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**Date:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:15:56 PM

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Members:

Below is an email received from 2<sup>nd</sup> District resident Theresa Singleton, which includes her comments in opposition to [ORD. 2019-302](#) - *To authorize the special use of the property known as 1620 Park Avenue for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions (As Amended)*. This ordinance is currently item number 5 on Monday evening's Council meeting agenda.

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**Subject:** Fwd: Special Use Permit for 1620 Park Ave

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I hope this one is legible. Thanks. Theresa Singleton

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

To: [CityClerkOffice@richmondgov.com](mailto:CityClerkOffice@richmondgov.com) <[CityClerkOffice@richmondgov.com](mailto:CityClerkOffice@richmondgov.com)>  
Sent: Tue, Apr 21, 2020 10:59 am  
Subject: Special Use Permit for 1620 Park Ave

REF: Ordinance No. 2019-302 - Continuance and Amendment; Special Use Permit for 1620 Park Avenue

TO; Candice D. Read, City Clerk

Dear Ms. Read:

I am writing in opposition to the referenced amendment/special use permit.

Over the past year and a half, our neighborhood (the 1600-1700 block of Park Avenue) has gathered a signed petition of 38 residents opposing the subject change of zoning of 1620 Park from a duplex to an apartment complex. The Council should have a copy of that petition. In addition, the Fan District Association (FDA) has also opposed the change in zoning.

Yet, despite the desire of the residents and the FDA, the Planning Commission saw fit to approve the special use permit.

We currently gave a great deal of density in our neighborhood, and finding a place to park near one's home is often a challenge. We have diversity of age in our neighborhood, from 80+-year-olds, young and middle aged professionals, to children of pre-school, elementary, middle and high school ages. We also have a diversity of types of housing, including several condos, duplexes, and single family homes. We have home owners and folks who rent. If this special use permit is approved, we are concerned not only with the influx or more cars, but also with the garbage and trash situation at 1620 Park. It is a safety and health concern, and one only has to visit the site to understand the situation. The current owner of 1620 is not a resident of Richmond, but lives in Northern Virginia. It is my understanding that he is a professional investor. He will be an absentee landlord, and I don't believe he will view the integrity of our neighborhood as a priority.

I am asking the City Council to deny this special use permit, and to honor the current zoning.

Many thanks.

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