

The Church Hill Association of RVA
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July 19, 2019

Members, Richmond City Council
900 East Broad Street, Room 511
Richmond, Virginia 23219-1907

RE: Ordinance #2019-177

Dear President Newbille and Members of Richmond City Council:

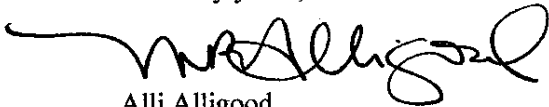
The Church Hill Association (CHA) is writing regarding a Special Use Permit (SUP) request for 3205 P Street that is now Ordinance #2019-177 being considered by Richmond City Council on July 22nd. This letter is to inform you of the recent vote on this project by the membership of the Church Hill Association.

CHA understands that the SUP request would allow for up to eight homes built on this lot and would exempt the developer from lot-size and parking requirements, as well as other related conditions. As part of CHA's review process, the applicant, Matt Jarreau, met with both the HPLUC and then the full membership on July 16th to present and discuss this project.

The vote of CHA membership was to not support the project. However, we need to acknowledge that some flaws occurred in our discussion and voting processes, and this may have influenced the vote. Specifically, a presentation was made in opposition to the project just before the vote that did not give a complete statement on community support. The project representative was excluded from this part of the meeting which unfairly denied him an opportunity to present other facts regarding community support. CHA recently implemented a new process regarding the presentation of development projects, and this contributed to our faulty use of Robert Rules of Order that did not allow a full and fair process for all parties. Finally, it should be noted that the HPLUC gave a very careful review of proposed changes and came to a different conclusion than the membership and voted in favor of the SUP request.

Please let us know if you have questions.

Sincerely yours,



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