

From: Eli Coston
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Public Comment for City Council
Date: Monday, February 28, 2022 9:59:50 AM
Attachments: [Response to Pelfrey Report.pdf](#)

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Hello,

As public comment for the city council meeting is full this evening, I am submitting written comments. Please distribute the comment to members of council.

If you need any additional information from me please let me know.

Best,

Eli Coston {pronouns: they/them}
Assistant Professor
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From: Chiffon Valentine
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Comments in reference to "ORD. 2022-035"
Date: Friday, February 25, 2022 6:29:37 PM
Attachments: [APOSTLE JAMES L. MOORE LETTER.docx](#)
[For Apostle.docx](#)
[APOSTLE MOORE SR.docx](#)
[Apostle Moore Letter - Patricia Botts.docx](#)
[Bishop Franklin Letter of support.docx](#)
[Kim Wilson letter Apostle.docx](#)
[Keith Prince Letter.docx](#)
[Letter for Dad .docx](#)
[Letter for JL Moore Sr.docx](#)
[Letter of Support for the Moore Family.docx](#)
[Letter for my daddy's legacy.docx](#)
[Letter to city council.docx](#)
[One God, One Faith and One Baptism.docx](#)
[Rose's Letter for Apostle.docx](#)
[To My Apostle.docx](#)
[The Wiggins Family.docx](#)
[To the City Council Members of Richmond.docx](#)

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Hello!

Please find attached letters from citizens both in the city and beyond, that wanted to express their gratitude for Apostle Moore's impact as well as being in support of this street name being adopted in his honor.

Warm regards,

Chiffon Valentine



From: Chiffon Valentine
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Comments in reference to "ORD. 2022-035"
Date: Monday, February 28, 2022 9:45:39 AM
Attachments: [Shawn Nicholson Letter.pdf](#)
[Rebecca Letter.docx](#)
[Poem for Apostle.docx](#)

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Hello!

Please find attached letters from more citizens both in the city and beyond, that wanted to express their gratitude for Apostle Moore's impact as well as being in support of this street name being adopted in his honor.

Warm regards,

Chiffon Valentine



From: Rich Souser
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Fall Line Trail problems with huge Northside neighborhood impact.
Date: Monday, February 28, 2022 3:09:53 AM

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This trail is a 43 mile paved bike and walking path connecting Ashland with Petersburg. Richmond City Council has approving a memorandum with the state Department of Transportation on the February 28 consent agenda. It spells out who will be responsible for maintaining the trail in city. This indicates that the trail is likely very close to construction.

I recommend that this memorandum NOT be approved until there has been a more thorough look at alternative routes through the city, a route and design studied and approved by City Council based on safety, minimizing neighborhood impacts, and cost (construction and maintenance).

There is a need for a public meeting for Richmond City residents to discuss routing and design concerns and impacted neighborhood civic associations and Friends of Bryan Park need a chance to give meaningful input on the route and design plan.

Finally, before anything is signed with VDOT, the city needs a long-term plan (including staffing and budget) for maintaining the trail, including litter pick-up, mowing, street sweeping and on-going repairs, and there is plan and budget to replace all destroyed trees.

Looking at the project website <https://www.falllineva.org/> indicates that the completion of the trail has been put on the fast track. In December 2021, the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved \$40 million for the trail. In addition, then Governor Northam requested that the remainder of the project's \$300 million cost be funded in the upcoming year's budget. This is the probably the largest transportation project in Northside in 50 years based on cost and widespread impact.

The trail's initial description was that it would use portions of the recently upgraded buffered bike lanes on Brook Road and Brookland Park Boulevard. However, the devil is in the details. The VDOT construction plan now calls for almost entirely **new** infrastructure to be built in the city. The basic trail design is similar to that of the Virginia Capital Trail (which links Richmond and Williamsburg paralleling Route 5).

Therefore, the plan for the east side of Hermitage (between Bellevue Avenue and Brookland Park) seems to call for the existing curb, tree skirt, trees, and sidewalk to be demolished. A 5 foot grassy buffer would replace the existing bike lane. Then, a 10 foot wide paved trail would be built on the sidewalk and tree skirt right of way. This means that just between Bryan Park and Virginia Union, around 300 mostly mature trees, some over 100 years old would be destroyed.

Similar impacts would be seen along most of the route through Richmond. In addition, the plans call for new construction in Bryan Park (such as rebuilding the roadway over the Young's Pond dam) and permanently closing the Bellevue Avenue bridge over 95 to vehicular traffic.

The overall state plan is extensive and detailed. Indications are that the design is not final. I generally support this trail, but am writing this just to to help bring the proposal's impacts to the attention of the Council

<https://www.virginiadot.org/projects/richmond/ashland-to-petersburg-trail-study.asp>

Rich Souser



From: birdie jamison
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Fwd: Ordinance No. 2021-368
Date: Friday, February 25, 2022 10:29:54 AM

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Ms. Reid,

Please find attached a letter in Opposition to Ordinance No. 2021-368. I sent an email to President Newbille and to my District Representative, Councilwoman Larson, but I meant to also copy you, with a request that you circulate my letter to all of the Members of City Council.

I also called to request to speak in Opposition to the Ordinance and was informed that the hearing was going to be continued to Feb. 28, 2022. Could you confirm that I am on the sign up list to speak and that I will receive a link to participate?

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Birdie H. Jamison
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: birdie jamison [REDACTED]
Date: February 23, 2022 at 5:05:26 PM EST
To: "Larson, Kristen N. - City Council" [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
"Cynthia I. - City Council Newbille"
Birdie_Jamison@yahoo.com
Subject: Ordinance No. 2021-368

Dear President Newbille, Councilwoman Larson and Members of the Richmond City Council,

This letter is to voice my strong opposition to Ordinance No. 2021- 368. I have also signed up to speak in opposition to this Ordinance at the City Council Meeting when it is scheduled on the docket for your consideration.

As a longtime resident of the City of Richmond, I have some grave concerns as to the wisdom of rezoning this property. I have resided at

2801 Skipton Road , Richmond (Va) for over 30 years and my home is adjacent to the property which is the subject of this proposed zoning change.

My next door neighbors, Gerald and Bernadette Carter have submitted a comprehensive Memorandum and Supplemental Memo which states the rationale for our opposition. I concur wholeheartedly with their analysis of the facts and the potential negative impact to our neighborhood if this property is rezoned. As neighbors and concerned citizens, we have dedicated many hours of research and thoughtful deliberation of the issues concerning changing this property from R-2 to R-4. The research does not support the need to change the zoning in order to develop and build homes on the property in question.

We all look forward to the continued growth and prosperity of our great City through the construction of new homes. It would be nice to build homes on this property that would compliment and enhance the current character of our neighborhood. However, there are numerous negative collateral consequences of “over crowding” this relatively small parcel of land on Forest Hill Ave.. Please remember that “more” is not always better.

I respectfully ask you to be deliberate in selecting the best options for expanding our neighborhood and in this case to prioritize quality over quantity.

Please vote NO for Ordinance No. 2021-368.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Birdie H. Jamison

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From: Vilma Seymour
To: [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Nye, Kristen M. - City Council](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Jones, Michael J. - City Council](#); [Trammell, Reva M. - City Council](#); [Stoney, Levar M. - Mayor](#)
Cc: [City Clerk's Office](#); [Anderson, Maggie A. - Mayor's Office](#); [Angela Ciolfi](#); [Elena Camacho](#)
Subject: The Communities at Southwood Complex
Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022 2:17:14 PM
Attachments: [Richmond LULAC Council 4614 Letter to Mayor and City Council.pdf](#)


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Dear Mayor Levar Stoney and City Council Members:

We appreciate the Mayor's office January 24th, 2022 letter urging Attorney General Jason Miyares to continue a transparent investigation into The Communities at Southwood. However, more must be done to resolve this issue with residents' best interests in mind."

Please be advised the attached letter has been submitted to City Clerk Candice Reid with a request for the opportunity to be read by me during the public comment portion of the formal council meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022.

Respectfully,

Vilma Seymour, President
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