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Jackie Henderson

From: Joanne Broderick via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 10:49 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95009: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Vice Mayor Wilson, I strongly object to

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Joanne Broderick
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-683-4045
- Email: joannebroderick@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Vice Mayor Wilson, I strongly object to locations 2 and 4 and am very confused why the city seems to be loading this neighborhood with undesirables such as food trucks when the Old Town North Small Area Plan is still being worked upon. The traffic and parking in these locations are already a problem and this will only get worse when the Giant site is developed. Why were local citizens not kept informed before the Council barged ahead with this ill advised scheme?

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- Expected Response Date: Friday, April 29

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From: Joanne Broderick via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 9:21 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #94993: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am opposed to food trucks in Old Town

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Joanne Broderick
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-683-4045
- Email: joannebroderick@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am opposed to food trucks in Old Town, especially in the north east neighborhood, which is already being overdeveloped. I oppose the parking they will take up and the competition with small bricks and mortar restaurants, which are already under siege due to high rents. I am very sorry to see them closing and I believe food trucks will exacerbate this problem.

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- Expected Response Date: Friday, April 29

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From: Bill Blackburn via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 5:30 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96554: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Madam Mayor and City Council Members,

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Bill Blackburn
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.403.5857
- Email: Bill@BBQDelRay.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Madam Mayor and City Council Members,

The Del Ray Business Association has been on record in opposition to food trucks operating on a daily basis in the City. Although the none of the proposed food truck locations are in Del Ray, we are still concerned that this program can be enhanced to include Del Ray in the future. It is our belief that the food truck program does not encourage investment by real restaurants into the pockets of our city that need the vibrancy and energy created by a good restaurant community. Food trucks are a short term solution that really only help provide options a few hours a week, meanwhile discouraging investment from brick and mortars. Although opposed to daily operation, we feel special events create a situation that need to be served by the trucks.

We ask that moving forward, any enhancement of this program be transparent and open.

Thank you
Bill Blackburn
Del Ray Business Association

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, May 17

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From: Rashad Jenkins via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 2:33 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96399: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Good afternoon,Attached please find

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Request Details:

- Name: Rashad Jenkins
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-519-8333
- Email: rashad.jenkins@am.jll.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Good afternoon,

Attached please find letter to the Mayor and City Council from Grosvenor Americas, commercial property ownership of 333 John Carlyle Street and 1900 Duke Street. Letter serves as public input in opposition of Food Trucks within Carlyle.

Sincerely,

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- Attachment: [Food Truck .pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 16

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GROSVENOR

Via Courier

9th May 2016

The Honorable Allison Silberberg, Mayor
Members of the City Council
Alexandria City Council
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: May 10, 2016 City Council Agenda: On-Street Food Truck Vending

Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of the Alexandria City Council:

We have been a significant Carlyle Commercial Property Owner since 2004. Our buildings at 333 John Carlyle Street and 1900 Duke Street are comprised of approximately 250,000 square feet of which 21,000 square feet is designated retail. We have been challenged with re-filling the existing 'brick and mortar' retail space and some space that has been vacant for a long time. Most recently we signed a 4,354 square foot lease with Mike Anderson for a seafood restaurant, who already has a strong presence in the neighborhood and the City of Alexandria, and plans to generate a significant portion of sales from food service. In addition, we are close to securing two more ground floor tenants that will assure strong occupancy and contribute to the further vitality of the neighborhood. However, with such a high retail vacancy rate in the Carlyle District, our local merchants, like many others throughout Alexandria, are concerned about the potential impact of food truck vending on the streets in our community.

We have a strong interest in being part of the input process for the On-Street Truck Vending Program because of how truck vending will likely take away customers from Carlyle storefront restaurants, hurting their viability and make Carlyle a less attractive place for new businesses to locate here. We were pleased to hear there was delayed action on the issue in late-December and quite relieved to see that no on-street vending had been proposed for Carlyle. However, we understand that it is back on the agenda for the Council to vote on May 10th.

We were disappointed to learn that City staff recently approved a two-month "Special Event" for food trucks to vend in Carlyle during the months of May and June. Certainly, if anyone is buying lunch at one of the food trucks, they will not be visiting one of the local restaurants in the neighborhood and businesses will suffer from lack of sales.

There is simply not enough business to simultaneously support street level retail and food trucks in Carlyle. After more than fifteen years, we believe that retail momentum is finally beginning to improve in Carlyle. The last thing the City should do is jeopardize this momentum by permitting on-street vending in the Carlyle District.



Please also ensure that the "Special Events" exception is not used to undermine what the City and Council intend.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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6 May 2016

Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice-Mayor Wilson, & City Council Members:

On 10 May City Council is expected to take up the latest food trucks pilot study. Potentially under consideration could be reversing the Traffic & Parking Board's balanced compromise of allowing food trucks near metro stations, but not near bricks-and-mortar restaurants, given scarce parking in North Old Town and impact on traffic and residences.

I understand that city council can ordain an ordinance after an initial reading and public hearing, but I do not see how legally or ethically city council can contemplate overruling the Traffic & Parking Board without a public hearing.

Recent city councils repeatedly have eschewed true compromise, preferring instead to make hierarchical, ideological decisions for issues which are not by nature hierarchical or ideological. For food trucks the city is prepared to waive fees and provide free parking, even while the city's tight budget requires a 1 to 3¢ tax increase. Allowing food trucks to vend in all five locations, against the recommendation of the Traffic & Parking Board, suggests city council prefers to eschew the norms of politics as "art of compromise" so it can ram through something in the hopes of making the pilot succeed when, for the pilot not to be rigged, failure must be a meaningful possibility. Otherwise, we have a *de facto* "food trucks über alles", "make-food-trucks-work-at-all-costs, consequences-be-damned" edict from the dais.

Respectfully submitted,



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May 9, 2016

Allison Silberberg, Mayor
Members of Alexandria City Council
City Hall
Alexandria, Virginia

By Hand

RE: Food Trucks in the Old and Historic District

Madam Mayor and Members of Council;

I am writing regarding the proposal to expand the rules that allow food trucks to operate in the City and in the Old and Historic District in particular. I thought that the last time this matter was before the Council that it was decided that food trucks would be permitted to operate in the City with certain well defined restrictions, restrictions that precluded their operation in the Old and Historic District.

Yet it appears that City staff have managed to bend the agreed restrictions to allow food trucks in areas previously restricted, under operating guidelines that are liberal to say the least. I can't understand the impetus for this new effort to allow food trucks to operate in an area that residents have worked for generations to preserve; an area that is well served by existing sandwich shops, bars and restaurants; an area with insufficient parking and frequent traffic congestion.

The proposal will take three parking spaces per food truck out of public service, rain or shine, at an annual cost of over \$20,000 in lost parking revenue per food truck space. And to make up for the lost revenue the \$250 food truck licensing fee will be waived! What is it about Alexandria Council and staff and food trucks that makes food trucks such a necessary addition to our already clogged and congested streets?

By way of comparison, here is a list of similar localities that I have recently visited that have somehow managed to survive without food trucks in their historic protected areas: Annapolis, Maryland (yesterday); Charleston, South Carolina (last fall); Savannah, Georgia (last fall); New Orleans, Louisiana (last summer); Boston, Massachusetts (last summer).

I urge Council to do the right thing and protect the Old and Historic District, first and foremost. It is your duty and your obligation to do so.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J Test