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**Letter in support of SUP application  
on behalf of West Cary Group expansion  
at 8 and 10 W Cary**

The Downtown Neighborhood Association is supportive of the Special Use Permit Application for construction at 8 W Cary, to eliminate the need for parking associated with a new building. This addition will allow a thriving local business to expand its operation and continue to grow within the City of Richmond. We anticipate that the downstream effects will be positive for the neighborhood, in attracting other businesses to the area, and encouraging reinvestment in a section of the city that had languished with underdevelopment and underutilization of resources.

In examining the SUP, and considering the ramifications of this build-out, we noted that had this construction been proposed a block away under different zoning restrictions, the SUP would have been unnecessary. The zoning constraints at this address are currently B-3, when B-5 or B-4 would be more appropriate to the direction the neighborhood is moving.

As a matter of course, the DNA advocates changing the current M-1 and B-3 zoning in that area to B-5 or B-4, as part of our continuing efforts to make Richmond a "world-class city." Rezoning that area conforms to the Master Plan, and streamlines the development process. Among other things, it eliminates the need for SUPs and letters of support like this one, and allows developers to move forward a little faster. More efficient and accurate zoning will save the time of city staff, the city council, administrators, and citizens, so that we can all get on with the hard work of making this city a better place to work, play, and live.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
The Board of the Downtown Neighborhood Association

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