

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** jody@bittersweetcatering.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 3:05 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #60519: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Mr. Mayor & Members of Council:I wan

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Mr. Mayor & Members of Council:

I wanted to congratulate you on the discussion and logical decision made on Saturday regarding the move of Le Bergerie. It bodes well for our city.

However I was remiss in not making mention in my remarks of the unmitigated success the City's Marketing Fund achieved a number of years ago with its support of the creation of the Old Town Boutique District. The thriving independent retail scene in Old Town (and beyond) is in large measure the result of a great collaboration between far sighted entrepreneurs and the City's funding mechanism. We could use more of these opportunities for public private partnerships as the city continues to grow and thrive.

Lastly, thank you for having the patience to listen and serve our community.

Jody Manor

- Expected Response Date: Monday, October 27

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**From:** salena\_zellers@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 9:12 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #60485: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Mr. Mayor, Ms. Vice Mayor, City Council,

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Mr. Mayor, Ms. Vice Mayor, City Council,

I have to tell you how impressed I am. I watched the entire docket discussion for La Bergerie on Saturday and was truly impressed with how you all handled a very difficult and delicate issue. It was extremely clear that you all did your research, spent time at the proposed location and the proposed parking areas, met with all of the concerned residents and really heard all of their issues.

This was an extremely difficult issue and as a resident, I want you all to know that I am really proud of how you all worked with everyone to come up with compromises that will work for everyone. As you know, I am a big supporter of many businesses and development in my developing neighborhood; however, I know that these changes and decisions are much more difficult to handle in other neighborhoods. Because you all handled this issue so comprehensively, I really believe that the project will be a great success and the residents will end up enjoying their new neighbor.

Kudos to you all, you represent our City well.

Salena Zellers

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**From:** guylamolinara@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 10:08 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #60536: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor and Members of Council: I

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

I was unable to attend the Oct. 18 City Council meeting in which the rezoning of 329 N. Washington was approved. You have, however, heard from me before in letters I have sent you.

I have just listened to the entire proceedings. I am at a loss as to why you deemed it appropriate to approve the request of two individuals over the objections of hundreds of citizens.

Although the issue was discussed through citizen statements for more than five hours, when it came time to vote I did not hear a single justification or reason from any of you for why you voted as you did. I can only conclude that the proceedings were merely window dressing and that you had made up your minds to approve the rezoning before this hearing. This was an example of a tone-deaf Council deciding they know what is best over the strenuous objections of the vast majority of those who are directly affected by the rezoning. In fact, you voted in favor of the proposal before several of the issues were even settled, which many of you admitted. It seemed as though you were all bending over backward to approve this request.

I would love to know how many of you would like living next to a restaurant with outdoor seating and entertainment or next to a parking lot that runs until midnight or later. Nearly all those in favor of the proposal were the expected business organizations, persons who live in Alexandria but not near the restaurant or persons who do not even live in the City.

Some of you even admitted that you had not looked at the proposed restaurant/hotel site in detail and that you were also unfamiliar with the parking lot situation in the 400 block of North Columbus. Had you applied due diligence, you would know that the lot is designed with lines painted for entrance on North Columbus.

You also never addressed the issue of why residents living adjacent to the parking lot were never notified of this rezoning. I can only conclude that it is because the issue was predetermined.

I look forward to hearing from each of you on how you justified approving the will of the very, very few against the will of the very, very many. I also would like to know how any home buyer is to know whether he or she can rely on the permanence of zoning when Council seems so willing to favor business interests over the will of the citizens you supposedly represent. I live across the street from an office building and next to a parking lot. Does that mean that the 400 block of North Columbus Street should be rezoned commercial as well? I have no confidence that should a business want to convert a residence on North Columbus to commercial that the request would be denied.

Thank you,

Guy Lamolinara

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