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Planning Commission City of Richmond 900 East Broad Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Commissioners:

I regret that I am unable to join you this evening due to a prior commitment. However, I am writing to express my full support for the Shockoe Project and Lumpkin's Jail Pavilion. These projects represent a crucial step forward in honoring Richmond's history while fostering a more inclusive and reflective future.

The Shockoe area holds deep historical significance. The thoughtful development of this site—particularly through the preservation and commemoration of Lumpkin's Jail and the surrounding African American heritage—offers a long-overdue opportunity to tell the full story of our city and the Commonwealth of Virginia. The integration of public space, education, and remembrance into these projects reflects a strong commitment to truth, equity, and community healing.

I commend the Planning Commission for recognizing the importance of this work, and I strongly urge the City Council to move forward with its implementation. By supporting these projects, Richmond can demonstrate its dedication to preserving our shared history and creating spaces that educate, inspire, and bring people together.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued service to the City of Richmond.

Sincerely.

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