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Subject: Please support Oregon Hill's amended Residential future land use
designation in the master plan

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Dear Members of the Richmond Planning Commission,

City Council has spoken in a unanimous vote on the issue: I strongly urge the Richmond Planning Commission on July 18th to adopt the amendment to the Richmond 300 master plan (Res. 2022-R033). This would wisely amend the master plan to indicate that the area of Oregon Hill already under the Residential R-7 zoning would be designated with the appropriate Residential future land use.

In no way does this amendment undermine the integrity of the Richmond 300 master plan, The Residential future land use amendment for Oregon Hill is the same future land use that was approved for our sister Randolph neighborhood.

Before approving the Richmond 300 master plan, the Richmond City Council was assured by the Stoney administration that their voice in amending the master plan would be respected. In the unanimous vote, the City Council has made it crystal clear that it is the desire of the city's elected City Council that this amendment be approved by the Planning Commission.

Oregon Hill is uniquely challenged by its close proximity to the adjacent Virginia Commonwealth University. The mixed- use future land use with 4 story height limits and even higher height limits on corners is not appropriate for Oregon Hill; it would undermine our family-friendly, two-story residential neighborhood and result in inappropriate demolition to build taller ad hoc dormitories for VCU students.

Please respect the unanimous vote of Richmond's elected City Council and adopt the amendment to the Richmond 300 master plan (Resolution 2022-R033). Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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