

Haleh Pedram



Haleh Pedram
Upholstery and Ideas

From: [Rose Rea](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: comments for City Council meeting 6/8
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:48:54 AM

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Councilmembers,

I am extremely dismayed regarding Ordinance #117, a measure which would effectively expand police presence and power in Richmond instead of shrinking it. If the City Council is to truly represent its people, then it should reflect the sentiments of the past weeks' protests across the city. This would entail an immediate defunding of the police force with funds being redirected into community support. The mayor's decision to go forward with the Marcus Alert System is only the first step; the scope of the police force in Richmond needs to be radically reduced and demilitarized. Programs should be established to take over police duties such as de-escalating violent situations, monitoring auto safety, and social work. These programs should be established in such a way that does not contribute to the existing problems being protested. Ordinance #117 would only act to escalate these problems and continue to reinforce a history of racist police violence, causing further suffering and unrest for those who are impacted by these records.

Thank you for your time,
Rose Rea

From: [Courtney Newsome](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Opposition Of Order No. 2020-117
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:48:54 AM

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Dear Council Member Chris A. Hilbert,

My name is Courtney Newsome and I am writing to express my strong opposition of Order No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

I am aware that the only council member that is AGAINST this ordinance is Dr. Michael Jones, which is unacceptable. I demand, respectfully, that my representative, Vice President Chris Hilbert vote NO on the issue.

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Respectfully,

Courtney Newsome

From: [Erica Lyon](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Order No. 2020-117
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:48:58 AM

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Dear Council Member Chris A. Hilbert,

My name is Erica Lyon and I am writing to express my strong opposition of Order No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

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Respectfully,

Erica Lyon

From: [jake.marcinczyk](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: City Council meeting 6/8/2020 - ordinance 117
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:50:18 AM

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Councilmembers,

I am extremely dismayed regarding Ordinance #117, a measure which would effectively expand police presence and power in Richmond instead of shrinking it. If the City Council is to truly represent its people, then it should reflect the sentiments of the past weeks' protests across the city. This would entail an immediate defunding of the police force with funds being redirected into community support. The mayor's decision to go forward with the Marcus Alert System is only the first step; the scope of the police force in Richmond needs to be radically reduced and demilitarized. Programs should be established to take over police duties such as de-escalating violent situations, monitoring auto safety, and social work. These programs should be established in such a way that does not contribute to the existing problems being protested. Ordinance #117 would only act to escalate these problems and continue to reinforce a history of racist police violence, causing further suffering and unrest for those who are impacted by these records.

Thank you for your time,

Jacob Marcinczyk

From: [Taylor Bono](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Opposition to Ord No. 2020-117
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:52:39 AM

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June 7, 2020

Dear Council Members,

My name is Taylor Bono and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

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Respectfully,
Taylor Bono

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Taylor Bono, CPC, ELI-MP

From: [Galen Canham](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Vote NO
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:57:23 AM

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My name is Galen Canham and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

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Respectfully,
Galen Canham

From: [Daniel Torraca](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Opposition to Ord No. 2020 117
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 10:01:29 AM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Daniel Torraca and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

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Respectfully,

Daniel Torraca

From: [Sarah Hudson](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: End the MILITARIZED policing of our city and our school!
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 10:10:09 AM

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June 7, 2020

Dear Council Members (or your specific Council member),

My name is Sarah Hudson and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ord No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know that this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

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Respectfully,
Sarah Hudson

From: [Amy Wowow](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Order No. 2020-117
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 10:13:33 AM

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Dear Council Member Chris A. Hilbert,

My name is Amy Watanabe and I am writing to express my strong opposition of Order No. 2020-117, which would allow VCUPD to become an operational user of the RPD's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the two Police Departments. I know this has been the policy up until now - and it is time to end it.

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Respectfully,

Amy Watanabe

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jenny Morgan](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: ["A. Blake Gayle"](#)
Subject: David Williams; Ordinance No: 2020-124, re: 1201 Porter Street
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:24:53 AM
Attachments: [Williams- letter.pdf](#)
[Williams-Complaint.pdf](#)

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Good morning Ms. Reid,

Please see attached correspondence from Mr. Gayle with regard to the above-referenced matter. If you have any questions please just let me know.

Thank you,

Jenny Morgan
Legal Assistant to
A. Blake Gayle, Esq.
Zwerdling, Oppleman & Adams
5020 Monument Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23230
Telephone: (804) 355-5719
Facsimile: (804) 355-1597

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June 8, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Candice D. Reid, City Clerk
City of Richmond
Email: CityClerksOffice@richmondgov.com

Re: My Client: David Williams
Property Address: 1201 Porter Street
Ordinance No.: 2020-124

Dear Ms. Reid:

I represent David Williams with regard to pending actions by the City of Richmond regarding the real property and improvements located at 1201 Porter Street in the City of Richmond (the "Property"). It is my understanding that the Richmond City Council will be considering an Ordinance on the Property at their meeting at 6:00pm today. Please forward this to the Council members in advance of that hearing.

Mr. Williams has owned the real property located at 1201 Porter Street in the Manchester district since 2002. The structure on the Property is essentially a shell of a brick building built in the late 1800s. By all accounts the structure is a big, beautiful, and rare example of the architecture from its time still standing in Manchester. He has been in communication with the City over the last 3-4 years regarding issues with the property. These issues included maintenance issues and structural concerns, all of which were timely addressed. In December 2019 the City apparently made the preliminary determination that this property was blighted, and on February 10, 2020, the City made a recommendation to move forward with this spot blight abatement action to acquire the property from Mr. Williams.

The applicable laws in this case are Virginia Code §36-49.1:1 and Code of Ordinances of the City of Richmond §5-85. These laws deal with spot blight abatement. In short, the statutes set out a process that a locality must follow in order to acquire and repair a blighted property. Per these laws, once a locality has made the preliminary determination that a property is blighted, they are required to provide a written notice to the owner of record specifying the reasons why the property is blighted and advising that the owner has 30 days from the date of the notice in which to submit a spot blight abatement plan to address the blight within a reasonable time. A "spot blight abatement plan" is defined as a "written plan prepared by the owner of record of the real property to address spot blight."

In this case the City's notice of the preliminary determination of spot blight to Mr. Williams was defective. The statute requires that the notice be delivered to Mr. Williams at his

last known address as contained in the records of the treasurer, the current real estate tax assessment records, or the records of such other officer responsible for collecting taxes in that locality. In this case the City claims that a notice dated December 9, 2019, was sent to Mr. Williams by certified mail to the "Grantee's address" listed on the 2002 deed transferring the property to Mr. Williams. The City concedes that the notice was returned in February of 2020 as undeliverable, presumably because the zip code on the correspondence was incorrect. The City concedes that the zip code was incorrect but claims that it was due to a scrivener's error on the deed. However, the statute requires that the City use the address on record in the current real estate tax assessor's records, not the address on the owner's deed. The evidence would show that Mr. Williams has been receiving tax bills for 1201 Porter at his correct home address for years. See his 2019 First Hal Real Estate Tax Bill attached hereto as Exhibit A that was sent to Mr. Williams' correct home address.

Despite the fact that the spot blight notice was returned as undeliverable, on February 10, 2020, Mr. Olinger, Director of Planning and Development Review, in his recommendation to City Council, took the view that "the owner of the blighted property has failed to present or implement an acceptable blight elimination work plan." Nowhere in the recommendation is there any mention that the notice was returned as undeliverable.

In a brief submitted to the Richmond Circuit Court, Counsel for the City suggests that the defective notice was rehabilitated by the fact that Mr. Williams ultimately received actual notice of the spot blight action and was afforded the opportunity to submit a spot blight abatement plan, which was rejected. This is not so.

On March 5, an email was sent to Mr. Williams from Michelle Coward, the City's Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Operations Manager, with the specifications of spot blight attached. However, that email did NOT contain the notice letter dated December 9, 2019, that referenced the spot blight statute and instructed Mr. Williams that he had 30 days to submit a spot blight abatement plan. It would appear that the letter was not included in that email because Mr. Olinger and Ms. Coward had already determined Mr. Williams to be in default on February 10, 2020, and had already made a formal recommendation to acquire the property.

In its brief to the Richmond Circuit Court, the City claims that a spot blight abatement plan was submitted by Mr. Williams on March 19, 2020, and that it was duly considered and rejected by the City. We agree that work plan was submitted by Mr. Williams on March 19, but it was not a spot blight abatement plan. Mr. Williams would testify that he was instructed by Mr. Olinger and Ms. Coward that he needed to present a plan for full renovation of the building, not just a plan addressing the spot blight. Based on their instruction, Mr. Williams submitted a derelict building work plan on March 19, 2020, contemplating full renovation of the building. Mr. Williams repeatedly followed up with Mr. Olinger and Ms. Coward but heard no response until an April 28, 2020, email from Mr. Olinger advising that the City was moving forward with the spot blight hearing before the Planning Commission on May 4, 2020, pursuant to his February 10, 2020, recommendation. It was not until April 30, 2020, that Ms. Coward emailed Mr. Williams advising him that his work plan was rejected because she felt that it would take too long to complete. Ms. Coward did not allow an opportunity for Mr. Williams to revise the work plan to address only the spot blight issues, which would have significantly shortened the estimate duration of the project. Ms. Coward would later testify (at the May 4 hearing) that the work plan submitted by Mr. Williams was rejected because it proposed to take 18 months for full renovation, while the City considers 6 months to be customary for spot blight abatement.

The statute requires that the work plan must propose to abate the blight within a “reasonable time.” There is a reason why the statute is worded this way. What is considered a reasonable amount of time will depend on the particular specifications of blight to be abated in each case. Ms Coward’s insistence on a 6 month timeframe is arbitrary and does not take into account the condition of this structure, which is essentially a shell of a building. However, Mr. Williams stands ready to submit a spot blight abatement plan within 30 days that contemplates abating the blight within 6 months.

Mr. Williams was not properly notified of this action, and when the City recognized their error they did not provide Mr. Williams with a fair opportunity to present an acceptable spot blight abatement plan. If this Ordinance is passed, then I believe it is very likely that the Richmond Circuit Court will rule it invalid because of these procedural defects.

The City has repeatedly stated in its Planning Commission meetings that its primary objective in this action is to restore the property to a safe and habitable condition so it will be an asset to the neighborhood rather than a blight. Certainly this process will happen more quickly if renovations are completed by a willing and able owner rather than through the forced acquisition and sale of the property to a developer by the City. The acquisition of the property through the processes outlined in Title 25.1 of the Virginia Code could take a year or more. The advertisement and sale of the property at auction to a developer pursuant to the terms of an approved development plan as required by statute will take an additional 6 months or more. So it would likely be 18 months or more before work could even begin on the property pursuant to the City’s current course of action! Whereas, Mr. Williams is ready, willing, and able to present plans to abate the spot blight and to fully renovate the building, all of which would be completed long before the City would be able to effectuate repairs by its current course of action.

Mr. Williams respectfully asks the City Council for a fair opportunity to present and execute a spot blight abatement plan and for the City to work with him throughout the renovation process. He has plans for full renovation prepared by qualified, licensed contractors. He is prepared to execute those plans, but the City has taken the position that they have lost confidence in Mr. Williams and do not trust that any proposals he makes will be completed. We believe the City’s position to be unfounded, and would argue that the City is to blame for much of the delay in repairs to this Property over the last 3-4 years. It is worth noting that the City put an administrative hold on all building permit applications for this property in September of 2019. But nevertheless, my client is prepared to take actions that would render the City’s fears moot, such as securing a bond to guarantee that work is completed or placing monies necessary for renovation into escrow with my law firm.

We ask the City Council to reject the Ordinance at this time and instruct the Planning Commission to allow Mr. Williams 30 days to submit an acceptable spot blight plan, and to work with Mr. Williams and his contractors in good faith to achieve and execute acceptable plan, which would include releasing any administrative holds on the issuance of the necessary permits to complete the work.

Very truly yours,
/s/ A. Blake Gayle
A. Blake Gayle

cc: Neil R. Gibson, Esq. (via email)
David Williams



City of Richmond Virginia
Division of Collections
 PO Box 26505
 Richmond, VA 23261-6505

DAVID B & ELMA G WILLIAMS
 5270 SHERIDAN LN
 RICHMOND VA 23225-6240

2019 First Half Real Estate Tax Bill

Bill Number 19043926

**Please record Bill Number in memo section of check
 and include in all online banking transactions**

Property Information		Tax Information	
Tax Year:	2019	Total Adjusted Annual Charges:	\$1,690.55
Bill Number:	19043926	Current Interest:	\$0.00
Parcel ID Number:	S0000087011	Current Penalty:	\$0.00
Property Address:	1201 Porter St		
Mortgage Company:		Amount Due January 14, 2019	\$1,042.55
Annual Valuation			
Class / Type		Total	
Building		\$62,000.00	
Land		\$46,000.00	
Total		\$108,000.00	
Summary of Adjusted Annual Charges			
Description	Tax Rate	Annual Charges	
REAL ESTATE TAX	\$1.20	\$1,296.00	
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS CHARGE		\$395.00	
PAYMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE		-\$0.45	
		Total Adjusted Annual Charges	\$1,690.55

This bill does not show any prior year balances. If your account is delinquent, it may have been turned over to a collection agency.
 Use the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Do not mail cash.
 Please review back of bill for additional information.

U.S. Postal Service postmark must be on or before January 14, 2019 to avoid late payment penalty and interest.
 Return bottom portion with payment. Cancelled check will be your receipt. Retain top portion for your records.



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Return this portion with your check payable to

City of Richmond Virginia / Real Estate
 P.O. Box 85005
 Richmond, VA 23285-5005



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<http://www.richmondgov.com/Finance/AnnualFinancialReports.aspx>

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- ❖ **Online Banking:** Please record Bill Number in all online banking internet transactions. Contact your bank or financial institution for more information.
- ❖ **Pay by mail:** Mail check or money order, made payable to: City of Richmond Virginia / Real Estate. Insert the bottom portion in enclosed envelope. **Please record Bill Number in memo section of check.**
- ❖ **Pay in person:** bring your bill and cash, check, money order or credit card to the following locations:
 - East District Initiative (**Free Parking**): 701 North 25th Street — Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 - Southside Initiative (**Free Parking**): 4100 Hull Street — Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
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 - City Hall — 24 hours — 7 days a week — 10th Street
 - City Hall: Outside Room 102 — Hours: Mon. – Fri. 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
 - East District Initiative: 701 North 25th Street — Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
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- ❖ **Pay by Phone or Online:** You can pay your personal property or real estate taxes online by visiting www.richmondgov.com or pay by phone by calling 1-866-890-5269. Follow the links to Finance and the Pay Online section. Electronic check/ACH transactions will incur a \$0.95 fee; credit/debit card transaction fee is based on payment amount. Fees assessed by third party as outlined.
- ❖ **Bankruptcy Accounts:** All payments and inquiries are to be made at City Hall, Room 109.

LATE PAYMENTS

The City of Richmond actively pursues payments of unpaid taxes. Payments received or postmarked after the due date are subject to a penalty of \$10 or ten percent of the taxes due (whichever is greater) and interest up to 10% per annum. Delinquent accounts may be charged a \$30 administrative fee. Failure to pay any tax obligation may result in collection action as outlined in Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia. Unpaid taxes forwarded to a collection firm will incur additional charges up to 20% for collection fees.

LOSS OF TAX REHABILITATION CREDIT OR TAX RELIEF

Failure to pay the balance due on or before January 14, 2019 could result in the loss of your tax relief for the elderly or disabled credit. Failure to pay real estate tax balance due on or before January 14, 2019 will result in forfeiture (loss) of your tax rehabilitation credit.

Property owners 65 years of age or older, or permanently and totally disabled, may qualify for the Tax Relief for the Elderly or Disabled Program. Income and net worth limitations apply. Applications are available from the City of Richmond by calling (804) 646-7000. The deadline for first time applicants is March 31, 2019.

MORTGAGE COMPANY INFORMATION

If your mortgage company escrows your real estate taxes, please forward this bill to your mortgage company immediately for payment.

REAL ESTATE — CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Any owner of real estate that is changing his/her mailing address **MUST** contact the Assessor's Office at (804) 646-7500 and request a change of address form *for each property owned*. The completed form must be submitted directly to the Assessor's Office City Hall, Room 802. Address changes will not be accepted by phone or otherwise.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The Atlanta Lockbox address is no longer active.

Visit us at www.richmondgov.com for answers to frequently asked questions.

Written correspondence regarding your real estate tax bill may be mailed to:

City of Richmond, Revenue Administration

PO Box 26505

Richmond, VA 23261-6505

To contact by telephone call: (804) 646-7000

Fax: (804) 646-5719

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF RICHMOND

DAVID WILLIAMS

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.:

CITY OF RICHMOND

&

CITY OF RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

&

LEVAR STONEY

&

LENORA G. REID

&

CYNTHIA I. NEWBILLE

Defendants.

COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY ACTION

& REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, DAVID WILLIAMS, by counsel, pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-184 and moves this Honorable Court to make a binding determination of the rights, duties, and obligations of the parties hereto with regard to the Spot Blight Abatement Program of the City of Richmond as set forth in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Richmond §5-85 *et seq.* and Virginia Code §36-49.1:1 for the following reasons, to wit:

PARTIES

1. The CITY OF RICHMOND is a municipal corporation in the Commonwealth of Virginia. See Code of Ordinances of the City of Richmond §1.01 *et seq.*

2. CITY OF RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL consists of nine (9) individuals elected to exercise certain powers to govern the City of Richmond as set forth in the City's Charter. *Id.*

3. LEVAR STONEY is the mayor of the CITY OF RICHMOND. *Id.*

4. LENORA G. REID is/was the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Richmond at all times relevant to this Complaint. *Id.*

5. CYNTHIA I. NEWBILLE is the president of CITY OF RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL.

6. DAVID WILLIAMS (hereinafter "Plaintiff") is the owner of certain real estate located at 1201 Porter Street in the City of Richmond, Virginia (hereinafter the "Property"), which Defendants have declared to be blighted and seek to confiscate.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY & STATEMENT OF FACTS

7. Plaintiff purchased the Property on or about May 23, 2002.

8. On March 2, 2020, Plaintiff's brother appeared on behalf of Plaintiff at City Hall and attempted to submit an application for a building permit regarding the Property. The application was not accepted and Plaintiff's brother was referred to Mark Olinger (hereinafter "Mr. Olinger"), Director of the Department of Planning & Development Review for the City of Richmond. Plaintiff's brother met with Mark Olinger in person on March 2, 2020, to discuss the building permit application. Plaintiff participated in that meeting telephonically. During that telephone call Mr. Olinger advised Plaintiff that the Property had been declared blighted by Defendants. This telephonic notification was Plaintiff's first notice that the Property was considered to be blighted by Defendants.

9. On March 2, 2020, after his telephonic meeting with Mr. Olinger, Plaintiff made a follow-up phone call to Mr. Olinger's assistant, Christina Thiem, who stated that she would email Plaintiff a formal notice of the spot blight determination. On March 5, 2020, Plaintiff received an email from Michelle Coward (hereinafter "Ms. Coward"), Defendants' Property Maintenance Code

Enforcement Operations Manager, with an attachment titled “Specifications of Spot Blight at 1201 Porter Street, Richmond VA – S0000087011.” See Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

10. Defendants maintain that a formal notice was mailed to Defendant by certified mail on or about December 9, 2019, but Defendants concede that the notice was returned to them in late February 2020, because it contained the wrong zip code for Plaintiff. See the email from Mr. Olinger to Ms. Coward attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.

11. On March 19, 2020, Plaintiff emailed a Derelict Building Work Plan to Mr. Olinger and Ms. Coward. See Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

12. By email dated April 28, 2020, Mr. Olinger advised Plaintiff that Defendants were “planning on pursuing the blight hearing at Planning Commission on Monday May 4, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.” See Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

13. On April 30, 2020, Plaintiff was advised in an email from Ms. Coward that it was her conclusion that the Derelict Building Work Plan that he submitted on March 19, 2020, would not be completed. See Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

14. On May 1, 2020, counsel for Plaintiff submitted a letter to Defendants alleging defective notice of process and requesting that the May 4, 2020, hearing be continued. The request for a continuance was denied and the motion was carried unanimously in the absence of Defendant and Defendant’s counsel. See Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

15. On May 11, 2020, Ordinance no. 2020-124 was proposed by Defendants “to declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition by gift, purchase, condemnation, or otherwise of the property known as 1201 Porter Street for the public purpose of implementing a Spot Blight

Abatement Plan adopted in accordance with Va. Code § 36-49.1:1 for such property.” See **Exhibit G** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

16. On May 19, 2020, counsel for Plaintiff submitted a letter to Defendants in advance of a meeting of the Department of Planning and Development Review again raising the issue of improper notice and requesting that the matter be stayed for thirty (30) days to give Plaintiff an opportunity to propose an acceptable spot blight plan. See **Exhibit H** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

17. That Ordinance no. 2020-124 is set to be voted upon by the City of Richmond City Council at public hearing on June 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. If the Ordinance is adopted, then the Property will be acquired by Defendants and demolished or sold to a third party pursuant to a development agreement. See **Exhibit G** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

REQUEST FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF

18. Paragraphs 1-17 are restated herein.

19. That Defendants failed to properly notify Plaintiff of the Spot Blight Abatement Plan action as required by Code of Ordinances of the City of Richmond §5-85 *et seq.* and/or Virginia Code §36-49.1:1. Therefore, all continuing/future action in this matter is improper.

20. That Defendants wrongfully rejected the work plan submitted by Plaintiff referenced in paragraph 10 herein. Therefore, all continuing/future action in this matter is improper.

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY (PRELIMINARY) INJUNCTION

21. Paragraphs 1-20 are restated herein.

22. That local and state laws referenced in paragraph 18 herein require Defendants to allow Plaintiff thirty (30) days from the date of a proper notice to submit a spot blight abatement plan. Because Defendants failed to properly notify Plaintiff of the spot blight action, Plaintiff never had an opportunity to submit a spot blight abatement plan, and Defendants did not properly consider the “work plan” submitted by Plaintiff referenced in paragraph 10 herein.

23. Plaintiff has spent a considerable amount of money acquiring and maintaining the Property including, but not limited to, structural stabilization of the Property that was completed in or around July 2018 and passed Defendants’ inspection. See Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

24. Defendants acknowledge that the building has significant historic and aesthetic value and have stated that it is Defendants’ intent to renovate the Property rather than demolish it (presumably by selling it to a third party developer pursuant to a development agreement). The Property is located in an area of rapid development and revitalization and has the potential to generate significant income once renovated.

25. Plaintiff will suffer irreparable harm if Ordinance no. 2020-124 is adopted authorizing Defendants to confiscate Plaintiff’s real property and improvements located at 1201 Porter Street in the City of Richmond. If Defendants are not enjoined from adopting the Ordinance, Plaintiff will lose *inter alia* all of the money that he has invested in the Property to date, the future income from the Property, the equity Plaintiff has accumulated in the Property and the future equity that Plaintiff expects to create through renovation of the Property.

26. That Defendants will not be harmed if an injunction is granted enjoining Defendants from taking any further action on the Ordinance for thirty (30) days. To date, Defendants have failed to produce any spot blight abatement plan for the Property as referenced in the Ordinance. See Exhibit G

attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Furthermore, the Property is stable and structurally sound as evidenced by the approved stabilization plan of engineer Charles Fields that was implemented by Plaintiff and approved by Defendants in or around July 2018. See Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

27. That Plaintiff is likely to succeed on the merits because Defendants acknowledge that the address on the notice to Plaintiff of preliminary determination of spot blight required by law contained an erroneous zip code and was ultimately returned to Defendants as undeliverable. Furthermore, Orders Declaring Judicial Emergency in Response to COVID-19 issued by the Supreme Court of Virginia tolled and extended all deadlines for complying with legal notices effective March 16, 2020.

28. That the public interest is supported by enjoining Defendants from confiscating the Property from Plaintiff because the confiscation would violate Plaintiff's constitutional right to private property, and thereby threaten the rights of all real property owners in the City of Richmond and in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, DAVID WILLIAMS, requests that this Court determine that Defendants failed to properly notify him that his Property was considered blighted pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Richmond §5-118 and Virginia Code §36-49.1:1; and to determine that Defendants failed to properly notify Plaintiff of the specific reasons why the property was considered blighted as required by Code of Ordinances of the City of Richmond §5-118 and Virginia Code §36-49.1:1; and to determine that Defendants failed to properly accept, review and consider the work plan that was submitted by Plaintiff; and to order that the pending spot blight abatement action(s) by Defendants to acquire the Property be stayed and/or terminated in order to allow Plaintiff the

opportunity to submit and execute an acceptable spot blight abatement plan; and to order Defendants to properly consider any such spot blight abatement plan(s) submitted by Plaintiff; and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and just under the circumstances of the case at bar.

Respectfully Submitted:
DAVID WILLIAMS

BY 
Counsel: A. Blake Gayle, Esq.

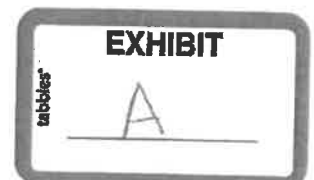
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Specifications of Spot Blight at 1201 Porter Street, Richmond VA – S0000087011

This property in its current condition is a continuing threat to public health, safety and welfare. The current conditions of the building do not meet the Commonwealth of Virginia, Part III of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, The Virginia Maintenance Code (2015) edition as amended and adopted by the City of Richmond per Code Section 5-1. The property exhibits neglect and decay in its present condition and is causing a significant blighting influence on the community.

Current conditions and violations include the following:

- This structure has been vacant since 1997.
- Utilities have been disconnected from the structure since 1997.
- Ownership of the property is listed at an address that indicates the owner does not live there.
- The owner has made application for building permits on several occasion but has never had the permits inspected for compliance.
- The property has been in the Derelict Building Program since 2016 and although the owner is aware of this, no effort has been made to come into compliance.
- This property has been abated by use of City Contractors on three different occasions.
- Chimney in rear has collapsed.
- Extensive roof damage allowing water to infiltrate into the structure.
- Rotten headers.
- Mortar is loose and falling out of the joints.
- Cornices are rotten and falling away from the building.
- Interior of structure has sustained long-term weather exposure.
- Windows and doors are missing from the structure.
- Exterior bricks are missing from the structure.
- Structure is open to the weather, people, and animals.



From: Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2020 12:32 PM
To: Coward, Michelle Y. - PDR <Michelle.Coward@richmondgov.com>
Cc: Carangelo, Jason - PDR <Jason.Carangelo@richmondgov.com>
Subject: RE: 1201 Porter

Mr. Williams Claims that 5270 Sheridan Lane is his address.

We need to make sure that we have the right zip. The letter in Dec. had a 23227 zip. It's actually 23225.

Thanks.

m.

Mark A. Olinger, Director

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A. Blake Gayle

From: B. Williams [db075williams@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Blake Gayle
Subject: Fwd: 1201 Porter St Work Plan and Schedule

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From: Olinger, Mark A. - PDR <Mark.Olinger@richmondgov.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 19, 2020 at 7:11 PM
Subject: RE: 1201 Porter St Work Plan and Schedule
To: B. Williams <db075williams@gmail.com>, Coward, Michelle Y. - PDR <Michelle.Coward@richmondgov.com>

Mr. Williams

Thank you. We will be in touch after Code Enforcement has a chance to review.

Regards,

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From: B. Williams [mailto:db075williams@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 6:00 PM
To: Olinger, Mark A. - PDR; Coward, Michelle Y. - PDR
Subject: 1201 Porter St Work Plan and Schedule

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Hello City of Richmond, Ms. Coward, and Mr. Olinger,

Attached is the proposed work plan for 1201 Porter St; I noticed your correspondence labeled/titled Specifications of Spot Blight 1201 Porter Street, Richmond VA 23224 - S0000087011 had several inaccurate allegations/comments. I do not consent to the correspondence submitted by the City of Richmond. I struck through the inaccurate allegations/comments and provided updates (with factual/supported comments) to ensure your records are reflecting accurate information.



Kindly ensure the record is updated to capture this email thread and the attached document(s). Both of these items provide a different narrative with supporting documentation and notes.

The proposed work plan is subject to change given the current pandemic (COVID-19) impacting the U.S. which is affecting material/ supply availability and labor resources. If the spread of this deadly virus impacts our ability to align with the proposed plan, a revised schedule will be submitted to the City of Richmond.

In addition, I am an American Indian; I respectfully request you update your records to reflect this, if it has not already been done.
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Documents Attached - Work Plan, Project Schedule, and Spot Blight Notification

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

D. Williams



CITY OF RICHMOND
Planning and Development Review
Bureau of Permits and Inspections
900 E. Broad Street Room 110
Richmond, VA 23219

SUBJECT: Notice of Determination of a Derelict Building
1201 Porter Street
Richmond, VA. 23225

As the property owner of the subject property I acknowledge receipt of the Notice of Determination of a Derelict Building.

I am electing the following option:

Demolition of structure to protect the public's health, safety or welfare

If you are selecting this option I am requesting that you contact **Mr. Michael Jackson** at (804) **646-7446** to discuss additional options available to you.

Renovation of structure to protect the public's health, safety or welfare

By electing this option you have chosen to renovate your property and assist the city in Building a Better Richmond. This option will require you to work closely with the city to ensure that the rehabilitation is done as smoothly and quickly as possible.

Mr. Michael Jackson has been assigned as your lead inspector. The next step in the process is to schedule an appointment with **Mr. Michael Jackson** so an inspection can be conducted. This will allow us to identify what needs to be done in order to rehabilitate the property and meet the requirements for occupancy. Once the inspection has taken place you will be required to submit a comprehensive work plan that will address all of the repairs that will need to be completed and the timeframe that they will be completed. This plan will be reviewed by the Building Commissioner or his designee to ensure that all elements required have been addressed in the work plan. Once this has taken place you will need to either obtain the services of a contractor or make application for a building permit as the owner, to start the rehabilitation process.

Work Plan

Date: 3/19/20

The following work plan is being submitted for review by the Commissioner of Buildings in accordance with the Derelict Program for the property located at 1201 Porter Street and addresses all repairs that need to be made at this property.

EXTERIOR of STRUCTURE

APPROVED DENIED DATE _____

Roof - No work needed

Describe scope of work needed to make repair –

- Roof will be assessed in detail.
- Based on the roof assessment, repairs to be performed as needed.
- If repairs are required, roof repairs will be completed (weather permitting) 30 business days after the flooring systems and interior/perimeter walls are installed.
- If replacement of the roof is required, engineered roof replacement will be completed (weather permitting) 40 business days after manufactured materials (engineered roof system) being received and flooring systems and interior/perimeter walls installed.
- If weather delays occur a revised schedule will be provided to the City of Richmond; the City of Richmond will acknowledge the revised schedule and update the roof repair timeline to reflect.
- If a permit is required, the time required for the City of Richmond to dispatch and inspect will be in addition to the 30 or 40 business days.

Permit Required – Yes No

Time Frame to Start: 1/18/21

Time Frame to Complete: 3/12/21

Exterior Walls - No work needed

Describe scope of work needed to make repairs-

- Exterior wall installation/repair is pending the City of Richmond's (permits and inspection) approval and issuance of a building plan/permit if applicable.
- Tuck point mortar joints and repair/replace damaged bricks (as needed, if applicable); work will be performed 60 business days (weather permitting) of the flooring systems and walls being installed. Work will span over holiday break (see attached schedule).
- If weather delays occur a revised schedule will be provided to the City of Richmond; the City of Richmond will acknowledge the revised schedule and update the exterior wall repair timeline to reflect.
- If a permit is required, the time required for the City of Richmond to dispatch and inspect will be in addition to the 60 business days.

Permit Required – Yes No

Time Frame to Start: 10/19/20

Time Frame to Complete: 1/26/21

Foundation - No work needed

Describe scope of work needed to make repairs-

- Foundation contingent upon building permit approval/issuance.
- Grade ground (if applicable).
- Dig footing
- Pour footing
- Inspect footing
- Proceed with foundation installation
- Footing and foundation work to be completed 14 business days after the building permit approval and material (i.e. concrete) availability.
- If material availability is delayed a revised schedule will be provided to the City of Richmond; the City of Richmond will acknowledge the revised schedule and update the foundation installation timeline to reflect.
- The time required for the City of Richmond to dispatch and inspect will be in addition to the 14 business days.

Permit Required – Yes No

Time Frame to Start: 6/29/20

Time Frame to Complete: 7/17/20

Porches Front/Rear - No work needed

Describe scope of work needed to make repairs-

- Upon approval to proceed by the City of Richmond and any other applicable ordinances, front and rear porches/decks will be constructed per plans submitted to the City of Richmond (permits and inspection). The construction of the front and rear porches will be performed 30 business days after the completion of the exterior walls, flooring systems, interior/perimeter wall installation, and roof repair/replacement.
- If weather delays occur a revised schedule will be provided to the City of Richmond; the City of Richmond will acknowledge the revised schedule and update the front/rear porch/decks timeline to reflect.
- If a permit is required, the time required for the City of Richmond to dispatch and inspect will be in addition to the 30 business days.

Permit Required – Yes No

Time Frame to Start: 3/8/21

Time Frame to Complete: 4/16/21

Windows and Doors - No work needed

Describe scope of work needed to make repairs-

- **Repair/replace doors and windows as needed if applicable. Door and window repair/replacement are contingent upon material availability/lead-time and exterior walls, flooring systems, interior/perimeter wall installation/repairs. After the reception of the required materials and completion of the exterior walls, flooring systems, interior/perimeter wall installation/repairs the door and window repair/replacement will be performed 30 business days (weather permitting) after all the contingencies listed above. If applicable, material lead-time schedule will be provided to the City of Richmond (permits and inspection).**
- **If weather delays occur a revised schedule will be provided to the City of Richmond; the City of Richmond will acknowledge the revised schedule and update the window and door timeline to reflect.**
- **If a permit is required, the time required for the City of Richmond to dispatch and inspect will be in addition to the 30 business days.**

Permit Required – Yes No

Time Frame to Start: 1/18/21
Time Frame to Complete: 2/26/21

Chimney - No work needed

Describe scope of work needed to make repairs-

- **If Chimney repairs are required, work will take place during exterior wall work.**

Permit Required – Yes No

Time Frame to Start: 10/19/20
Time Frame to Complete: 1/26/21

Walkway - No work needed

Describe scope of work needed to make repairs-

- **No work needed based on current assessment of property. If work is required after final CDs have been submitted and approved owner will update schedule.**

Permit Required – Yes No

Time Frame to Start: _____
Time Frame to Complete: _____

Soffits, Gutters and Exterior Trim - No work needed
Describe scope of work needed to make repairs-

- **Repair/replace the soffits, gutters and exterior trim as needed, work will be performed 30 business days (weather permitting) after the exterior walls, flooring systems, interior/perimeter wall installation, and roof repair/replacement have been completed.**
- **If weather delays occur a revised schedule will be provided to the City of Richmond; the City of Richmond will acknowledge the revised schedule and update the soffits, gutters and exterior trim timeline to reflect.**
- **If a permit is required, the time required for the City of Richmond to dispatch and inspect will be in addition to the 30 business days.**

Permit Required – Yes No

Time Frame to Start: 3/8/21
Time Frame to Complete: 4/16/21

INTERIOR of STRUCTURE

Walls, Floors and Ceilings - No work needed
Describe scope of work needed to make repairs-

- **Work is contingent upon the City of Richmond's (permits and inspection) approval and issuance of a building permit if applicable.**
- **Flooring systems and walls (interior/perimeter) are contingent upon the footing and foundation installation. Upon the completion and passed inspection of the footing and foundation installation the flooring system and walls will be completed within 106 business days.**
- **If a permit is required, the time required for the City of Richmond to dispatch and inspect will be in addition to the 106 business days.**

Permit Required – Yes No

Time Frame to Start: 7/21/20
Time Frame to Complete: 12/18/20

Mechanical System - No work needed
Describe scope of work needed to make repairs-

- **MEP plans will provide SOW.**
- **Section will get updated after plans have been approved through City of Richmond and Permits issued.**
- **Installation will have a rough-in and finish phase.**

Permit Required – Yes No

Time Frame to Start: 5/24/21

Time Frame to Complete: 12/10/21

Plumbing Systems - No work needed
Describe scope of work needed to make repairs-

- **MEP plans will provide SOW.**
- **Section will get updated after plans have been approved through City of Richmond and Permits issued.**
- **Installation will have a rough-in and finish phase.**

Permit Required – Yes No

Time Frame to Start: 3/15/21

Time Frame to Complete: 11/12/21

Electrical System - No work needed
Describe scope of work needed to make repairs-

- **MEP plans will provide SOW.**
- **Section will get updated after plans have been approved through City of Richmond and Permits issued.**
- **Installation will have a rough-in and finish phase.**

Permit Required – Yes No

Time Frame to Start: 4/12/21

Time Frame to Complete: 11/20/21

Fire Separation - No work needed

Describe scope of work needed to make repairs-

- **Work is contingent upon the City of Richmond's (permits and inspection) approval and issuance of a building permit if applicable.**
- **All preceding items captured in the work schedule that must be completed before this work can begin. Upon the completion and passed inspection of the preceding items the drywall will be completed within 30 business days.**
- **Pending verification to see if sprinkler system is required.**

Permit Required – Yes No

Time Frame to Start: 7/12/21

Time Frame to Complete: 8/20/21

Interior Stairs, Treads and Risers - No work needed

Describe scope of work needed to make repairs-

- **Work is contingent upon the footing and foundation installation, flooring system, and wall installation. Interior stair installation will take 3 business days to complete.**
- **If material availability is delayed a revised schedule will be provided to the City of Richmond; the City of Richmond will acknowledge the revised schedule and update the foundation installation timeline to reflect.**
- **The time required for the City of Richmond to dispatch and inspect will be in addition to the 3 business days.**

Permit Required – Yes No

Time Frame to Start: 12/16/20

Time Frame to Complete: 12/18/20

Other –

Comments: I am an American Indian; All Rights and Remedy's Reserved and Retained Explicitly whether in error or not. I (David Williams) look forward to partnering with the City of Richmond to complete the renovations of my property located at 1201 Porter St. Richmond, VA 23224

> > On Tue, Apr 28, 2020 at 9:39 AM Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
<Mark.Olinger@richmondgov.com> wrote:
> > >
> > > Mr. Williams
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> > > We are planning on pursuing the blight hearing at Planning Commission on
Monday May 4, 2020, at 1:30p.
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> > > As we are not holding public meetings at this time, we will be doing it via
a "virtual meeting." I will make sure that you get contact information on how to
join the meeting from staff in the very near future.
> > >
> > > Thank you.
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> > > From: B. Williams [<mailto:db075williams@gmail.com>]
> > > Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:33 AM
> > > To: Olinger, Mark A. - PDR <Mark.Olinger@Richmondgov.com>; Coward,
> > > Michelle Y. - PDR <Michelle.Coward@richmondgov.com>
> > > Subject: Re: 1201 Porter St Work Plan and Schedule
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> > > Good morning Ms. Coward and Mr. Olinger,
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> > > I hope this communication finds you well. I have sent multiple email
communications and left voicemail messages with no response. Kindly advise the
status. In addition, an answer/ update to my previous communications would be
greatly appreciated.
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> > > Thank you,
> > >
> > > D. Williams
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> On Thu, Apr 30, 2020 at 11:00 AM Coward, Michelle Y. - PDR
> <Michelle.Coward@richmondgov.com> wrote:
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> > Mr. Williams,
> >
> > In reviewing all of the documentation in my office and the work plan that you submitted it is my conclusion that this project will not be completed. Typically, we allow six months for a renovation to take place for properties placed in the Derelict Building Program. Your initial request is for approximately 1.6 years, and you have provided numerous variables that would effect that timeframe. Also, taken into consideration was the original work plan that you submitted in January 2018 where no work has taken place.
> >
> > Regards,
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> > Michelle
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> > Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:28 AM
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> > Cc: Coward, Michelle Y. - PDR <Michelle.Coward@richmondgov.com>;
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> >
> > Hello Mr. Olinger,
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> > Can you provide an update on the work plan approval? I've been on-hold pending direction from Ms. Coward and yourself. Is there a reason why direction has not been provided? Kindly advise.
> >
> > Thanks,
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> > D. Williams
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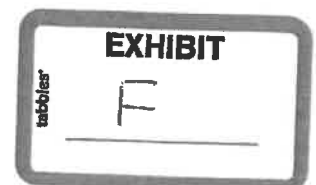
Re: Our Client: David Williams
Property Address: 1201 Porter Street

Dear Mr. Olinger:

Please be advised that I have been retained to represent the interests of David Williams with regard to any and all actions by the City of Richmond with regard to the real property and improvements located at 1201 Porter Street in the City of Richmond (the "Property"). Please direct all future correspondence or verbal communication to my office and refrain from contacting my client.

My client has advised me that you are "planning on pursuing a blight hearing at Planning Commission on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 1:30"¹ with regard to the Property. Please consider this correspondence as a formal objection to the conduct of any such hearing without proper notice as required by the City of Richmond Code of Ordinances and the Virginia Code. If it is your position that you have provided proper notice of the hearing to my client, then please provide me with evidence of same. I am unable to attend the meeting on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. due to a conflict, and would request that it be continued to a mutually agreeable date and time.

It is my client's desire to renovate the Property in compliance with the appropriate authorities and I look forward to working with you to accomplish that goal. Please contact me at your convenience to set up a meeting as required by Virginia Code §15.2-907.1 to discuss land use and permitting requirements for renovation.



Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Blake Gayle', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

A. Blake Gayle

cc:

David Williams

Kristina Daniel-Thiem (via email: Kristina.Daniel-Thiem@richmondgov.com)

Jason Carangelo (via email: Jason.Carangelo@richmondgov.com)

Michelle Coward (via email: Michelle.Coward@richmondgov.com)

¹ Quoting an email from Mark Olinger to David Williams dated April 28, 2020, at 9:39a.m.

INTRODUCED: May 11, 2020

AN ORDINANCE No. 2020-111

To declare the property known as 1201 Porter Street to be blighted property pursuant to Va. Code § 36-49.1:1 and to approve a spot blight abatement plan for such property.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

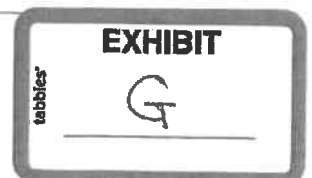
PUBLIC HEARING: JUN 8 2020 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 36-49.1:1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Chief Administrative Officer made a preliminary determination that the property known as 1201 Porter Street is blighted; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission has determined that the property known as 1201 Porter Street is blighted, which determination along with recommendations have been submitted to the City Council as part of the City Planning Commission resolution dated May 4, 2020, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated into this ordinance; and

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: _____ REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____



WHEREAS, the City Council desires to affirm the findings and recommendations of the City Planning Commission by approving and adopting the City Planning Commission resolution dated May 4, 2020, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated into this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That, pursuant to section 36-49.1:1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the City Council hereby declares the property known as 1201 Porter Street and identified as Tax Parcel No. S000-0087/011 in the 2020 records of the City Assessor to be blighted and hereby affirms the findings and recommendations of the City Planning Commission by approving and adopting the City Planning Commission resolution dated May 4, 2020, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated into this ordinance.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

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May 19, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Candice D. Reid, City Clerk
City of Richmond
Email: CityClerksOffice@richmondgov.com

Re: My Client: David Williams
Property Address: 1201 Porter Street

Dear Ms. Reid:

I represent David Williams with regard to pending actions by the City of Richmond regarding the real property and improvements located at 1201 Porter Street in the City of Richmond (the "Property"). It is my understanding that the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee will be considering an action on the Property in their meeting at 1:00pm today. Please read this correspondence into the record and make it a formal part thereof.

It is my client's position that he was not provided proper notice as required by Virginia Code §36-27(B). Specifically, it is my understanding from emails between Mr. Olinger and Ms. Coward on or about March 2, 2020, that the City sent correspondence to my client using an erroneous zip code.

There was some confusion at the May 4, 2020, spot blight hearing when Ms. Coward testified that my client proposed an 18 month work plan. The work plan she referenced was for a full renovation of the Property pursuant to the derelict building program. It was not a spot blight abatement plan. My client did not submit a spot blight abatement plan because he was never properly notified of the spot blight action as stated above. However, my client is willing and able to abate the blight within 6 months and subsequently renovate the Property in conjunction with the appropriate authorities in order to bring it into compliance with the City code. I respectfully request that this matter be stayed and that my client be given 30 days to propose an acceptable spot blight abatement plan, which he understands should be completed within 6 months.

Very truly yours,

A. Blake Gayle

cc: Neil R. Gibson, Esq. (via email)





Richmondgov.com
CITY OF RICHMOND

Date: 4/30/2020

Memo
1201 Porter St

The structure at 1201 Porter was inspected by me David L Alley III on 7/31/2018, attached is a copy of my inspection report. The inspection was for a consultation only to review the temporary stabilization placed per the approved stabilization plans provided by the engineer Charles R Fields, attached is a copy of the approved stabilization plans. There is also no stabilization of structural members being supported by un-grouted (CMU) cement masonry units. The stabilization plan is only good for 2 years as stated on the plans.

Here are my notes on the inspection report dated 7/31/2018:

Inspected by David Alley Senior Building Supervisor

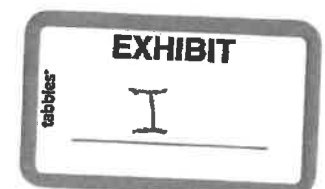
Note: Temporary stabilization in place per Engineers plans

Note: Need bolting methods clarified by engineer prior to completion of temporary stabilization.

In conclusion no other correspondence was received from the owner or the engineer for this project.

Sincerely,

DAVID L ALLEY III
OPERATIONS MANAGER OF INSPECTIONS
CBO



Checklist Item

Passed Comments

INSPECTION WORKSHEET (177941-2018)

Case Number: BLD-030200-2018

Case Module: Permit Management

Inspection Date: 07/31/2018

Inspection Status: Passed

Inspector: David Alley

Inspection Type: Other/Consultation (B)

Job Address: 1201 Porter St
Richmond, VA 23224

Parcel Number: 1084499_S0000087011

Contact Type Contractor
Company Name owner - contractor

THIS CONTACT - J CURRIE

Owner

General Comments - General Comments

Name

DO NOT CHANGE THIS CONTACT - J CURRIE DO NOT CHANGE

David Williams

True

Inspected by David Alley Senior Building Supervisor

Note: temporary stabilization in place per Engineers plans

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1201 Porter Street Stabilization Plan

Owner

David & Elma Williams
5270 Sheridan Lane
Richmond, VA 23227

Engineer

Obsidian, Inc.
Charles R. Field, P.E.
515 North 22nd Street
Richmond, VA 23223
804.647.1589
obsidianrva@gmail.com

Property Information

Parcel ID S0000057011
Zoning R-8 Residential
Use Front Yard = 210 feet and 118 feet
Side Yard = 3 feet
Rear Yard = 5 feet
Lot Coverage 65%

Scope of Work

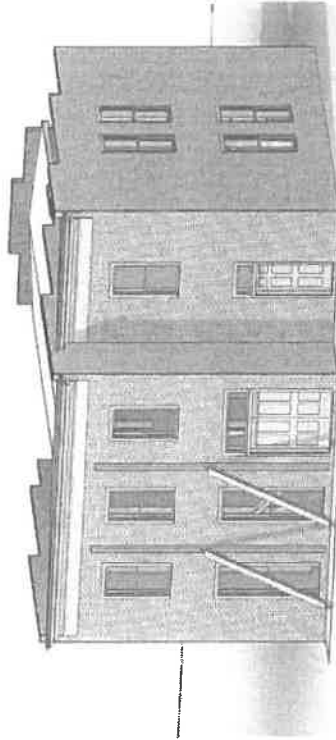
Scope of work will generally consist of the temporary stabilization of a deteriorating existing structure in accordance with these plans and the IRC, 2012.

The work will include:

1. Removal of debris.
 2. Bracing and stabilization according to these plans.
 3. Removal of rotted or failed structural elements.
- Proposed stabilization should be adequate for (2) two years.

General Notes

1. The structure will be braced in accordance with the 2012 edition of the "International Residential Code", the Statewide Uniform Building Code and the applicable City of Richmond ordinances.
2. The contractor is responsible for compliance with City, State and Federal job site safety requirements.
3. The contractor shall verify all dimensions and conditions prior to start of work, and any discrepancies will immediately be brought to the attention of the engineer.
4. All elements of the building that were intended to be plumb and vertical must be plumb and vertical.
5. The interior renovation will be completed under a separate building permit.



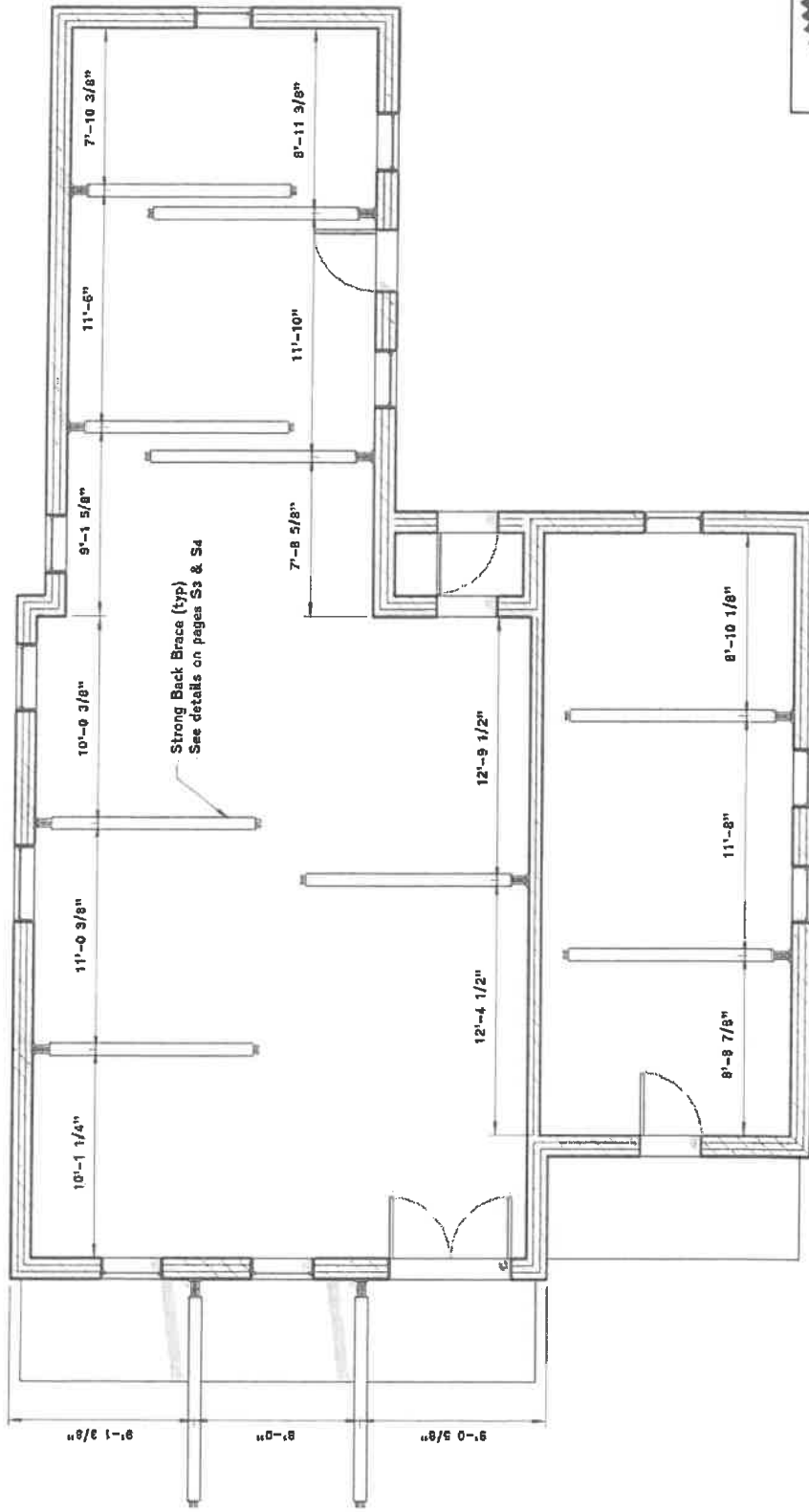
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Title Sheet
1201 Porter Street
David B & Elma G Williams

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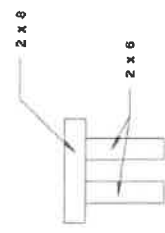
Stabilization Layout
 1201 Porter Street
 David B & Elma G Williams

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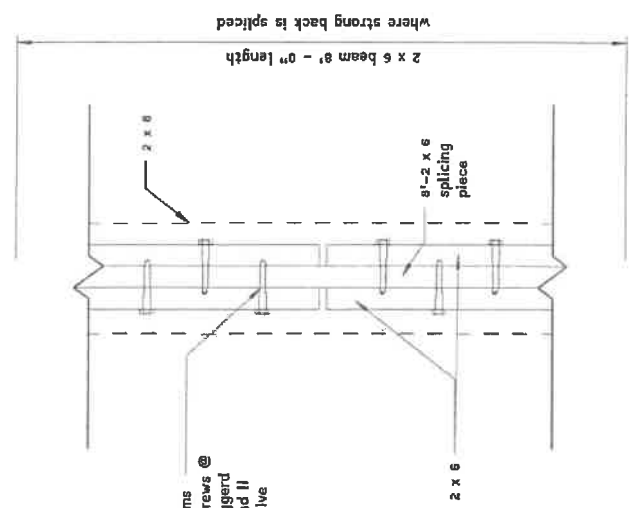
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Strongback Brace Section

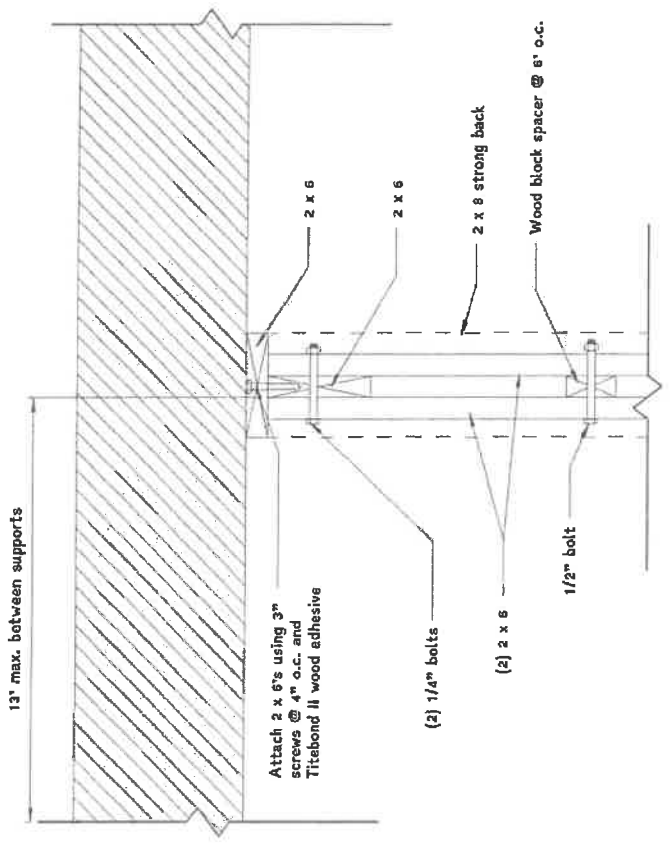
Attach beams using 3" screws @ 4" o.c. staggered and Titebond II wood adhesive



2 1 1/2" = 1'-0"

Strongback Brace Splice Detail

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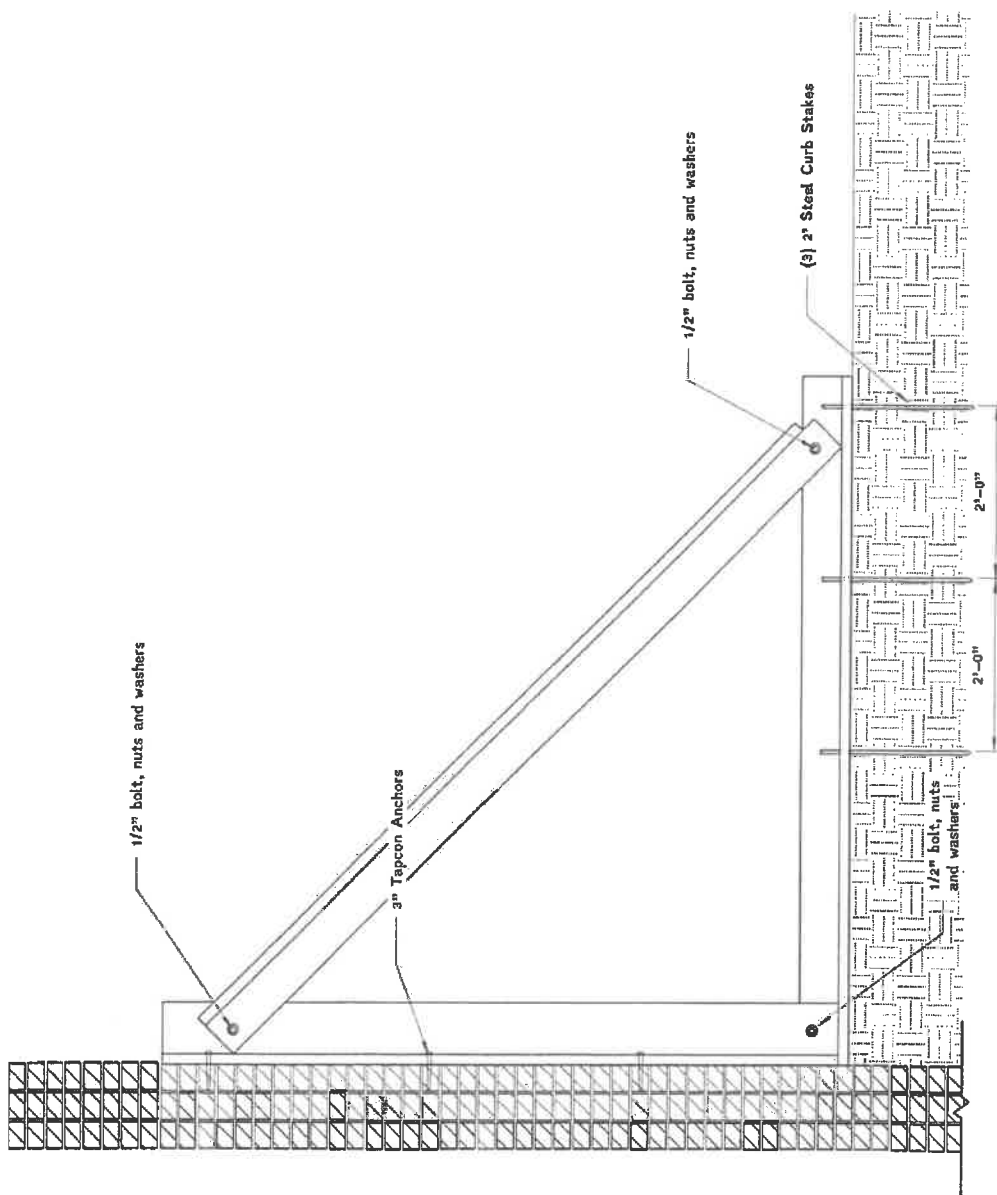
Strongback Bracing Plan View



Stongback Details 1
1201 Porter Street
David B & Elma G Williams

January 8, 2018

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1 Strongback Section View
3/4" = 1'-0"

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Strongback Details 2
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January 8, 2018

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