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Via Email: PDRLandUseAdmin@rva.gov
Planning Commission

RE: Lee Circle

Dear Planning Commission Members:

The residents of Monument Avenue ask that the Planning Commission reject any requests to remove the jersey walls and fencing before the plantings and landscaping are completed at the Lee Circle. The residents in close proximity to the circle, including residents on Allen Street and Grace Street, had to endure many issues before the jersey walls and fencing went up including:

- Parking violations
- Late night parties and noise
- Guns
- Assaults and verbal threats
- Open drinking and pot smoking
- Public urination
- Trespassing on private property
- A lack of a police presence and response
- Traffic and pedestrian sightlines being negatively affected
- A motorcade of motorcycles on the median strip and driving in the wrong direction
- Tables and booths being set up on medians

All of the above are likely to reoccur if the jersey walls and fencing are removed prior to the plantings and landscaping. We believe that the safest and most reasonable solution is to keep the jersey walls and fencing in place until such time as the proposed temporary plan can be effectuated. We respectfully believe that the residents and the community in general have legitimate and reasonable expectations regarding the circle and that the Planning Commission should prudently act to meet these expectations. This letter is in no way a comment regarding the peaceful and meritorious protests that occurred at Lee Circle before the Lee Monument was removed.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. I am,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M Lantz', with a large circular flourish at the end.

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