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May 15, 2015

The Honorable Mayor Euille and Members of Council
Alexandria City Council
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I trust this finds you doing well.

It has come to my attention that the City Council will vote on a three year extension for the approved plans and permits for the redevelopment of the Arlandria Shopping Center / Mt. Vernon Village Center. ***As a resident of the community I strongly oppose the recommended extension and submit before you a request to vote to extend this plan for no more than 12 months.***

It is understood that this development is out of scale with the surrounding community, thus will foster increased rents or additional redevelopment that will dislocate low-income Latino and African American tenants, which is a concern for us as a community. These are my neighbors and friends. Furthermore, the reauthorization of the permits and plan will expose the community to three more years of vacant commercial space.

A 12 month extension will constrain the developer to act quickly and pursue the determined development plan. Additionally, the extension will have provided the developer with a total of five years to occupy and build on this property. Should the developer be incapable of redevelopment within the allotted time, the City Council will then be able to convene our community and its stakeholders to have an open discussion on the cost and impact of the plan.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Sara L. Allen

Jackie Henderson

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