

From: [PDR Land Use Admin](#)
To: [Oliver, Alyson E. - PDR](#); [Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR](#)
Subject: FW: Support for ORD 2023-068
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 9:32:39 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Matthew Via [<mailto:matthewvia123@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 12:10 PM
To: PDR Land Use Admin <PDRLandUseAdmin@rva.gov>
Subject: Support for ORD 2023-068

CAUTION: This message is from an external sender - Do not open attachments or click links unless you recognize the sender's address and know the content is safe.

I am a resident of the city and I am writing to support the SUP for 3600 Grove Avenue. City Council officially declared a housing crisis during the April 10th meeting. The city desperately needs new housing and concerns about traffic, scale of the development, and loss of greenspace are secondary concerns and should not keep the project from going forward.

According to a 2019 study by Xiodi Li, at NYU found that for every 10% increase in housing stock rents fell by approximately 1%. Building this housing will increase the housing stock in a desirable area and help keep this area affordable for future residents.

In the Richmond 300 Master Plan, Community Mixed Use was identified as the best future land use for this street and suggested buildings range between 2-6 stories. This project is perfect for the more intensive use as it is not only walkable to Carytown but is also across the street from two stops on the 77-bus line.

This project has obvious benefits to the city and should not be stopped based on concerns of scale, parking, or traffic. Richmond needs new housing now and it is irresponsible to delay or scale down projects based on some residents' distaste for mid sized buildings.

Richmond is growing and we are going to need to build more apartments to keep this city affordable.

Regards,
Matt Via