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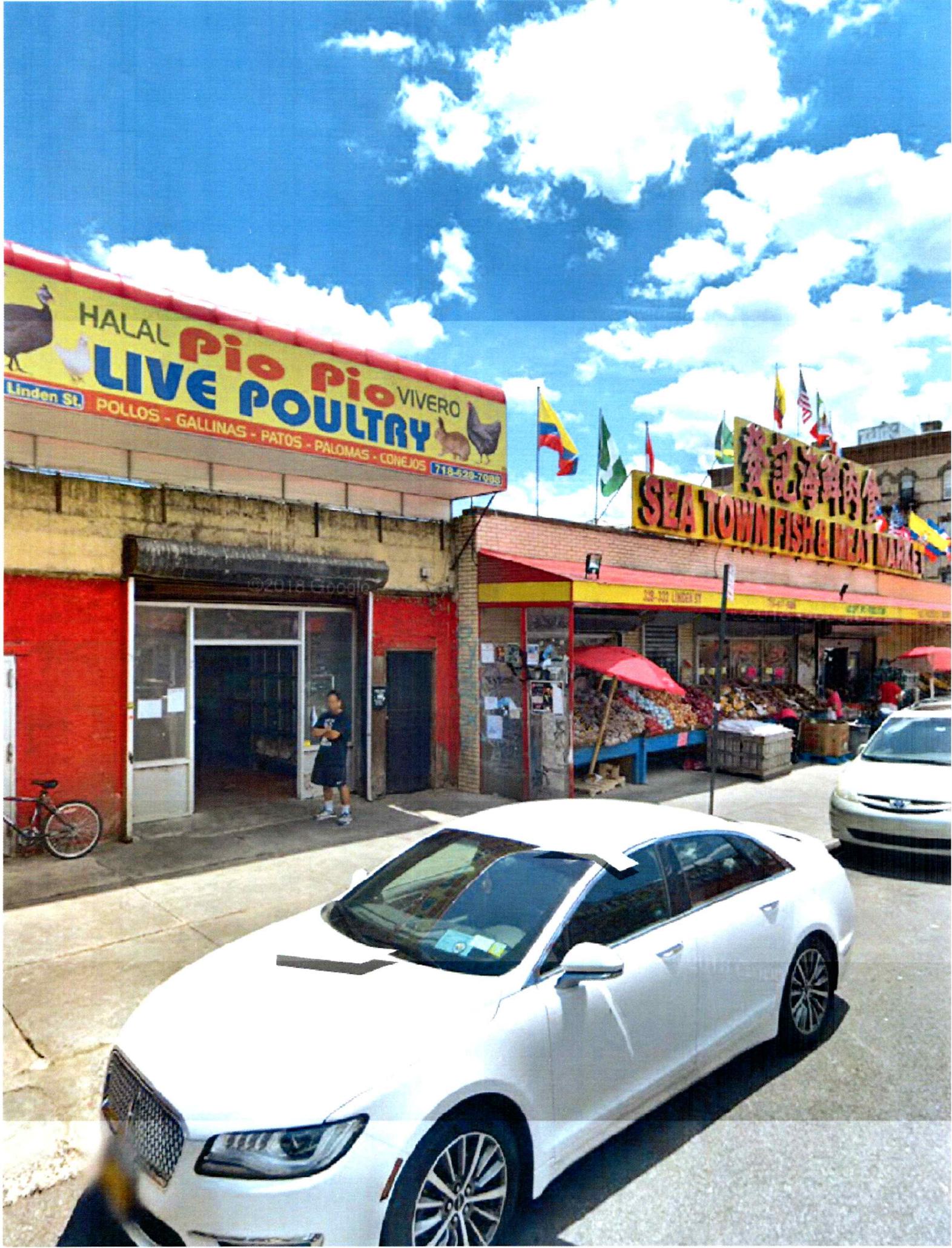
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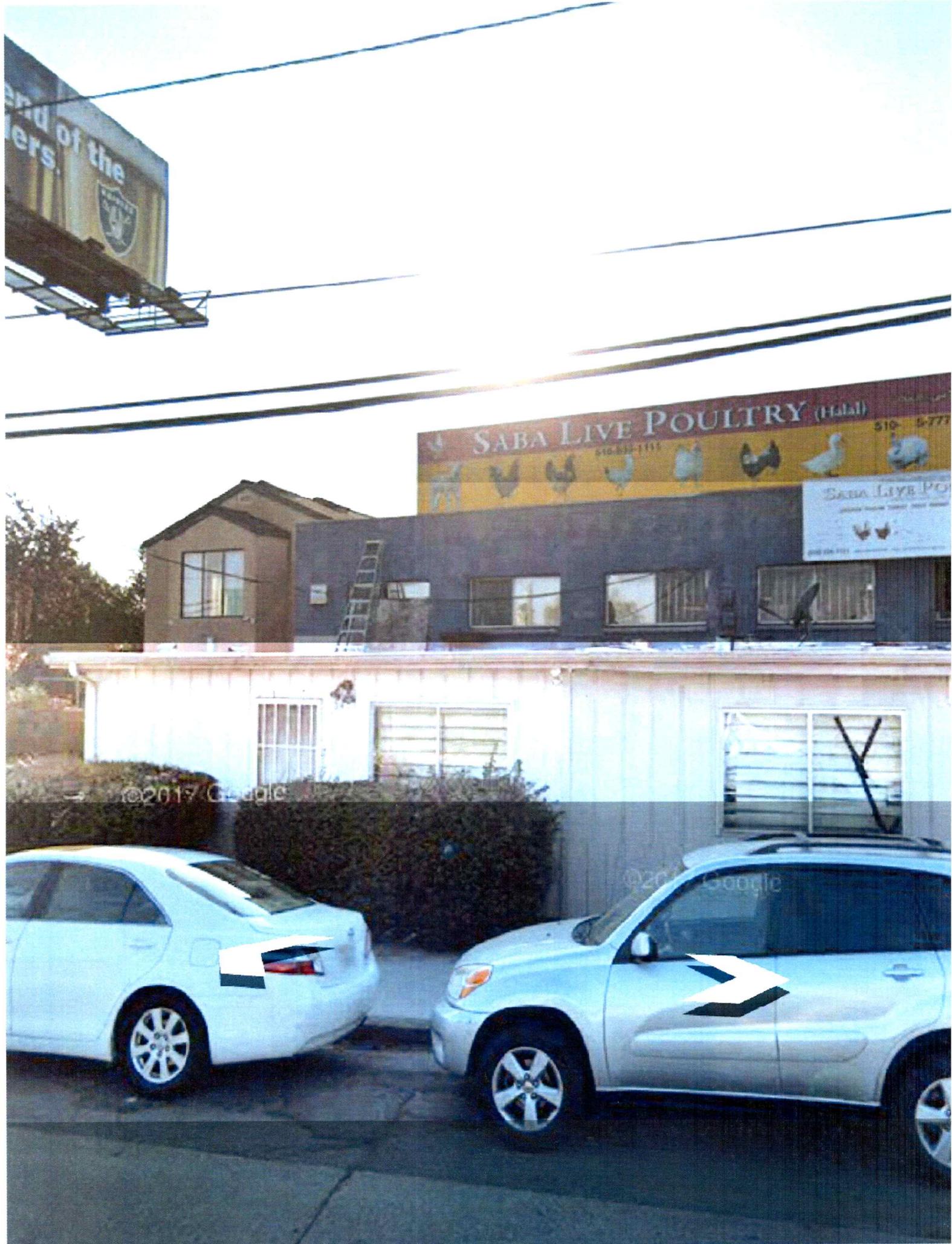
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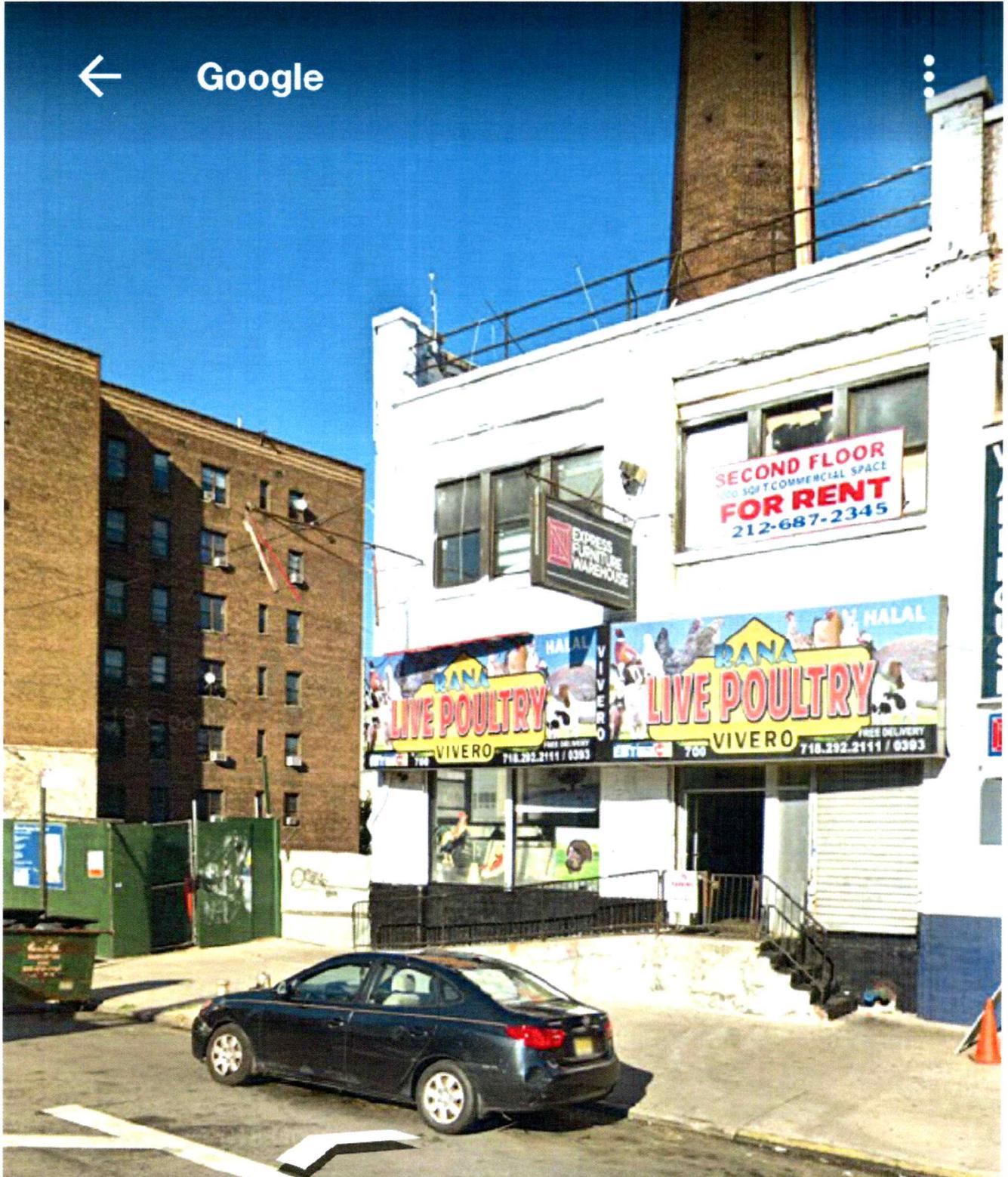




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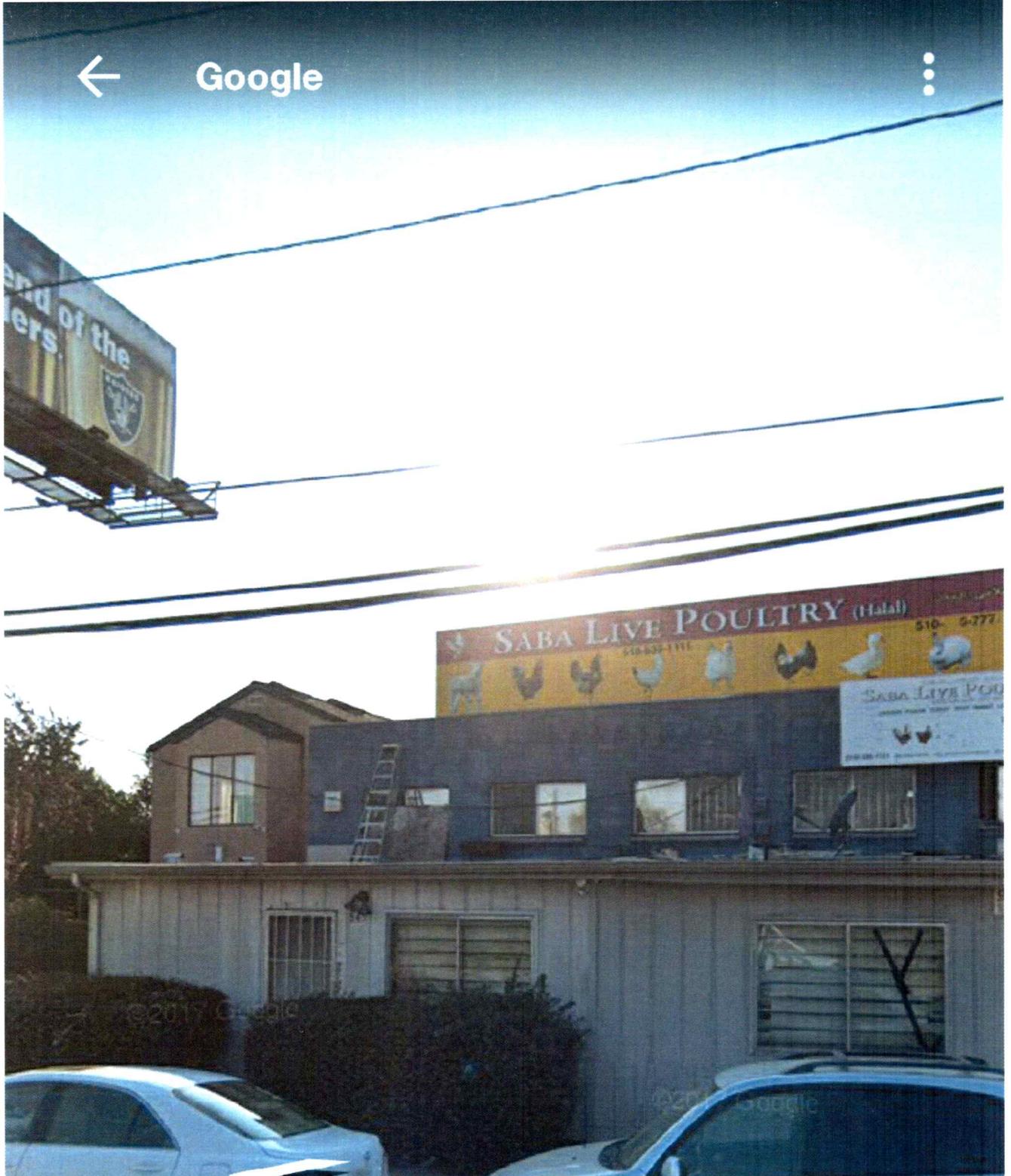


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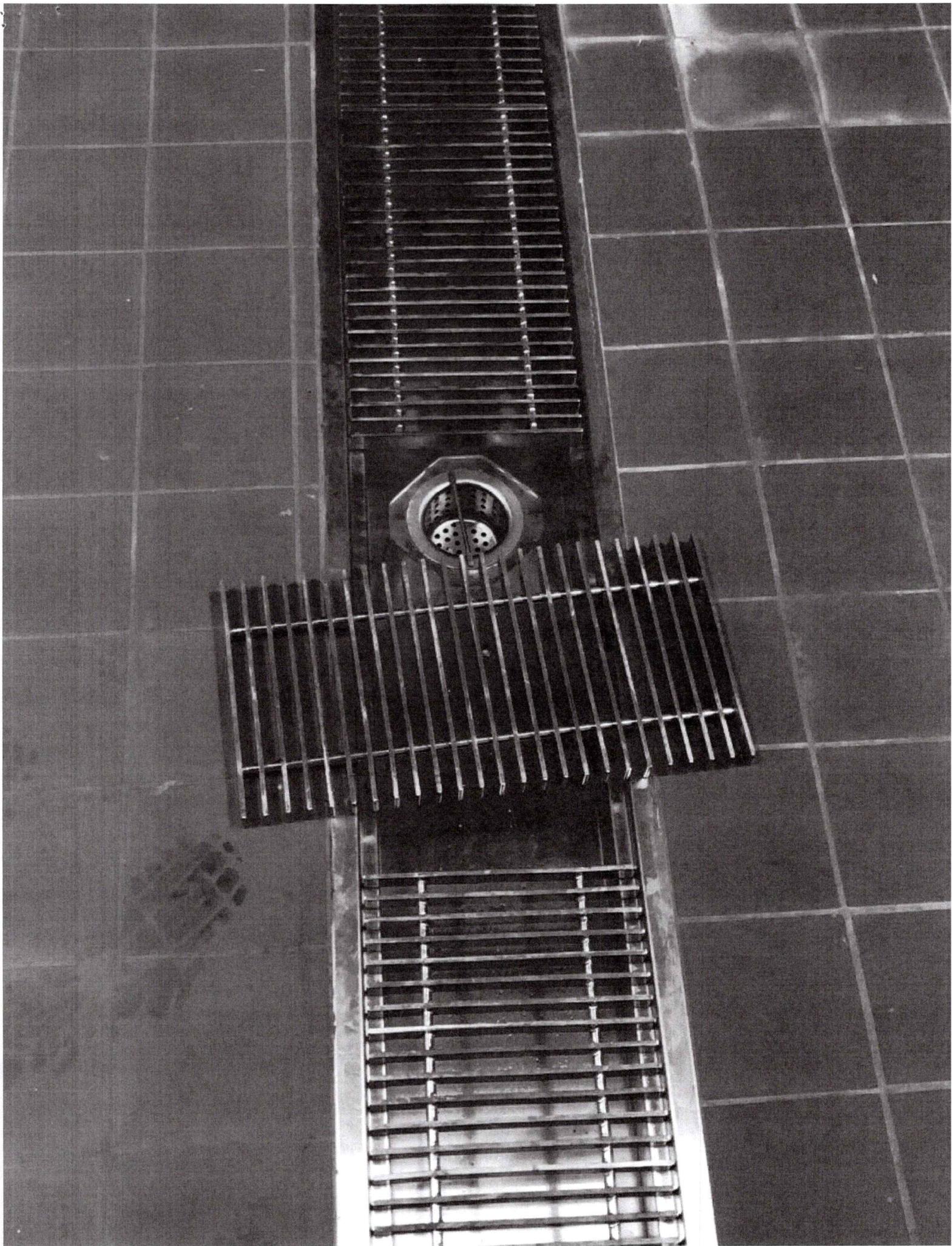
















SPEAKER'S FORM

DOCKET ITEM NO. 5

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND GIVE IT TO THE CITY CLERK
BEFORE YOU SPEAK ON A DOCKET ITEM

PLEASE ANNOUNCE THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED BELOW PRIOR TO SPEAKING.

1. NAME: Omar Alyamani
2. ADDRESS: 3701 King St
- TELEPHONE NO. 703-962-4888 E-MAIL ADDRESS: oalyamani@vt.edu
3. WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT, IF OTHER THAN YOURSELF? Resident of the
Community
4. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE ITEM?
FOR: AGAINST: _____ OTHER: _____
5. NATURE OF YOUR INTEREST IN ITEM (PROPERTY OWNER, ATTORNEY, LOBBYIST, CIVIC INTEREST, ETC.):
Civic interest
6. ARE YOU RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR THIS APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL?
YES NO _____

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1. NAME: Rana Mused

2. ADDRESS: 3709 S George Mason Dr

TELEPHONE NO. 307-4085850 E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

3. WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT, IF OTHER THAN YOURSELF? _____

4. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE ITEM?
FOR: AGAINST: _____ OTHER: _____

5. NATURE OF YOUR INTEREST IN ITEM (PROPERTY OWNER, ATTORNEY, LOBBYIST, CIVIC INTEREST, ETC.):

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- 2. ADDRESS: 2503 LISBON LANE ALEXANDRIA VA 22306
TELEPHONE NO. (703) 851 5981 E-MAIL ADDRESS: awila@aline-architecture.com
- 3. WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT, IF OTHER THAN YOURSELF? DC Poultry Market
- 4. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE ITEM?
FOR: AGAINST: _____ OTHER: _____
- 5. NATURE OF YOUR INTEREST IN ITEM (PROPERTY OWNER, ATTORNEY, LOBBYIST, CIVIC INTEREST, ETC.):
I believe it is a good addition to Alexandria County
- 6. ARE YOU RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR THIS APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL?
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Our View

Are we a slaughterhouse city?

We offer no opinion on the advisability or morality of meat consumption.

Happily, we live in a free society where people make decisions about diet based on their own health needs and belief systems. Within that freedom lies the ability of different religions to approach food in their own way – or for people to take an entirely secular approach to food. Keeping kosher is the right of practicing Jews, or anyone else. The same goes for halal practices under Islamic law.

Nor do we think companies involved in the process of bringing animal flesh to our dining tables are necessarily unethical, though certainly some are.

All of this is relevant because city council will consider a special use permit at its public hearing on Saturday that would allow a halal poultry butchery to operate on Colvin Street, which runs off Duke Street in an industrial section of Alexandria.

As odd as it sounds, to kill or not to kill really isn't the question at hand. Instead, it's whether animal slaughter should be allowed within Alexandria city limits and at this particular location.

Residents are already allowed to have free-range poultry on their properties in Alexandria. It's reasonable to assume that at least some of these chickens have been butchered and consumed by their owners. So, some form of poultry slaughter has likely been happening in Alexandria for years.

But there is a difference between personal consumption and profit from distribution, in this and other matters.

We are sympathetic to the argument that commercial animal slaughtering is an inappropriate business for a densely populated city like Alexandria. We are a city of 15 ½ square miles with a population approaching 160,000 – and growing rapidly. For comparison's sake, neighboring Fairfax County has about 1,150,000 people in 406 square miles.

This means Alexandria is more than three times as densely populated as Fairfax County, where an animal slaughterhouse operation would be much more appropriate.

As our page one story, "Down on the farm," about an Alexandria family with an organic grain farm in Westmoreland County illustrates, commercial farming is generally done outside of a city like ours, even if the owners live here. Animal slaughtering is also more appropriate for a farm.

The final, and most important, consideration about the appropriateness of the proposed slaughterhouse is its potential impact on existing neighbors. This should always be the final determinant in planning decisions and special use permits.

We find it amazing that this basic fact of livability and fairness for existing neighborhoods and businesses – for the people who have been living and operating in our city for years – is so often disregarded by city planners in their eagerness to grow the tax base.

So, no, a slaughterhouse should not operate in close proximity to other existing businesses that provide care for pets. The very concept is repulsive. And yet this proposed butchery on Colvin Street is surrounded by animal care providers.

Maybe the proposed slaughterhouse could operate in another section of the city, but we doubt even the most industrial sections of Alexandria, off Eisenhower Avenue or Edsall Road, would be any more suitable if closely scrutinized.

The proposed butchery needs to be in a rural location – and Alexandria is anything but that.

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reflects no contact with or notice to those premises or their occupants.

For the first time, the city is now considering the industrial zoning classification to include animal slaughter facilities. This determination is unlawful. The industrial classification permits certain animal care facilities (see Zoning Ordinance Sec. 4-1201 et seq.) but does not allow for animal slaughter or related facilities.

In fact, Zoning Ordinance Sec. 4-1204 expressly provides that "Any use which is not a permitted, special or accessory use pursuant to this section 4-1200 is prohibited." The P&Z consent agenda vote gave no notice of, and was legally insufficient to accomplish, a radical revision to city law of the nature that this SUP application proposes. Under Code of Virginia Title 15.2 Ch. 22 Art. 1 and Art. 7, dramatically modifying legal definitions and uses cannot be accomplished by a mere variance. Instead, a conforming special exception would be required.

The city was required, prior to even considering the conferral of the requested SUP, to deliver multiple forms of formal, advance notice, which the staff report does not reflect, and which are inconsistent with the informal "consent agenda" treatment of the SUP application. Proximate land owners are required to receive contemporaneous advance notice. They did not and have advised city council that they would have opposed the matter before the planning commission if given the opportunity.

The SUP applicant's commitments, the staff's report and the recommended SUP conditions are not consistent. The application and the city's staff report all claim inconsistent live-animal delivery and trash removal frequency. The SUP application asks for a 90

minute per day delivery window; the staff report proposes up to 17 hours per day.

The SUP applicant's binding, written commitments include daily waste collection by a waste hauler with no operations anywhere near Alexandria. The SUP application's waste disposal commitment sometimes promises collection daily, and on other sheets does not.

The staff report claims that only "typical retail shopping establishment noise [is] to be expected" but then ignores the description of the industrial slaughter process that the SUP applicant sets forth, which incorporates descriptions of mechanized butchering equipment.

The SUP application requests authorization for activities that are patently barbaric, involving days of protracted confinement in a windowless and apparently not temperature-controlled facility while awaiting fully-conscious slaughter, and have invited enmity and have damaged real property valuation and other lawful property uses in other large, densely-populated cities.

The SUP application and staff findings are diametrically inconsistent with existing lawful uses. The proposal upends existing legal requirements and terms that are defined by statute. The analysis conducted by staff and the planning commission are grossly insufficient, as a black-letter legal matter, and the record before council is not legally adequate for the SUP to be granted, whether with or without further conditions.

The application is shocking and should be denied. Concerned Alexandria residents, business people, and voters should contact city council at: www.request.alexandriava.gov/CCC/#tab=Index&service=CNC_GROUP.

-Mark C. Williams,
Alexandria