OLD TOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION Board of Directors April 24, 2014

Statement of Position On Food Trucks

A. In general, food trucks should not be permitted in the Old and Historic Alexandria District.

In particular, food trucks should not be permitted:

- 1. On Washington Street, which would degrade the memorial character of the George Washington Memorial Parkway as it passes through the City of Alexandria.
- 2. On blocks which bound historic sites and properties (e.g., Lee-Fendall House, Lee Boyhood Home, Gadsby's Tavern, The Lyceum, Carlyle House, Contrabands & Freedmen Cemetery Memorial, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary, Christ Church, Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Alexandria Black History Museum, Friendship Firehouse Museum, the Athenaeum, George Washington Masonic Memorial, Torpedo Factory, etc.)
- 3. On the narrow street grid in Old Town, or otherwise where their presence would interfere with the free flow of other vehicles or exacerbate existing congestion.
- B. Wherever food trucks are permitted in Alexandria:
 - 1. They should not be permitted on blocks fronted partially or entirely by residences, or on blocks abutting or intersecting with such partially or fully residential streets.
 - 2. They should not be permitted in zones in which other food service establishments (e.g. restaurants) are not permitted.
 - 3. They should not be permitted where their location would be likely to have a significant negative impact on Alexandria's economic sustainability or economic development.
 - 4. In areas covered by Small Area Plans which permit restaurants, food trucks should be permitted only in accordance with the same scrutiny, review and approval process, and health and safety inspections which apply to other food service establishments.
 - 5. In areas in close proximity to residential areas, food trucks should be subject to the same scrutiny as are other food service establishments, to avoid negative impacts (e.g., noise, litter, odor, hours of operation, traffic and parking impacts) on the nearby residential neighborhoods.

- 6. Food trucks should not be permitted in zones or Small Areas where fast food establishments are not permitted, or encouraged in areas where fast food establishments are discouraged. Where fast food establishments are permitted, food trucks should be subject to the same scrutiny, review and approval process, and health and safety inspections.
- 7. Where other business and residential buildings are subject to review and approval of architectural standards, quality of design, signage, and the like, in order to preserve the visual character, quality, and compatibility of the area (i.e., the Historic Districts), food trucks should be subject to the same standards of scrutiny, review and approval.
- 8. In zones and Small Areas where outdoor dining is permitted, food trucks should be subject to the same standards of scrutiny, review and approval, and health and safety inspections. Food trucks should not be permitted in such close proximity to outdoor dining facilities as to exacerbate any noise, litter, odor, traffic or pedestrian congestion, or other potential negative impacts of such facilities.
- 9. Where food trucks are permitted, they should be subject to the same standards, rules and regulations which apply to other commercial or private motor vehicles, and should receive no preferential treatment in this regard (e.g., as to traffic regulations, parking, circulation, proscriptions against idling, and the like.)
- 10. Food trucks should not be permitted where they would significantly interfere with visual or physical access to other commercial enterprises, historic properties, or public facilities.
- 11. Food trucks should not be permitted where other mobile vending establishments are not permitted.

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From: Sent: To: Subject: website <webmaster@alexandriava.gov> Friday, May 16, 2014 7:09 AM Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton City Council speaker's form submission received

Meeting Date: 05/17/2014 Docket Item# 8

Speaker's Name: Rodney Goh Phone #: 5712306480 Email: <u>rodney.goh@gmail.com</u> Address: 3080 White Birch Court Fairfax, VA 22031

Representing self? Yes If representing other:

Position on the item: For

Nature of interest: Food truck owner

Are you being compensated? No

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May 17, 2014

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council,

My name is Rodney Goh, and I support lifting our community's near-total ban of food trucks and allowing them to serve residents and workers on public streets and private property.

Food trucks directly support local suppliers, commercial kitchens, storage facilities, etc. by creating business for them.

Food trucks offer fresh, vibrant, healthy food that is worth getting out and taking a walk for.

Food trucks make our community a more enjoyable place to live and work! They help to draw people to restaurant and shopping areas and increase foot traffic for all surrounding businesses. And every day food trucks are growing into brick-andmortar restaurants, creating jobs and contributing to city revenues.

The proposed food truck ordinance ensures proper licensing, permitting and enforcement of violations. It also places numerous rules and regulations for how food trucks operate, including prohibiting food trucks from vending in residential areas, and creates additional limitations on the number of food trucks in cityidentified restricted zones.

The proposal provides Alexandria residents and workers more choices at lunchtime and more competition for our dollars. Everybody should support that!

Please pass the complete ordinance without delay.

Sincerely,

Rodney Goh

5-17-14

Jackie Henderson

From:jjkingconsulting@yahoo.comSent:Thursday, May 15, 2014 10:06 PMTo:City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community RelationsSubject:Call.Click.Connect. #51351: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Mayor and City Council,The
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Request Details:

- Name: Jerry King
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-362-7673
- Email: jjkingconsulting@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Mayor and City Council, The food truck issue has not been researched enough at this point to enact the full ordinance. I attended the Old Town Citizens Association meeting last evening and heard John Chapman discuss the issue. Without going into detail I strongly believe John has the best option to go forward with the non-controversial parts of the ordinance. I will back him on this issue. Further research is required on the controversial parts of the issue. Jerry King
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 22

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From:dacava1@yahoo.comSent:Thursday, May 15, 2014 6:55 PMTo:City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community RelationsSubject:Call.Click.Connect. #51348: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Food TrucksWhose idea was
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Request Details:

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- Email: <u>dacava1@yahoo.com</u>
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Food Trucks

Whose idea was this? Did City staff embark on bringing Food Trucks to Alexandria on their own or have City Council members given a "wink and a nod" under the umbrella of being "business friendly". Who is going to take ownership of this boneheaded idea?

The Mayor, City Council and staff have, without much thought, embraced a "friendly" approach--business friendly, pedestrian friendly, transit friendly- not understanding the long and short term impacts on their community. This is not the way to run City Government. In my unfriendly approach--this is stupid.

I do not want food trucks on public streets in Alexandria. It is not good for tourism, local restaurants, and more importantly they are a eyesore. A simple City ordinance should ban food trucks on City streets and in parks, allowing them only on private property with a City permit. This is not the way to generate local taxes or contribute to unhealthy life styles.

Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 22

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- Email: <u>SIJI821@COMCAST.NET</u>
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please do not allow food truck in Old Town. We have lived here in the historic area for 37 years, in three different houses, and have always enjoyed the charm of our streets.

Food trucks would have a negative impact on our community. They are not only unsightly, from a curb appeal standpoint, but they would take income from the local businesses in our area—businesses that pay tax, employ area people, and follow city guidelines on noise abatement and cooking ventilation.

Such vendors have no place in Old Town!

Pat and JJ Miller

Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 22

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- Service Type: Zoning Inquiries, Compliments, Complaints
- Request Description: Please do not allow food truck in Old Town. We have lived here in the historic area for 37 years, in three different houses, and have always enjoyed the charm of our streets.

Food trucks would have a negative impact on our community. They are not only unsightly, from a curb appeal standpoint, but they would take income from the local businesses in our area—businesses that pay tax, employ area people, and follow city guidelines on noise abatement and cooking ventilation.

Such vendors have no place in Old Town!

Pat and JJ Miller

Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 22

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From:	CommunityRelations@alexandriava.gov
Sent:	Thursday, May 15, 2014 11:16 AM
To:	City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject:	Call.Click.Connect. #51276: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Do not bring food trucks to Old Town Ale

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Request Details:

- Name: Call.Click.Connect. Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Do not bring food trucks to Old Town Alexandria. It is already difficult to get around with buses, delivery trucks, taxis, cars and large trolleys. We need to also think of safety so that emergency responders can do their job and get to where they need to go.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 22

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From:joelhoffman9@msn.comSent:Thursday, May 15, 2014 11:23 AMTo:City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community RelationsSubject:Call.Click.Connect. #51278: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council As an Old Town resident and
property own

Dear Call.Click.Connect. User

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Request Details:

- Name: Joel Hoffman
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703/549-4245
- Email: joelhoffman9@msn.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: As an Old Town resident and property owner for almost 30 years, I am horrified and appalled by the food truck proposal. The only interests it serves are those of some tourists and, possibly, those who work but don't necessarily live in the City (not to mention the food truck industry, of course). Few if any actual residents will benefit.

What the residents of Alexandria will receive is yet-worsened commercialization of our neighborhoods, and the degradation of our lovely streets by a plague of visual blight, electric-generator noise, greasy food smells, crowding of sidewalks, and garbage. Patrons of our taxpaying local restaurant sidewalk seating areas will be driven out if these food-truck monsters are allowed only 20 feet away. And the proposal to require the trucks to shuffle themselves around every 2 or 3 hours, so as to comply with parking restrictions, will create continuing chaos and traffic obstructions throughout the allotted vending period.

Go over to DC and take a look at the Constitution Avenue side of the Federal Triangle, or 17th St. NW alongside the Ellipse, now devoted to food trucks and the occasional cheap-souvenir vending truck. Could anyone deny with a straight face that these eyesores have turned those formerly elegant and beautiful cityscapes, once the pride of our Nation and its Capital, into tawdry bazaars? Is that what Alexandria is to become?

It may be true that those who want to wander our streets while stuffing their faces, or convert our streets and parks into picnic grounds, will benefit from the new "competition." But the citizens of Alexandria have many other important civic interests and values, not just the instant availability of cheap food on demand anywhere they happen to be.

Please consider the interests of your constituents and abandon this ill-conceived proposal.

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From:	RobertI522@aol.com
Sent:	Thursday, May 15, 2014 12:17 PM
To:	City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject:	Call.Click.Connect. #51297: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Re Food TrucksI regret that I cannot a

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Request Details:

- Name: Robert L Calhoun
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 624 3763
- Email: RobertI522@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Re Food Trucks
 I regret that I cannot attend the Public Hearing on this subject. However I have the statement submitted by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce ans agree with it entirely. I wouod only add that the staff-driven procerss on this issue and the apparent dismissal of the citizens task force on this issue does not seem consistent with the advowed goal of Whats Next Alexandria ["to improve the quality of the public participation process". And you wonder why people are cynical about government. Bob Calhoun
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 22

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From:	arnold@31415926e-7.com
Sent:	Thursday, May 15, 2014 1:14 PM
To:	City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject:	Call.Click.Connect. #51305: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council From Ayne Furman and Arnold Miller

Dear Call.Click.Connect. User

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Request Details:

- Name: Arnold Miller
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035491047
- Email: <u>arnold@31415926e-7.com</u>
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: From Ayne Furman and Arnold Miller
- Attachment: <u>http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/docx/fb25da07-ddc3-4cbd-a95f-ad768720a9d4</u>
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 22

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On Food Trucks:

What is the perceived benefit to the City of Alexandria in allowing food trucks to conduct business in Old Town? Old Town offers a wealth of restaurants to its residents and its visitors. These restaurants pay business and personal property taxes to the City and honor the many signage and appearance regulations of the BAR. They are subject to safety and health inspections that give the customers confidence in the food served.

How much of these attributes will each food truck have to meet? Will a food truck's signs and appearance be reviewed and mandated by the BAR? While it is true that a food truck is a vehicle, and the City does not judge such items in vehicles, a food truck is also a business and if that business is present daily in the City it becomes a part of the image of the City. Will a food truck pay taxes and fees similar to that of an actual restaurant in Old Town or will it enjoy a profit advantage over its stationary rivals?

It is heartening to read that a food truck may not park in a residential permit parking place. But there are areas of residential neighborhoods in Old Town offering parking that is either unrestricted or at least not residential permit controlled. May food trucks park in these areas? And what of residential parking areas that indicate "Except holidays"? May a food truck park in such residential areas on holidays? Might we suggest that the parking limitation be expanded to not parking in residential permit locations as well as any area where a city restaurant license would not be allowed. This seems to cover all of the residential portions of Old Town as well as even the competitive arena between food trucks and restaurants.

Even if all these suggested changes are accepted by Council the question remains of the benefit to Alexandria of food trucks in Old Town and whether their presence will be a detriment to the store owners that help to make Old Town the quaint and charming location it is. It would be good to hear Council tell us, the residents of the City, what we will be gaining by approving food trucks in Old Town. Will an unintended consequence be discouraging new restaurants from opening up for business in Old Town?

Ayne Furman & Arnold Miller

From:	cziegler1@hotmail.com
Sent:	Thursday, May 15, 2014 2:23 PM
To:	City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject:	Call.Click.Connect. #51312: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor
	Silberberg, and

Dear Call.Click.Connect. User

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Request Details:

- Name: Charles Ziegler
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 370 0648
- Email: cziegler1@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, and Members of the City Council,

With regard to consideration by the City Council of the proposed Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Title (Licensing and Regulations) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, as Amended, to Add Chapter 15 (Food Truck Vendors), the Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholder Advisory Group at its meeting of May 14, 2014 voted unanimously to oppose permitting food trucks to conduct business within City parks or streets directly adjacent to them. It was noted that, especially in an historic park, such as is Fort Ward Park, food trucks would significantly detract from the ambience and character of the park, adding litter and excessive noise that would altogether outweigh any possible compensating benefits.

Yours sincerely, Charles Ziegler Chairman, Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholder Advisory Group

Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 22

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From:	annekelly4@aol.com
Sent:	Thursday, May 15, 2014 2:15 PM
To:	City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject:	Call.Click.Connect. #51310: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor Euille: My name
	is Anne K

Dear Call.Click.Connect. User

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Request Details:

- Name: Anne Kelly
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-684-1209
- Email: <u>annekelly4@aol.com</u>
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille:

My name is Anne Kelly and I am a small business owner in Alexandria and a member of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. I am writing to express my concern and disagreement with the upcoming decision

regarding food trucks in Alexandria. I earnestly ask you to defer your decision until additional work can be done.

As a member of the Chamber, I fully support the rights of business owners to start and grow their business in Alexandria. Under defined conditions, I support the concept of food trucks in our community. However,

given the unknown impact of food trucks on Alexandria's existing "brick and mortar" restaurants, many of whom are part of the very fabric of City life, I am concerned that insufficient analysis has been done that anticipates the impact on Alexandria restaurants.

Additionally, not enough planning has been given to the impact on traffic and parking for these food trucks and residents and visitors.

Moreover, I am concerned that the Food Truck Policy Advisory Group has not briefed City Council directly on its findings.

The proposed Food Truck implementation appears on all fronts to have been a hastily made decision which may benefit a small unknown constituency, but not the majority of business owners nor citizens.

Given these uncertainties, I support the Chamber of Commerce's recommendation to defer this item until such time as a business impact analysis can be conducted and the Food Truck Policy Advisory Group briefs Council directly on its findings.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my views and thank you in advance for your serious consideration and defer action till further study is completed and many of the unanswered concerns and questions are addressed.

Very sincerely,

Anne Kelly,CEO IAMA Ventures, LLC

213 Prince Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 22

From:msauls@dudinskyassociates.comSent:Thursday, May 15, 2014 2:58 PMTo:City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community RelationsSubject:Call.Click.Connect. #51321: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I hope you are well. I know
you are bus

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Request Details:

- Name: Michael Sauls
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 549-5799
- Email: msauls@dudinskyassociates.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I hope you are well. I know you are busy.

On behalf of myself and every Alexandrian with whom I have spoken, I wish to strongly oppose the proposal before Council to allow food trucks to operate throughout our City of Alexandria. While I understand that in some locations, food trucks may be appropriate, without question, in Old Town Alexandria, they are not. Our unique, historic city, is a precious jewel to be cherished and protected, and not smothered in mustard.

To allow food trucks to jam our already crowded streets, create traffic backups, blind-spots for drivers and people darting out into the streets, would destroy the peaceful atmosphere which attracts people to visit, shop and dine, and yes, live, in Alexandria. For those thousands of Alexandria residents who have chosen to live here, it will further undermine our property values, reduce our already limited parking and lead to a loss of jobs in the city.

And, for what purpose? To what good? To whose benefit? Certainly, not the people, the residents, the voters of Alexandria.

Once again, in the strongest terms, I ask that you deny the proposal to allow food trucks in our fair city.

Thanks very much for your consideration.

All the best,

Michael Sauls Alexandria, VA

Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 22

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Lauren Kramer <lauren@meetingpriorities.com> Wednesday, May 14, 2014 9:44 AM Jackie Henderson Against food trucks

Dear Jackie,

This is to express concern about the Mayor and City Council taking action on yet another move to destroy the character and charm of our beloved Old Town. This is a quaint town. A historic town. There is no place for food trucks - let alone any parking to spare for them! As a resident since 1998, I am alarmed by the foolhardy actions the Mayor (who I voted for and will not vote for again) and his City Council are taking to commercialize our city.

I urge the Mayor and City Council members to vote AGAINST food trucks that will further ruin this lovely, charming destination.

Respectfully,

Lauren Kramer (c) 703-615-1595 928 S. St. Asaph Street Alexandria, VA 22314

lauren@meetingpriorities.com

From:	robert.weinhagen@mail.house.gov
Sent:	Wednesday, May 14, 2014 10:41 AM
To:	City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject:	Call.Click.Connect. #51176: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council My wife and I live on the 200
	block of C

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Request Details:

- Name: Bob Weinhagen
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-2560
- Email: robert.weinhagen@mail.house.gov
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: My wife and I live on the 200 block of Cameron Street. I rarely write the council about anything, but I strong disagree with allowing food trucks in Old Town. we have plenty of restaurants - more than much larger towns. Also, it will increase street congestion and noise levels. it will also reduce available parking spaces, thus increasing the demand on residential spaces. I fail to see any upside to having them in the city.

Bob Weinhagen

Expected Response Date: Wednesday, May 21

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From:	vmgthehill@aol.com
Sent:	Wednesday, May 14, 2014 11:53 AM
To:	City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject:	Call.Click.Connect. #51185: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Council:Your handling of the food

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Request Details:

- Name: Van Van Fleet
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-6402
- Email: vmgthehill@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Council:

Your handling of the food truck issue last night was pathetic. In the interest of fairness to the citizens you should DEFER this issue until it can be properly vetted as you are getting poor and inaccurate information from your attorneys, planners and God knows who else. This is the worst mishandled issue by staff I have witnessed in my 29 years of living here. Let the Food Truck Group finish their work. THERE IS NO HURRY TO FINISH THIS NOW IIII DEFER

Van Van Fleet

Expected Response Date: Wednesday, May 21

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Karen Zent <karenzent@gmail.com> Wednesday, May 14, 2014 2:02 PM Jackie Henderson Food Trucks - Support

Dear Clerk Henderson -

I'd like to go on the record of supporting food trucks in Old Town and other parts of Alexandria. I have been a resident since 1995 and would welcome the energy, creativity and options that food trucks bring to our city. I believe these businesses are consistent with our city values of being small-business oriented and tourist- and family-friendly.

I have seen firsthand the positive effect food trucks can have on a business district, and although accommodating the trucks can present challenges initially, I believe the results are well worth the effort. Food trucks will enrich our already diverse city, bringing more options to residents and people who work in Alexandria, and attracting new people to our city. The social media aspect to food trucks and how they have become popular lunchtime destinations is well known. And if those same visitors stay to shop or visit one of our many historical sites, all the better.

I thank you and the members of the City Council for your consideration,

Karen Zent 907 South Saint Asaph Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314 703-836-6049

From:	jgregor@carlylecouncil.com
Sent:	Wednesday, May 14, 2014 3:54 PM
To:	City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject:	Call.Click.Connect. #51224: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and
	City Council

Dear Call.Click.Connect. User

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Request Details:

- Name: Janet Gregor
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-551-6048
- Email: jgregor@carlylecouncil.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- · Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members,

In light of the decision not to defer action on the proposed food truck ordinance, we wanted you to have this letter before Saturday's hearing and consideration of the proposed ordinance. Thank you.

- Attachment: <u>http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/pdf/36ecd145-8c19-4264-bc71-435d6262a350</u>
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, May 21

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May 14, 2014

The Honorable William D. Euille, Mayor and Members of the City Council Alexandria City Council 301 King Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Re: Docket Item 8: Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Title (Licensing and Regulations) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, as Amended, to Add Chapter 15 (Food Truck Vendors) (the "**Ordinance**")

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council:

The purpose of this letter is to present Carlyle Community Council's (the "CCC") concerns in opposition to the Ordinance as currently drafted.

The memorandum accompanying the Ordinance designates the Carlyle community as a "Restricted Vending Zone". However, the Ordinance itself does not codify the Restricted Vending Zones. Rather, the Ordinance delegates to the City Manager broad discretion over both the location and operation of these zones without public oversight. This aspect of the Ordinance gives the City Manager considerable latitude in dictating the boundaries of Restricted Vending Zones, where food trucks are permitted within those Restricted Vending Zones and how many food trucks may operate within those areas. The Ordinance does not provide any opportunities for public input in making these determinations. We strongly believe that more public oversight should influence these decisions since where food trucks operate has impacts on economic development as well as health and safety.

Additionally, we have consulted with McGuireWoods LLP about the impacts the proposed Ordinance has on Carlyle and we remind you that the streets within Carlyle are privately owned. The terms of the public access to these streets are delineated in the Deed of Easement (the "**Public Access Easement**") between the Carlyle Development Corporation and the City of Alexandria, dated September 29, 1994 and recorded in Deed Book 2510, Page 0207 in the land records of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office for the City of Alexandria (the "**Land Records**"). Pursuant to Paragraph A of the Public Access Easement, the use of this easement area is limited to a "public vehicular and pedestrian right-of-way". Operating a business, such as a food truck, is outside of the scope of the permissible use granted in the easement. Therefore, any person wishing to operate a food truck within Carlyle would need a license or easement to do so from

Alexandria, VA 22314

the CCC Board and would be subject to the use restrictions of the Carlyle Declaration dated December 20, 1994 and recorded in Deed Book 1517, Page 1346 in the Land Records (the "Declaration").

Furthermore, the Carlyle community is within a Coordinated Development District (the "CDD"). As such, the use of each space within Carlyle affects the whole CDD. Allowing restaurant uses within Carlyle without a special use permit process compromises the purpose and viability of the CDD.

In summary, we take issue with the broad authority given to the City Manager under the Ordinance. Furthermore, we assert that the operation of food trucks within the private roadways of Carlyle is contrary to both the terms of the Public Access Easement and the spirit of Carlyle's CDD. While we appreciate the City's effort to restrict food trucks in high traffic areas, we do not support the Ordinance as currently drafted and respectfully request that you deny approval of the Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Philip D. Weber President, Carlyle Community Council

Cc: CCC Board of Directors Rashad Young, City Manager James L. Banks, City Attorney

fredeottinger@comcast.net
Wednesday, May 14, 2014 6:17 PM
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Request Details:

- Name: Winifrede Ottinger
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-548-1311
- Email: fredeottinger@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I strongly urge City Council to send this draft ordinance back for further study and improvement so that Alexandria may have food truck regulations that are fair, comprehensive, and acceptable to the entire community. Thank you for your consideration of my views.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, May 21

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