

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Item 4, Case 2024-00001

Good evening, my name is Curt Byron. I live at 609 North Columbus Street with my wife and three school age children. I am here tonight representing not only my family but also: Ms. Kelly Conner at 605/607 North Columbus, the Chicco Family at 611, the Stein Family at 613, the DelBagno Family at 615, Mr. Rob Luther at 617, the Andrews Family at 619/621, Mr. Brad Gebert and Ms. Lecia Pearce at 623, and Mr. John Clements at 625. Thus, except for 629 which is vacant, 631 which is church owned and just renovated, and 633 which I believe is owned and/or managed by the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority, I speak for the entire east side of the 600<sup>th</sup> block of North Columbus.

Bottom line up front – we oppose the proposed amendment to zoning changes. You have received several written objections that focus on the zoning language, staff reports, history of issues, and so forth. Thus, in the next couple minutes I will focus on the more human and subjective aspects.



Picture #2

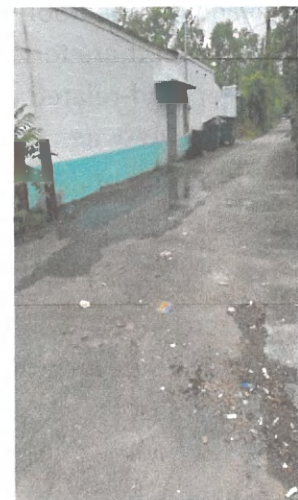
For example, as you can see in picture #1 – this is the parking on an average day on the block.

Between the west and east sides of the street, there are 31 families and even more when considering grandparents, etc. that live there. Each side of the street's parking is approximately 300 feet which is 600 feet with both sides. According to multiple sources, the average length of a car is just under 15 feet. Thus, if each family owned two cars, we

require 930 feet of parking plus two feet front and back to parallel park equals 1,178 feet. If you would like to reduce it to 1.5 cars on average per family, we still require 948 feet which is over 18 cars worth. Where do we all park? Good question – wherever we can. Status quo sort of works. It's painful. But if we, more so you, added additional commercial space via rezoning...where are they parking or more importantly, where are we parking? Our second point – trash, debris, residue, smell, bugs, rodents, and unsightliness. For example, refer to pictures #2 and #3. These are pictures within the close general vicinity of our street with a commercial business involving food, etc. As you can see, there are overflowing trash bins, spilling liquid residue, broken objects, etc. My family alone on the east side of North Columbus have three young children, next door two, beside them two, beside them two, and a couple up another three. My question I pose to you for thinking on:



Picture #1



Picture #3