

Jackie Henderson

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From: salena@bioinjury.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 12:07 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #47452: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Full support for approval of SUP 2014-00

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Request Details:

- Name: Salena Zellers
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7039802047
- Email: salena@bioinjury.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Full support for approval of SUP 2014-0003 Bastille at the Asher

To: Alexandria Mayor and City Council

Re: SUP 2014-0003 Bastille 2.0

After more than eight years of planning, attending community meetings, design charrettes, working with Planning and Zoning, the Planning Commission, the Mayor, City Council and the City Manager, the Braddock Road Metro Neighborhood is finally seeing the rewards outlined in our Small Area Neighborhood Plan that was approved by Council in April 2008.[1] As a member of the Braddock Implementation Advisory Group, it is a pleasure participating in our neighborhood's future that is developing right before our very eyes!

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Please accept this letter as full support for approval of SUP 2014-0003 and Bastille 2.0. The fruits of our years of planning are finally paying off!

Sincerely,

Salena Zellers
Braddock Implementation Advisory Group Member
Braddock Lofts Resident

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 18

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From: higs743@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 9:11 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #46773: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council at 525 N FAYETTE ST
Subject: Support for SUP 2014-003 Applic

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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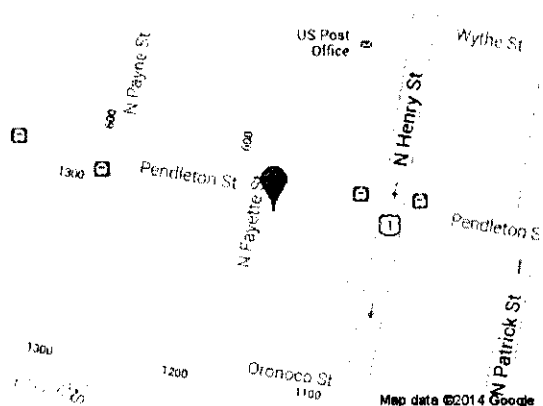
Request Details:

- Name: John Higgins
- Approximate Address: 525 N FAYETTE ST (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 703-623-1116
- Email: higs743@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Subject: Support for SUP 2014-003 Application by Bastille

I am submitting a letter on behalf of the owners/residents of The Henry Condominium in support of SUP 2014-003 the application by Bastille to occupy the retail space at The Asher. As President of the Unit Owners Association of The Henry Condominium, I want to communicate our emphatic support for Bastille's application and for the extended alcohol service hours and reduced parking requirement in their request.

Respectfully,
John Higgins
President
Unit Owners Association of The Henry Condominium

- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/pdf/ce1af59b-27df-4806-9b1b-2a41e06a640b>
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 6



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THE HENRY

Unit Owners Association of The Henry Condominium

February 27, 2014

Dear Mr. Mayor Euille, Members of the City Council, City Manager and Members of the Planning Commission,

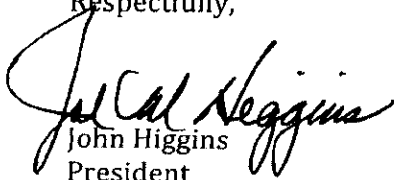
Re: Support for SUP 2014-003 Bastille 2.0 Application

The Unit Owners Association of The Henry Condominium which represents the owners in our 168-unit condominium community would like to convey our strong support for SUP 2014-0003 and Bastille 2.0 restaurant which has announced its intent to move into retail space in The Asher building on the corner of Fayette and Pendleton streets. We emphatically support Bastille's application for extended alcohol service hours as well as a reduction in parking requirements. We hope our support will be considered strongly as our building is adjacent to the restaurant and will have both patrons, passers-by, and even residents who overlook the location. We have a strong stake in the business that occupies the Asher corner lot and would like it to be Bastille 2.0. At our board meeting Tuesday evening, both owners and directors voiced unanimous support for this application.

We are excited about the establishment in our community of this signature restaurant.

We are encouraged by the changes in the Braddock neighborhood and pleased to see the development beginning to take shape. We look forward to welcoming such a highly regarded restaurant to the neighborhood.

Respectfully,



John Higgins
President

Unit Owners Association of The Henry Condominium

CC: Board Members of Unit Owners Association of The Henry Condominium

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From: sarahlynch@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 6:40 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #46769: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council To the Mayor, City Council members and m

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Sarah Lynch
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2018417479
- Email: sarahlynch@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: To the Mayor, City Council members and members of the Alexandria Planning Commission,

We write in support of Bastille's request for a special use permit to occupy the retail space in the Asher building.

My husband and I are condo owners at the Henry building across the street. We bought here last year because we love this town for its walkability and its close proximity to great bars and restaurants and to the metro.

We had the chance to dine at Bastille in October for the first time. The food and service was excellent and very professional.

We have been disappointed it has taken a while for more fine dining restaurants to open in our neighborhood. We were thrilled when we heard Bastille is looking to move in next door.

However, we were dismayed and disappointed to learn that some local groups are trying to fight the restaurant's request for extended hours for alcohol service and a waiver on the parking spots.

We need more great businesses like Bastille in our area. Bastille is a wine bar. It is not a loud, noisy sports club. We have absolutely no reason to believe extended hours serving alcohol will result in drunken disturbances. Moreover, the hours they are requesting are not outrageous. In fact, we would not mind allowing them to stay open even later.

We actually think the restaurant's presence will make our streets safer, not create problems.

As for parking, we do not need that many spaces. This is a walking community and we believe most people will walk there, not drive. Moreover, it is only three blocks from a metro, a major bus hub and a Capital Bike Share.

We should be encouraging people to use mass transportation, bike or walk - not clog our local streets with more cars.

The retail units at the Asher have sat vacant now for well over a year. We have been waiting for a long time for something good to come along and we finally have it.

Please do not take that away from our neighborhood. The last thing we need is another fast food chain.

We will not likely be able to make it to the March 4 planning meeting, but we wanted to make sure you knew that we ardently support the Bastille's request and we hope that you do, too.

We look forward to welcoming the restaurant to our neighborhood and we will plan to go there often.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sarah N. Lynch & Mr. Eugene Mulero
1111 Oronoco Street
Unit 131
Alexandria, VA 22314

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 6

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From: wotca1@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 7:52 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #46728: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Heidi Ford
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 518 0611
- Email: wotca1@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, and City Council,

The West Old Town Citizens Association has reviewed the staff report for the Bastille Restaurant. We remain concerned about potential noise issues arising in connection with the restaurant, particularly given the combination of late operating hours and alcohol sales that city staff is supporting. Therefore, we'd like to request that a condition be added to the SUP that specifically states how any noise issues that might occur in connection with the restaurant will be addressed and resolved with the community. Such a compromise will enable the Bastille to pursue its desired business plan while providing assurances to the community that a mechanism to handle any noise issues that should arise is built into the SUP.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Heidi Ford
President, West Old Town Citizens Association

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 5

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From: david.j.huber@navy.mil
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 12:21 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #46696: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Sir, Ma'am,I am writing to expr

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Request Details:

- Name: David Huber
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-695-4880
- Email: david.j.huber@navy.mil
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Sir, Ma'am,

I am writing to express my fullest support for the Bastille's planned move into the Asher Building. It has come to my attention that a group claiming to represent West Braddock road citizens is adding provisions that would preclude the Bastille from persuing this as a viable option.

The Bastille will add a level of sophistication to the neighborhood that will enhance its value and safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 5

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From: wotca1@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 7:36 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #46111: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Comments on Bastille Restaurant SUP from

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Heidi ford
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: wotca1@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Comments on Bastille Restaurant SUP from the West Old Town Citizens Association. Please see attached file.
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/docx/4359174f-2ff2-45b3-bab2-afa276586b30>
- Expected Response Date: Friday, February 21

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The West Old Town Citizens Association is pleased the critically acclaimed Bastille restaurant has decided to relocate from 1201 N. Royal Street to 620 N. Fayette Street in The Asher. We are impressed that, instead of creating a spinoff, the well-branded Bastille will soon become a neighbor. WOTCA welcomes the Bastille's arrival.

The new restaurant is located within WOTCA's historic and current boundaries. WOTCA is supportive of the Bastille's SUP application. However, we formally request that the proposed closing hours be changed. We make the modest request so as to insure compliance with long-established neighborhood standards, especially alcohol standards as they apply to ongoing restaurants like The Henry's Shanghai Peking. That is, a cutoff time for alcohol service no later than 10 p.m. daily.

The West Old Town standard, in place for many years, was formally recognized and codified in February 2013, when Planning Commission and City Council approved changes to Section 11-513 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding administrative SUPs. Although the code changes apply only to administrative SUPs, the West Old Town standard has been applied over time through a variety of means including voluntary contracts. In all situations restaurant alcohol service ends at 10 p.m. nightly.

The Shanghai Peking, which operates under a full special use permit, voluntarily signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) prior to opening. Cafe Nicole, Caboose II and Hawii Ethiopian Restaurant and Cafe, all grandfathered properties, also signed the MOU. The WOTCA standard has wide applicability and, as such, fairness is an obligation. Fortunately, the Bastille's operating history is consistent with WOTCA's requested 10 p.m. closing time.

The Bastille's SUP application states that the restaurant will be open from 11:30 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday, but proposes keeping its Fayette Street bar open an additional hour (until 11 p.m.) on weekdays and two additional hours (until midnight) on weekends. Section 11-513(L) "Specific Standards for Restaurants" now states in clause (8) "Within the West Old Town neighborhood (bounded by Cameron, North West, Wythe and North Columbus Streets), no alcohol shall be served before 11 a.m. or after 10 p.m. daily." The standard also states "Within the Mount Vernon Avenue overlay zone, the NR zone and West Old Town neighborhood areas, alcohol service is limited to table service."

The Bastille originally closed at 10 p.m. under the terms of its first SUP (SUP#2006-045). It was only in 2009, after three years of neighborhood experience that the Bastille sought to extend its hours to 10:30 p.m. Though the change was approved, the Bastille's website still advertises a closing time of 10 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

According to a January 30, 2014 *Alexandria Times* article, *Food & Wine Magazine* recently named Society Fair as "one of the best new bars in the United States." We sincerely wish the Bastille the same success. Society Fair is located at 277 S. Washington Street, a well traveled thoroughfare. It is positioned for foot-traffic, including The Lyceum's after hours events. This is a venue of a type that the Braddock Metro area now lacks. Still, Society Fair closes at 10 p.m. A minor change in the Bastille's closing hours does not jeopardize its operating future any more than Society Fair's 10 p.m. bar closing affects Society Fair's well-being.

The Bastille's owner raised the issue of safety when discussing his restaurant proposal with BLAG Committee members on January 27. He referenced a marketing study tied to the pro-

posed restaurant's Fayette Street location. The owner and his future customers have reason to be concerned.

Despite P&Z's repeated Pollyannaisms about crime in the Braddock Metro area, a resident of the neighboring Andrew Adkins project was just arrested for the daylight armed robbery of a US Postal Service letter carrier in the 700 block of N. Fayette Street. Old Town Commons' homeowners were disturbed when one of their ARHA residents was recently arrested for robbing an Old Town bank, even more so when it was discovered the arrestee had a criminal record in another state. And the President of the Upper King Street Civic Association now reports that his mother was among the neighborhood's recent robbery victims. The watchword is caution.

In addition to the closing hour issue, WOTCA is concerned about the parking reduction. Bastille is located in an overwhelmingly residential neighborhood, in which developers have previously been granted generous parking reductions under the assumption that new residents will use public transportation. WOTCA believes that parking issues are likely to become problematic, especially under the assumption that patrons will use the Asher parking garage when the experience of Old Town suggests they prefer street parking.

Bastille already has an established and presumably loyal clientele that is likely to drive to the new location. Although the owner spoke at the BIAG meeting about the desirability of being close to Metro, the conversation was mostly about the difficulties encountered by his staff, who at the current location lack access to reliable public transportation that runs later in the evening.

Given our historic interest in and concern about parking issues, WOTCA would therefore like to request that the parking situation be evaluated by staff (in consultation with WOTCA) one year after approval of the Bastille SUP, with the possibility that valet parking be mandated if street parking availability has become too constrained by the addition of the restaurant.

In closing, we are excited about the Bastille and have the highest hopes for even greater success at its new location. But part of that success must be grounded in a good relationship with the single family homeowners who not only flank the new restaurant but will undoubtedly also be patrons. We believe that the amendments suggested in this letter will help to assure a smooth and harmonious relationship.

Thank you for your consideration.
West Old Town Citizens Association Executive Board

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From: Kendra Jacobs
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 12:39 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: FW: Full support - Bastille - 2.0

From: Faroll Hamer
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 12:38 PM
To: Kendra Jacobs; Nathan Randall; Karl Moritz; Alex Dambach
Subject: FW: Full support - Bastille - 2.0

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From: K. Chewning [<mailto:chewningkk@aol.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 12:31 PM
To: John Chapman; Timothy Lovain; Justin Wilson; Paul Smedberg; Allison Silberberg; William Euille; Faroll Hamer; braddockloftshoa@gmail.com
Cc: salena@bioinjury.com
Subject: Full support - Bastille - 2.0

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Sincerely,

Kay Chewning
716 N. Henry

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chewningkk@aol.com

Jackie Henderson

From: sarozan@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 4:50 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #47004: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council To Whom It May Concern: Please accept

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Ozan Sari
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-889-7454
- Email: sarozan@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: To Whom It May Concern:

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In addition, this is a perfect corner for a vibrant restaurant scene leading people from King Street down Fayette St to our neighborhood. This will benefit the businesses in the Queen Street retail district, the future Metro Site retail, the future Jaguar site retail and the current retail coming into the newly completed Belle Pre. In addition, a vibrant restaurant such as Bastille will no doubt help the struggling retail at The Henry.

Its proximity to the Braddock Metro will assist the owners in hiring and retaining quality employees, a feat that is

very difficult in the restaurant business. According to the WMATA website[4], the Braddock Metro is open well past the closing times for Bastille so they can take advantage of this public transportation.

Last Trains

Trains leave exactly 3 hours later on Friday and Saturday nights.

Franconia-Springfield - 12:31 AM

Huntington - 12:33 AM

It will be a pleasure to have Bastille a block away for a nice lunch or dinner after work. The Wine Bar is an added bonus to Bastille providing the much needed activity and "eyes on the street" as stated in the Plan throughout the late evening.

Sincerely,

Ozan Sari
Braddock Lofts
Owner/718 N Henry St.
703-889-7454

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 12

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*submitted by
Judy Guse - Portake*

March 11, 2014

Mayor William Euille
Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg
Councilman John Taylor Chapman
Councilman Timothy B. Lovain
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper
Councilman Paul C. Smedberg
Councilman Justin M. Wilson

Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members:

Re: Bastille Restaurant - 620 North Fayette Street
Special Use Permit #2014-0003

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

My husband, Rae, and I own a townhouse at 1119 Wythe Street, across from the Wythe Street Post Office in the Braddock Lofts. We wish to offer our full and enthusiastic support to the Bastille Restaurant owners as they seek approval to locate a new establishment on a near-by block, the subject of SUP 2014-0003 now before you.

As you are aware, the Braddock Lofts were built a bit more than 10 years ago and comprise a group of 40 four-story loft-style townhouses. Two years ago when we looked to move from our smaller primary residence on Prince Street these units caught our attention. As architects we liked the cleaner, more contemporary exterior and interior design, unlike much of what is now being built in Old Town. It was important to us to be within walking distance of our office and the services we have used for nearly 30 years. The proximity to the Braddock Metro was the icing on the cake.

We also knew that this neighborhood was on the cusp of becoming what the City and the neighborhood had worked for nearly a decade to plan – a transit oriented, dense, walkable, urban neighborhood like nothing else in the City. As baby-boomers getting closer to retirement, this is exactly the kind of neighborhood we want to live in as we continue to age in place.

What smart-growth planners will tell you is that many of our generation want the same things in their neighborhoods as the late 20's – early 30's generation want: access to mass transit, lively community parks, and walkable neighborhoods with a variety of goods, services, restaurants and entertainment embedded where they live. We have learned that these things come with density and diversity. With the sale of the Henry Condominiums completed and the rapid leasing of apartments at the Asher and the Belle Pre, the number of new residents in the area immediate to this location has skyrocketed just in the last year. The new interim Braddock Park will be in place by summer. The neighborhood is literally blooming before our eyes.

And now this venerable and home-grown business, the Bastille, would like to open a new restaurant in our midst. It is a sign of how far this neighborhood has come. Everyone I know in my neighborhood is thrilled at the prospect of having a well-known, well regarded destination restaurant in our neighborhood. We feel like we have finally arrived.

Rae and I, living in Old Town for decades, are accustomed to dining out in the evening on a regular basis, and walking to do so. Admittedly, we are also accustomed to a late evening stroll and a nightcap at a local pub or bar. Often we will rendezvous after leaving separate evening community meetings, meeting up at a wine bar for a light snack and a glass of wine. Having the Bastille nearby as that place for a late date would be a great delight.

With that in mind, we lend our full support to the conditions of operation that the Planning Commission has approved, including the hours of operation, the parking reduction, and the full service bar. We are one of the closest homes to this location and if there is noise associated with patrons coming and going in the late evening hours we will hear it. We welcome that because we know their presence at that hour, when we have the last dog-walk before retiring, means our neighborhood is safe. Late evening street noise means a lively urban community and, as nearly retired residents of this neighborhood, we fully embrace it. The promise of the vital, busy, walkable neighborhood that the Braddock Plan envisioned is why we bought here in the first place.

"When businesses are open later, they provide an additional level of vitality-and sense of safety-into the evening hours."

The Asher's ground floor retail where the Bastille would locate is a perfect corner for this vibrant restaurant. It is our hope that once open and busy, their success will bring more like them into other retail spaces in the immediate area which are available or coming on line soon. Each new restaurant, bakery, or shop that comes brings our neighborhood closer to what we know it can be....a really great place to live.

We urge you to approve this SUP with the hours of operation recommended by the Planning Commission, with the proposed wine bar and the parking reduction. The more this neighborhood hosts successful businesses, the more walkable it will become and fewer patrons will arrive in cars. More parking is not progress. Please approve the SUP as submitted.

With kind regard,

Judy and Rae Noritake
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