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Chairwoman Mary Lyman
Planning Commissioners
Alexandria, Virginia

Re: SUP 2015-0130: Dos Amigos Seating Expansion

Dear Chairwoman Lyman and Planning Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the Braddock Metro Citizens' Coalition (BMCC) in support of the Special Use Permit requested by the owners of the Dos Amigos Restaurant which you will consider at your meeting March 1, 2016. Dos Amigos lies within the boundary of the BMCC.

It is our understanding that the requested Special Use Permit and Encroachment applications that have been submitted are for 12 additional outdoor dining seats, a 3-space parking reduction, and use of the public right of way for outdoor dining. The outdoor dining would be located in the same general area in front of the restaurant where it is currently placed. The existing stair area in front of Dos Amigos, currently in the public right of way, will be reconstructed as a raised platform for the additional seats and these stairs would be relocated at the front of the building.

While the SUP request is being submitted by the owner of Dos Amigos, the building itself belongs to the Colecroft Station Unit Owners Association. We have spoken with a board member of that association and have learned they are in full support of the SUP and Encroachment applications and the proposed modifications. The BMCC is pleased to add our full support as well.

The Braddock neighborhood is coming into its own as more residents move here and begin to fulfill the promise of the plan for a transit-oriented dense and diverse community. We are thrilled that Dos Amigos is doing well, full to capacity most evenings and weekends. And with that growing success they are now asking to further invest in their restaurant and thereby in our neighborhood. We ask that you approve the request.

With warm regard,



Judy Guse-Noritake, President

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Cc: BMCC Membership

Karl Moritz, Director, Planning & Zoning