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To: <u>PlanComm</u>; <u>Ann Horowitz</u>

Cc: <u>Duncan Blair</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Tonight"s Docket - Zoning Text Amendment #2024-00006

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Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

My apologies for this last minute email - I wanted to speak in strong support of the above Text Amendment that is currently on the consent calendar tonight.

As a homeowner in Del Ray for over 40 years, I was actually on the Mount Vernon Avenue Business Area Plan that was adopted in 2005. We worked for close to two years on that plan with the hopes of Mt. Vernon Avenue developing into a vibrant business corridor that welcomed its neighbors and families. This amendment will help to continue the successful development of the Avenue and is strongly supported by the community. This will help to bring neighbors together and to support small mom and pop businesses on the Avenue.

I also can speak first hand on the impact such an amendment would have on neighbors. I live at 110 E Del Ray Avenue, which is directly next door to St. Elmo's, ROAM, Market to Market across the street from Del Ray Pizzeria and catty corner to Gustave's. I see everyday neighbors and families coming together and have seen no adverse impact either through noise, litter, traffic or anything but positive interactions.

I wish I could be there in person to speak and show my support but have a conflict with an ALIVE Board Meeting.

Thank you for your consideration,

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