



Chairman Rodney Poole
City of Richmond Planning Commission Board Members
Richmond City Hall
900 East Board Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Chairman Poole and Planning Commission Board Members,

I am writing as the President of the Church Hill Association of RVA to express support for Ordinance 2018-276 sponsored by Councilman Parker Agelasto. This ordinance would mandate public notification of Zoning Administrator's Zoning Confirmation letters within two days of issuance.

As I am sure you are aware, the Church Hill Association of RVA works diligently to stay aware of proposed new development and zoning changes or variances in and around our community. When we are informed in a timely manner of such, we work very proactively with developers and most often are able to negotiate agreeable terms for both the community and the developer or entity making the request. When we learn of the requests late or worse, not at all, it causes great consternation in the community and can result in poor working relationships between CHA and the developer as well as CHA and the City. We have a very good track record in recent history of working well with both and believe this Ordinance will only lead to continued improvement in our positive relationships.

Therefore, I urge members of the Planning Commission to support Ordinance 2018-276. I understand the staff's concerns about resources and capacity but I sincerely believe that effort expended upfront will save a tremendous amount of work in the long run. It is much less desirable for all parties when we come late to the table full of anxiety and lack of trust. We have done a great deal of work to maximize our working relations with our partners in the City. We believe Ordinance 2018-276 will help greatly in that endeavor.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

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