

Reston Citizens
Association

July 14, 2023

WHEREAS, the County Staff "Proposal" known as "Parking Reimagined," which on June 27, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved for advertising for public hearing which is the revised draft of Section 6 the Zoning Ordinance amendment (Advertised Text) of this Proposal, however, the evaluation that Staff, and its supporting consulting contractor, conducted has not considered the actual impact of the changes from the existing Zoning Ordinance on the citizens of Reston and Fairfax County, and

WHEREAS, the current Zoning Ordinance, Section 6, that is proposed for Amendment by Parking Reimagined, has currently led to overflow parking in adjacent neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, while affecting the majority of residents, in particular, the Proposal will significantly and adversely impact low-income, blue-collar workers, minorities, the elderly, and disabled citizens in direct violation of the County One Fairfax Policy and for disabled citizens it is also in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and

WHEREAS, Parking Reimagined was not integrated with the full range of transportation factors, including planning for roads, future bus and light rail routes, future employment hubs, changes in retail shopping configurations, bicycle, and pedestrian trails, etc., and

WHEREAS, the Staff assumptions about lower resident vehicle usage are unrealistic for at least the next 20-25 years and the minimum parking rates in the Advertised Text for multi-family dwellings in Revitalization Areas (RAs), Transit Station Areas (TSAs), Transit Oriented Developments (TODs) and portions of the Planned Tysons Corner Urban District (PTC) will not provide adequate parking for future residents who will still use personal vehicles for work, school, shopping, medical, athletic, religious and other required activities e.g., and

WHEREAS, Staff claimed that one of the overarching rationales for reducing off-street parking was to help improve the environment by allowing "opportunities to provide more green infrastructure for individual sites including open and public spaces, more effective stormwater management, and preservation." However, the May 30 proposed revision to Section 6 of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment does not require developers to add more green space and trees in exchange for reduced off-street minimum parking, and

WHEREAS, the Reston Town Center Transit Station does not have adequate access for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles, severely limiting its utility to cope with the degree of reductions in the Proposal, and the Reston East Station at Wiehle has limitations on the South vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles and the Herndon Station has significant pedestrian limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Reston TSAs are a longer distance across than other TSAs in the County, thus making the impact of distance from the Transit stations longer and impacting Reston resident access to the Transit Station; and

WHEREAS, the proposal gives unwarranted authority to the Director of Land Development Services (LDS) to effect major changes instead of preserving this authority for the appropriate accountable authority, our elected Board of Supervisors.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the RCA strongly urges that this proposal be withdrawn until at least such time as its conformity with the letter and spirit of the One Fairfax Policy, the ADA, and other guiding principles can be achieved, and

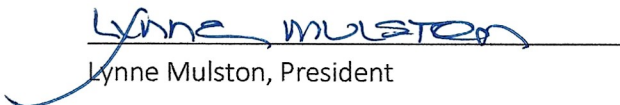
Be it further resolved, that while undertaking the revisions called for above, the original principles articulated with respect to using any and all gained space for improved environmental and green space be explicitly written into the Proposal, and

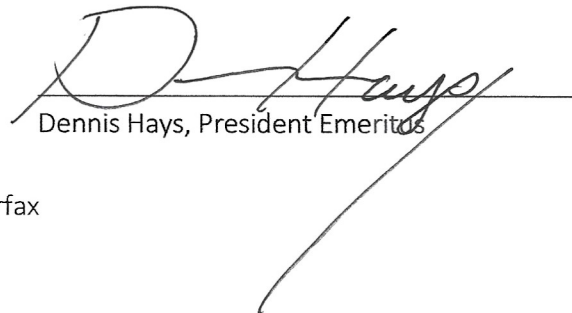
Be it further resolved, that Staff should review its work to ensure accurate information goes into the decision process, such as an accurate depiction of the data from the City of Alexandria, and

Be it further resolved, that the authority to effect changes to Minimum Parking Rates or other authorities in this or ensuing Proposals must remain with the Board of Supervisors without delegation to the Director of Land Development Services (LDS), and

Be it further resolved, that the RCA appreciates the significant work Staff has put into this Proposal, and the outreach they conducted, and we stand ready to continue to work with Staff to develop a Proposal that will serve the citizens of Reston and Fairfax County in the years ahead.

Approved by the Board of Directors of Reston Citizens Association, July 14, 2023


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