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From: Margaret Fitzgerald via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 2:05 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96395: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Come on city..... Change this silly law

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Request Details:

- Name: Margaret Fitzgerald
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-461-3027
- Email: magsfitzgerald@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Come on city..... Change this silly law and allow Cameron Station to display signs for their activities, events, open houses and community spirited action. This has gone on too long....we live here and we want temporary signs to add to our community cohesiveness.
Margaret Fitzgerald
4921 Donovan Drive
Cameron Station resident 16 years and major tax payer.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 16

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Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 1:30 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96382: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 160 CAMERON STATION BLVD Greetings -- my family and I live in Cam

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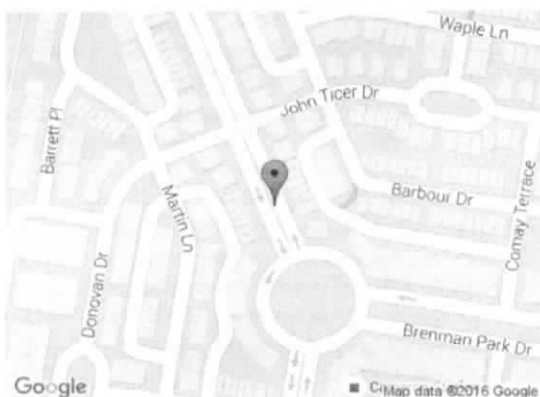
- Name: Robert McMahon
- Approximate Address: 160 CAMERON STATION BLVD (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: rpfmcmahon@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Greetings -- my family and I live in Cameron Station, and we recently learned that the city is considering barring signs from public rights of way. We strongly urge the city to continue allowing signs in public rights of way.

For our neighborhood, signage in public rights of way is critical to sharing information about community events, including social occasions, the West End Farmers' Market, and holiday celebrations. Removing signs would make such community organizing more difficult and likely inhibit the growth of the Farmers' Market.

The signage is also critical to allowing the realtors who work in our community to alert prospective buyers to open houses and homes for sale. The realtors who work frequently in our neighborhood are professional and diligent about removing their signage once open houses are over or once homes are sold. Our neighborhood sees a lot of turnover for homes being bought and sold, including because many residents in our community are active duty and retired members of our armed services. As such, we believe that the signage is critical to ensuring that homes can be bought and sold, and we have only positive things to say about the way the realtors who work in our neighborhood go about their business.

We thank you for your consideration, and ask that continue allowing signage in public rights of way.

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sittton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96385: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Hello, I live in Cameron Station (ne

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Request Details:

- Name: Meghan McMahon
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hello,

I live in Cameron Station (near Cameron Station Blvd) and I am strongly in favor of allowing signs in the public right of way. Signs that advertise realtor open houses, community events, and the West End Farmer's market help our community thrive.

I think they should be removed within a timely manner after the event or open house has concluded; but I've never seen any issue with that. Signs always seem to be promptly placed and removed. I think it's unreasonable to pander to the few people who dislike the signs when the majority have no issue with it.

Please continue to allow these signs in the city's public right of way.

Thank you for your consideration.

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96379: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 5265 POCOSIN LN I am a bit disappointed in the city's ne

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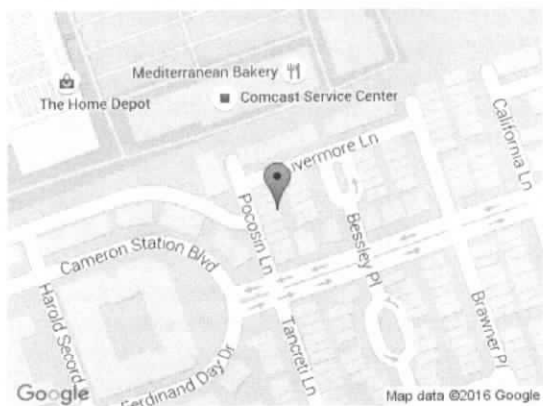
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Request Details:

- Name: Jessica Van Beek
- Approximate Address: 5265 POCOSIN LN (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: jessvanbeek@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am a bit disappointed in the city's new regulation that prohibits signs from public rights of way. While I agree with reasonable signage regulations in our community, I think the passage of this regulation went a bit to far and extreme reaction to the Supreme Court ruling. A hybrid model that would allow signs in the right of way for a designated period, either 5, 30 or 60 days, would have been a more reasonable approach until the Council figures out what to do in light of the recent Supreme Court ruling.

This ban is impacting home sales, farmers markets, non-profits, etc. These are the types of activities that we want in our neighborhood to attract a bigger tax base. A larger tax base equals more money for schools, infrastructure maintenance and repairs. Also, these signs help promote a healthy and vibrant community.

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96428: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council When it comes time to sell my house, I c

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Request Details:

- Name: Martin Menez
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-751-3433
- Email: MMenez1981@Kellogg.Northwestern.edu
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: When it comes time to sell my house, I can't have a professional-looking sign put up to advertise open houses? Bad change in policy. Reverse it now!

Martin Menez, Cameron Station.

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Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 8:12 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96431: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council As a resident of Cameron Station, I am c

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Request Details:

- Name: Megan Brock
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-231-4495
- Email: meganbrock001@msn.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As a resident of Cameron Station, I am concerned with the implementation of City Ordinance Section 5-2-173. Please consider the fact that we area highly dense community and the inability to puts signs on highly visible roads - which are the public streets our community maintains for the City - will adversely impact the sale of homes in our community, as well as business activity like the West End Farmer's Market, and the frequent community and charitable events civic minded community members promote and participate in here. As stated, we are a unique community in the West End due to our population and community participation and we rely on the signs posted on Cameron Station Blvd, Somerville, and Ben Brenman to find out about our community events and to provide direction to open houses. I understand one resident has been complaining about signs in our community, and this is impacting the realtors who residents employ to sell their homes which generates tax revenue for the City of Alexandria. Please take note that this is one resident among 5,000 and it is not the sole voice on this issue. Reasonable minds should prevail. While I understand the directive comes from a United States Supreme Court case, there must be a way to accommodate our unique and vibrant neighborhood to allow for reasonable placement of signs even if for a limited period of time, i.e., a week before an event or the day of an open house. Please consider creative options - note that a fundraiser via a bake sale was held in our community over the weekend for wounded veterans. In general this event has attracted a large volume of residents over the past 5 years. But this year everything was the same but for the fact that the organizers were afraid to put signs out promoting the event - and only drew about a third of residents compared to year's past. This is such an unfortunate development and it would also be unfortunate if the West End Farmer's Market loses the traction its made because they are not permitted to promote the Sunday events due to the sign prohibition. This would negatively impact our community, prospering business activities, and the tax revenue. Thank you for your consideration of a reasonable implementation and amendment to this ordinance.
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Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 4:20 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sittton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96418: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 171 SOMERVELLE ST I write in support of the city ordinance

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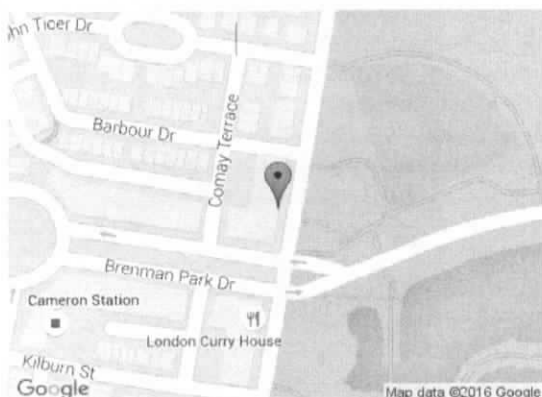
Request Details:

- Name: Scott Stark
- Approximate Address: 171 SOMERVELLE ST (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 703-314-5317
- Email: scott.t.stark@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I write in support of the city ordinance banning private signs from being erected on public property. Such yard signs do nothing but create visual pollution and cheapen whatever area they're in.

There is a conversation going on in the Cameron Station neighborhood as to whether this ordinance is a good thing and whether Cameron Station residents will be hurt by a prohibition on, for example, open house signs or the farmers' market in nearby Ben Brenman Park. If this is a widespread concern, I would suggest that, rather than repealing the ordinance, an exception could be made for signs to be erected for a total of, say, eight hours in each 168 hour period (one week). This would allow ample opportunity to advertise an open house for the afternoon or the two-day farmers' market without opening the floodgates to thousands of Vote For Bob and Cash 4 Gold signs that previously plagued the city streets. Moreover, such a compromise would be content-neutral and therefore readily pass Constitutional muster.

Thank you,
-Scott Stark-

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Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 3:55 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96414: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing with regard to the new city

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Request Details:

- Name: Anne Wolek
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-471-5640
- Email: anneinalexandria@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing with regard to the new city ordinance effective March 1, 2016, that prohibits signs from public rights of way. I live in Cameron Station, a private community, with some streets that are owned by the city. The signs posted in Cameron Station are primarily signs make residents aware of special events, our Farmer's Market, etc. It is important that we continue to be able to post those signs, as they are a tool we use to support the events and projects in our community. Most of the streets in our community are private, but Cameron Station Blvd., Ben Brenman Park Drive, and Somerville Street are owned by the city. I ask that the ordinance be waived for the Cameron Station community - the signs really do play a big part in keeping our close-knit community aware of community events.

Best Regards
Anne Wolek

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Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 3:45 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96412: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Regarding "community" signage in Cameron

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Request Details:

- Name: Margaret Meyer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2023092327
- Email: megmeyer411@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Regarding "community" signage in Cameron Station, I'd like to request that the City Council amend their signage ordinance to allow "community-related" signage. Community-related would include things like Realtor signs, community events, local Farmer's Market, fund-raisers, etc. If necessary, limit the amount of time a sign could be left up. Thank you for your consideration.

Meg Meyer, Cameron Station resident

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Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 3:46 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96413: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I'm in opposition to the ordinance prohi

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Request Details:

- Name: Catalina Rojas
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-294-3538
- Email: catalinrojas@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I'm in opposition to the ordinance prohibiting signs in public streets at Cameron station. Those signs allow for the community to thrive, get together, attend events. It is vital to the health of the community to allow the signs so we are informed. Cost of no doing that will negatively affect businesses, specially or beloved farmers market; and overall hinder community engagement.
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From: Hilary Prokop via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 2:56 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96406: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please allow signage on the public roads

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Request Details:

- Name: Hilary Prokop
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: hpuskar@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please allow signage on the public roads in Cameron Station. I agree with many other residents that there is minimal negative impact and major positive impact from the signage. The Farmers Market in particular is a huge asset to our community and stands to lose tons of traffic from a lack of signage.
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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96405: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council My wife and I are residents of Cameron S

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Request Details:

- Name: Manuel & Cheri Avila
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-507-3809
- Email: cheriavila22@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: My wife and I are residents of Cameron Station. We would like to let the city know that we agree with appropriate and reasonable signage in our community (as we have had without incident or complaint for the past 17 years). The lack of this signage will adversely affect both the vendors and residents in our community and we are very upset that one person's complaints are causing such damage to Cameron Station. We hope that you will find a quick and successful solution to this issue. Thank you very much!
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Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 5:58 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96427: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I live in Cameron Station. I hope you wi

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Request Details:

- Name: Sally McConnell
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 567-5784
- Email: mcconnell-sally@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I live in Cameron Station. I hope you will allow our community to place signs on city streets in Cameron Station to notify residents and potential residents of community events and activities. I believe the majority of CS residents are in agreement with what I am asking. It is my understanding that only one CS resident has complained about the signs. As an 11-year tax paying Alexandria resident who supports local businesses and charities, I urge you to support neighborhood community communication. Thank you for your consideration of my request.
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From: Sally Netter via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 9:06 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96456: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing to voice my displeasure for

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Request Details:

- Name: Sally Netter
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2176216020
- Email: neige108@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to voice my displeasure for the regulation that the city passed in March that prohibits signs from being placed on city streets. I am a resident of Cameron Station and I believe this prohibition has the potential to harm the resale of homes in the neighborhood because realtors can no longer place signs on city streets in the neighborhood.

It seems to me that if the city can't regulate the content of signs, they could be a bit more creative about the regulations than just an all or nothing solution. Some ideas could be to say that signs may be placed for 12 of each 24 hour period (I'm guessing cash4gold won't be out there twice a day placing and removing signs), limiting political signs to 1 or 2 weeks before an election, or limiting each specific type of sign to 1 or 2 per median. My hometown had this type of regulation for political signs. Each candidate could only place 2 signs per median. It seems like this could also be extended to commercial signs. It doesn't get rid of the eyesore, but it does help limit it.

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96517: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I understand City Council will be consid

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Request Details:

- Name: patricia sugrue
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-566-6721
- Email: sugrue@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I understand City Council will be considering an amendment to the signage ordinance that will prohibit people from removing signs from public rights of way. This is a good step toward curbing the vigilantism that is happening in Cameron Station, but it does not help us with the need to have reasonable and appropriate signage on the medians of our main thoroughfares.

I did not realize when I last wrote that Cameron Station maintains those medians, so in fact that means we residents are paying for their care and upkeep. Yet we have no control over their use. I know the city is trying to come up with a solution, so I respectfully propose the following: "City-owned property that is located within the confines of a private community -- that is maintained and cared for by that community -- shall be subject to the regulations of the community, which shall supersede the regulations of the city regarding that property."

You have heard from many of us about the damage being caused, the houses not selling, for example. Well, to add to the list, our Fifth Annual fundraiser bake sale for the Wounded Warriors at Bethesda Naval Hospital this weekend had a third of the usual buyers because we could not put out signs to bring in people from outside the neighborhood, which resulted in a significant drop in funds for the soldiers.

Please fix this problem before our neighborhood suffers more damage.

Thank you. Pat Sugrue

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96532: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council RE: City Council Docket Item #35 for Ma

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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: RE: City Council Docket Item #35 for May 10, 2016
Dear Madame Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members:
Carlyle Community Council (CCC) has been on record in opposition to food trucks operating on a daily basis in Carlyle and our long-standing policy resolution is attached. None of the five proposed locations under consideration today for food truck vending are located within Carlyle. Having said that, we request that going forward the process for selecting additional food truck locations be open and transparent. We believe communities that would be impacted by food truck vending must have the opportunity to contribute, early on, to this decision-making process. In addition, we urge City officials to take a look at how the current Special Events process can circumvent food truck vending regulations. CCC Members represent nearly 5 million square feet of commercial space, over 30 retail businesses, of which many are food establishments, and 1,700 residential units in the Carlyle Community of Alexandria. Thank you for your consideration.
Janet R. Gregor, Carlyle Council Manager
- Attachment: [CCC Food Truck resolution 2013.pdf](#)
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Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: ghillson@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council:

I write to urge you to repeal or amend ordinance 5-2-173 (and other laws as necessary) so that ALL signs are permitted on public right of ways, at all times.

It is my opinion that although the ordinance may be facially content neutral, it is currently applied and enforced in a discriminatory manner, where realtors and other commercial entities apparently are rarely if ever fined for posting unlawful signs. Meanwhile, individual residents -- who lack the means and resources enjoyed by realtors and other commercial entities -- cannot even RISK incurring fines under the ordinance, and are therefore deterred from posting their political and religious messages and "self censor" for fear that the ordinance might be enforced against them.

I will not speculate as to why the ordinance seemingly has been applied in such a manner. But since the city apparently isn't able or willing to enforce the current ordinance consistently and fairly, the city must simply allow ALL signs to be posted.

I fully intend to report violations of any ordinance restricting the posting of signs on public ways and trust that staff will enforce the law accordingly.

Thank you.

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, May 17

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Jackie Henderson

From: Elizabeth McAlee via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 8:15 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96560: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor Silberberg and City Council, plea

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 96560.

Request Details:

- Name: Elizabeth McAlee
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-647-9674
- Email: runners@comcad.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Silberberg and City Council, please move rapidly to address the posted sign issue in Cameron Station. Neighborhood communication is vital to the success of events within the community, for the West End Farmer's Market, and weekly open houses. We need your quick and thoughtful resolution to this issue.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, May 17

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Jackie Henderson

From: ghillson@yahoo.com via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Sunday, May 08, 2016 3:47 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96277: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council:

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 96277.

Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: ghillson@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council:

The sign in the attached photograph was posted much of the afternoon of May 8, 2016, on what appears to be a public way along the street(s) noted below, apparently in violation of Sec. 5-2-173.

Such realtor signs (usually by the same 3-4 realtors) have been posted on what appear to be public ways near or in Cameron Station virtually every weekend since Sec. 5-2-173 was adopted. I trust that this ordinance will be not only facially content-neutral, but also content-neutral in its application -- that is, it will be enforced against realtor signs, just as it is against political and religious signs. Please let me know if staff determines that this location is not a public way or if these signs are otherwise not violations of the ordinance. Please let me know if you need further information, such as an affidavit. I have sent (or will send) a notice of this violation to Alex Dambach, Alexandria's Division Chief -- Land Use Services. Thank you.

LOCATION: DUKE AND CAMERON STATION BLVD
PICTURE 1 OF 1

- Attachment: [IMG_2001.JPG](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 16

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Jackie Henderson

From: ghillson@yahoo.com via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Sunday, May 08, 2016 2:02 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96276: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council:

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 96276.

Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: ghillson@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council:

The sign(s) in the attached photographs were posted much of the afternoon of May 7, 2016, on what appears to be a public way along the street(s) noted below, apparently in violation of Sec. 5-2-173.

Such realtor signs (usually by the same 3-4 realtors) have been posted on what appear to be public ways virtually every Sunday since Sec. 5-2-173 was adopted. I trust that this ordinance will be not only facially content neutral, but also content neutral in its application -- that it will be enforced against realtor signs, just as it is against political and religious signs. Please let me know if staff determines that this location is not a public way or if these signs are otherwise not violations of the ordinance. Please let me know if you need further information, such as an affidavit. I have sent (or will send) a notice of this violation to Alex Dambach, Alexandria's Division Chief -- Land Use Services. Thank you.

LOCATION: Cameron Station Blvd & South Pickett St.

PHOTOGRAPH 1 OF 1

- Attachment: [IMG_1995.JPG](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 16

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Jackie Henderson

From: Podolsky Group <aaron@podolskygroup.com>
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2016 6:51 PM
To: Alex Dambach
Cc: Christia Webb; City Council; City Council Aides; Karl Moritz; Cicely Woodrow; Emily Baker
Subject: Re: Call.Click.Connect. Council Request (Signs in Public Right of Way)

I appreciate the heads up! It's definitely a start. Hopefully something can be worked out with the city and Cameron Station HOA for use of the median. I know Cameron Station HOA already maintains the area as far as landscaping, lawn maintenance, watering and possible other things. I as a resident bear that expense through my HOA dues, it would be great if the city could find a way to allow the HOA to have a say in signage for that specific strip, thru leaseback or something of the sort, at least for each Sunday. I appreciate the progress being made. Looking forward to a resolution

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On May 6, 2016, at 6:32 PM, Alex Dambach <alex.dambach@alexandriava.gov> wrote:

As a follow up to our recent response to your Call.Click.Connect inquiries, I want to inform you that an ordinance amendment regarding the prohibition against signs in rights of way is proposed to go before City Council for introduction on Tuesday, May 10 and for a public hearing on Saturday, May 14. The amendment would remove the language that allows any member of the public to remove a violating sign. A copy of the proposed ordinance amendment is attached.

You can see the docket for Tuesday's Council Meeting here: http://legistar.granicus.com/alexandria/meetings/2016/5/1466_A_City_Council_Legislative_Meeting_16-05-10_Docket.pdf

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Alex Dambach, AICP
Division Chief – Land Use Services
City of Alexandria
301 King Street, Rm 2100
Alexandria, VA 22314
Office: 703-746-3829

Mobile: 571-393-7339
alex.dambach@alexandriava.gov
www.alexandriava.gov

From: Christia Webb
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 9:03 AM
Cc: City Council; City Council Aides; Karl Moritz; Alex Dambach; Cicely Woodrow; Emily Baker
Subject: re: Call.Click.Connect. Council Request (Signs in Public Right of Way)

Thank you for contacting the City by way of Call.Click.Connect about the issue of right of way signs in Cameron Station. City staff is aware and concerned about this issue, and we wish to quickly find a resolution. Senior-level staff is meeting this week to go over alternatives to find a suitable solution. We will let you know as soon as we develop a workable solution based on the many issues this problem raises.

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Jackie Henderson

From: ghillson@yahoo.com via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2016 9:17 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #96180: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I understand that a vocal minority of re

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Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: ghillson@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I understand that a vocal minority of residents (likely realtors) is claiming that the new sign ordinance is somehow having a "negative effect" on Cameron Station because realtors are unable to post open house signs on city property. Such claims are disingenuous and have no basis, since there have been as many (or perhaps MORE) realtor signs posted on city property since the new ordinance came into effect! In other words, because the new ordinance has hardly been enforced, it's absurd to argue that it's somehow having a negative effect (or any effect) on Cameron Station. So I urge the Council to reject such claims. To the extent that Cameron Station property values are soft, that's likely caused by a variety of other factors having nothing to do with signs or the new ordinance.

I should also mention that for many of us, the issue is not about realtor signs per se -- it's about about the need to either allow ALL signs or NO signs. It's unfair to allow special exceptions just for realtors.

Thank you.

- Expected Response Date: Friday, May 13

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Jackie Henderson

From: Donna Gathers via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2016 5:30 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95994: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I'm sure you've received significant inp

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Donna Gathers
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 404-210-8659
- Email: dgathers@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I'm sure you've received significant input from my neighbors regarding the signage issue at Cameron Station and while I don't think I can add anything new I do want to go on record asking you to please revise the current legislation and allow signage for the real estate community and local events. If this means we need to allow all signs, many of which we find objectionable, I'd rather that then risk decreasing home values and the loss of our farmer's market. I recognize any legal change will take time and we are currently in what should be a very active spring housing market. In light of that I would like the city to consider a waiver of the signage restrictions for 90 days while you sort things out.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Donna Gathers

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, May 10

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Sent: Sunday, May 01, 2016 6:08 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95752: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council The sign(s) in the attached photograph w

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Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: ghillson@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: The sign(s) in the attached photograph were posted today (May 1, 2016) on a public way (location noted below), in violation of Sec. 5-2-173.

I assume that reporting these realtor signs in violation of Sec. 5-2-173 is futile, since I've been doing so now for over 8 weeks and the problem only seems to be getting worse, not better -- which suggests that either enforcement is not occurring or realtors simply don't care about being fined. In any event, I will continue to report these signs, if only to build a record. It's incredibly unfair that political, religious, and other expressive signs are not permitted on city property, but realtors continue to post their signs, apparently in violation of Sec. 5-2-173 and other applicable law.

To the extent that the offending parties are not identifiable from these pictures or other information is required to initiate enforcement, I am willing to provide an affidavit or other evidence, if requested.

** Please do let me know if the signs of which I complain are not posted on city property or if Sec. 5-2-173 somehow is not applicable to these signs. Thank you for your time.

LOCATION: CAMERON STATION BLVD.
PICTURE 3 OF 3 ATTACHED.

- Attachment: [IMG_1989.JPG](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 9

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Sent: Sunday, May 01, 2016 6:07 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95751: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council The sign(s) in the attached photograph w

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: ghillson@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: The sign(s) in the attached photograph were posted today (May 1, 2016) on a public way (location noted below), in violation of Sec. 5-2-173.

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LOCATION: CAMERON STATION BLVD.
PICTURE 2 OF 3 ATTACHED.

- Attachment: [IMG_1988.JPG](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 9

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Jackie Henderson

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Sent: Sunday, May 01, 2016 6:06 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95750: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council The sign(s) in the attached photograph w

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 95750.

Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: ghillson@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: The sign(s) in the attached photograph were posted today (May 1, 2016) on a public way (location noted below), in violation of Sec. 5-2-173.

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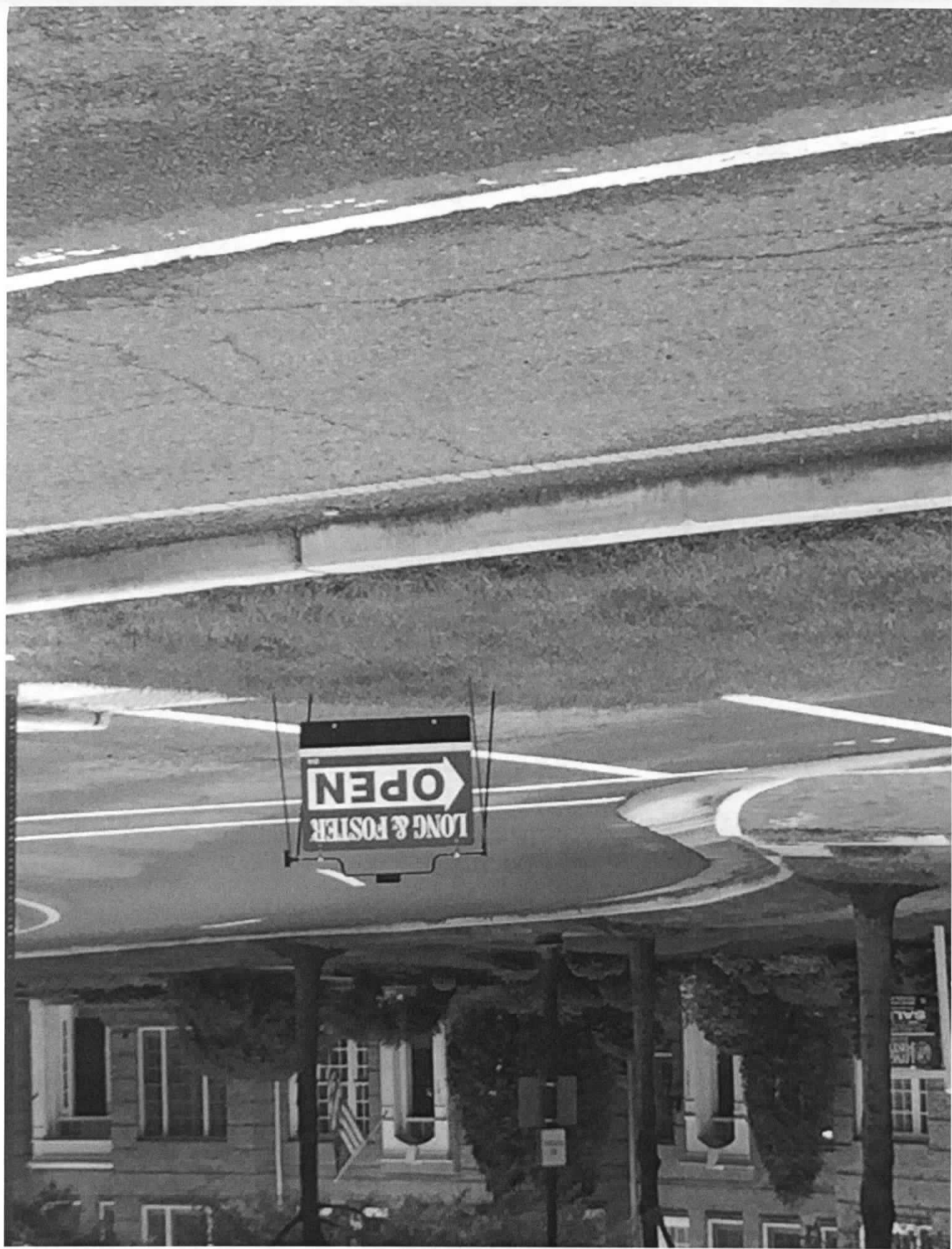
LOCATION: CAMERON STATION BLVD.
PICTURE 1 OF 3 ATTACHED.

- Attachment: [IMG_1987.JPG](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 9

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Jackie Henderson

From: Greg Hillson <ghillson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 01, 2016 3:58 PM
To: Alex Dambach
Cc: City Council; City Council Aides; Karl Moritz; Emily Baker; Christia Webb; Cicely Woodrow
Subject: Sign Ordinance Violations

Alex-

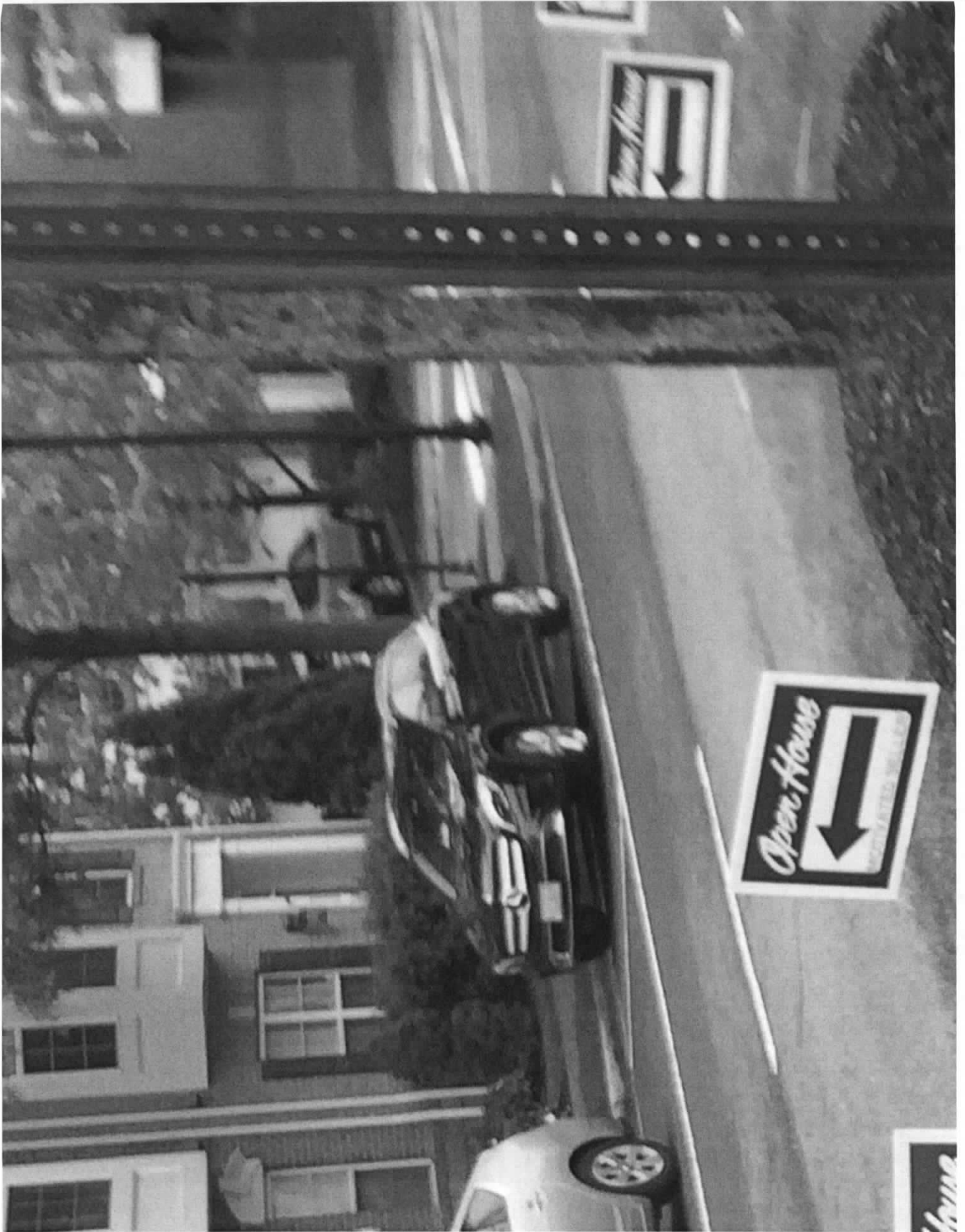
Attached are 3 pictures of the public way median along Cameron Station Blvd. from today. Apparently, some realtors aren't getting the word or simply don't care. To save us both a lot of time, please do let me know if this median that bisects Cameron Station Blvd is not a "public way" or otherwise does not fall under the ordinance prohibiting such signs.

The first picture contains signs that "cleverly" does not identify the realtor, but I have other pictures that indicate who that realtor is.

Again, happy to provide an affidavit or other evidence that you need to enforce the ordinance.

Will follow up with a CCC entry shortly so that you have a formal submission to track.

Thank you
Greg







Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 29, 2016, at 2:07 PM, Alex Dambach <alex.dambach@alexandriava.gov> wrote:

I recently got news that the Cameron Station Community Association changed its rules regarding signs on community property, so such signs would be permitted there.

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From: Greg Hillson [<mailto:ghillson@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 5:33 PM

To: Alex Dambach

Cc: City Council; City Council Aides; Karl Moritz; Emily Baker; Christia Webb; Cicely Woodrow

Subject: Re: Service Request 74492

Alex-

Thank you for your email. But my understanding of the city ordinance is that such signs are not permitted AT ALL on city property. Meanwhile, my understanding is that Cameron Station association rules also prohibit the posting of such signs. Therefore, there is no "compliant manner" in which these signs may be posted -- all such signs are necessarily prohibited in Cameron Station, period, either because they violate the city ordinance or because they violate the Association rules.

Please let me know if I'm mistaken about the city ordinance and if residents are indeed permitted to post their personal signs on city property in some particular manner.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2016, at 3:58 PM, Alex Dambach <alex.dambach@alexandriava.gov> wrote:

Mr. Hillson.

In response to the above-referenced service request, I want to let you know that we have been taking action in response to your e-mails by informing real estate agents of the placement requirements and addressing violations with them when they occur. Additionally, we are working with the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors and with the affected neighborhood associations to help ensure that open house signs are installed in an effective and compliant manner.

Jackie Henderson

From: Barbara Bolin via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2016 9:47 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95719: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council 267 Medlock Lane. I am in favor of chang

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 95719.

Request Details:

- Name: Barbara Bolin
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 865-387-6894
- Email: bobolin3@bellsouth.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: 267 Medlock Lane. I am in favor of changing the prohibition on open house signs in order to preserve property values, promote the farmers market, and publicize community events. I suggest deeding, leasing or exempting Cameron Station Blvd.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 9

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Jackie Henderson

From: Ana Maria Keating via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 6:23 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95569: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Good Afternoon,I am a resident of Ca

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Ana Maria Keating
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 847-877-4376
- Email: amwak5@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Good Afternoon,

I am a resident of Cameron Station and I am very concern about the lack of "open house" signs that are not being allowed for the advertisement of real estate on Sundays. I understand that there is a universal law, but this a) was not the intended purpose and b) has a very direct impact of the property value of CS residents. When houses sit on the market because lack of visible advertisement and direction, we all loose. Cameron Station is a very unique neighborhood, not designed easily to identify side and back streets without signage. Not all buyers are computer savvy to check every Sunday for multiple listings. We are a community that is best appreciated with drive by and curb appeal. We already lost a buyer because they came on Sunday and saw no signs for open houses and drove away. I wonder how much revenue will the city loose for lack of real estate transactions. I would welcome a response to this question.

We would sincerely appreciate your consideration in rendering an immediate "90 day waiver" to the enforcement of this law, so as to be able to evaluate a proper solution. It is my understanding that so far there is only one Cameron Station resident doing the job of "patrol" removing signs. In fact we understand that this single individual is the sole objector in ALL of Alexandria. It is amazing that in this day that "overseer" can hold hostage a community. We sincerely appreciate your assistance in listening to the majority of residents, as a perfect representation of democracy.

Needless to say no visible signage it also will have an impact on the Farmers Market if they cannot advertise that they are open for business. We all loose.

Thank you for your attention and for our "sense" of urgency in helping our community.

Sincerely,

Ana Maria Keating

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 5

Jackie Henderson

From: Brian Sundin via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 2:39 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sittton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95552: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council GreetingsI live in Cameron Station and

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 95552.

Request Details:

- Name: Brian Sundin
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7033469237
- Email: sundin4@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Greetings
I live in Cameron Station and overall enjoy living in Alexandria. Recently an issue of signage on city property has caused much angst in the neighborhood. I do not miss the political signs , but am concerned that community events are not allowed to be announced via small temporary signs in the median of Camerson Station Blvd. These signs were quite helpful. Request that you allow these temporary community info signs as well as Open House signs on Sunday's. I hear that the lack of Open House signs is having a negative affect on real estate - as a tax payer I strongly support Open House signs that facilitate prospect buyers to find homes in Cameron Station. Thank you for your consideration.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 5

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Jackie Henderson

From: Deborah Routt via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 12:51 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95535: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am a Cameron Station resident. Have be

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Deborah Routt
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 8608365624
- Email: dcroutt@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am a Cameron Station resident. Have been here for 6 years. I am highly offended that one resident is attempting to "call the shots" over signage in/around our neighborhood. We need to know which properties are for sale, to keep and/or increase our property values. The current construction on Edsall/Pickett is a hindrance to those looking at the area for home purchases. We also enjoy a vibrant community with a strong neighborly commitment. So we should be able to post signs about community events right here in Cameron Station -- movie nights, fundraisers for Tucker Elementary at the Indian restaurant, etc. We also VERY much need to have and promote the Farmers Market this summer. So please please please consider an exemption for Cameron Station to post Cameron Station-specific signs throughout our neighborhood. This will help keep our neighborhood vibrant, engaged and supporters of the greater Alexandria community.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 5

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From: Eric Veres via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 11:14 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sittton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95521: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Hello,I am writing to express my con

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Request Details:

- Name: Eric Veres
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 4109799929
- Email: everes@gibsondunn.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hello,

I am writing to express my concern at the implications that the City's "no-sign" ordinance has had on my community, Cameron Station. My understanding is that this ordinance was never intended to be enforced within Cameron Station, but that a single, lone complainant has flooded both our local community board and the City of Alexandria with complaints about signs, and has even decided to take the law into his own hands by removing posted signs. To my knowledge, this individual is the only person in the entire City of Alexandria who has a problem with the posting of non-political signs in common areas of our community.

Many institutions within our community rely on the ability to post signs to advertise their wonderful events. Most prominently, the West End Farmer's Market, which brings vitality, business, and enjoyment to our community each spring and summer, would be decimated if it were not allowed to post signs advertising the dates on which it takes place. Similarly, local realtors have noted that attendance at open houses has been abysmal since this community vigilante started removing signs and threatening those who post them with legal action. This affects every single member of our community, as it will no doubt have a negative impact on the value of our homes.

I urge you to take immediate action to redress this situation, and create legal safe haven for those who wish to post innocuous signs in the common areas of Cameron Station. The local vigilante, also a prominent government enforcement attorney, may lack common sense, but he does not lack intelligence, and he is draining the resources of our community through his anti-sign campaign, including through multiple emails per day to the local board registering complaints about signs. Without formal, legal redress, there does not seem to be any amicable resolution in sight.

I have attached a picture of a sign that this confused, albeit clearly motivated individual left on a realtor sign advertising an upcoming open house for a home that had just gone on the market.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you in further detail.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Eric A. Veres

- Attachment: [Message Left by Vigilante on Open House Sign.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 5

Jackie Henderson

From: Sandra Troutman via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 8:47 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95489: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please amend the City's sign rules.C

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Request Details:

- Name: Sandra Troutman
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 714 296-2226
- Email: sitroutman@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please amend the City's sign rules.

Cameron Station community is being negatively impacted by the City's sign rule. Cameron Station realtors can no longer post open house signs; the Farmer's Market, which promotes healthy eating, can no longer post directional signs so people can find it; and that the community events committee cannot post signs about neighborhood events.

My understanding is that one person is creating havoc and that it is impacting city resources. I realize that this is an unfortunate unintended consequence of the City rules. However, it needs to be dealt with and quickly. (It is a sad day when only 3 people show up to an open house and the Farmer's Market has to close because, without proper signage, no one knows it is there.)

Please amend the rules; and, if this cannot be done in an expedient manner, please consider a waiver until they can be amended.

I have lived in Cameron Station for 12 years. It is sad to see the impact of the signage rules and realize that Cameron Station may no longer be able to flourish because of an unintended consequence. This is a crazy situation. Please help us.

Respectfully,
Sandra Troutman

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 5

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Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 9:54 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95460: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am a resident of Cameron Station and I

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Request Details:

- Name: patricia sugrue
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-566-6721
- Email: sugrue@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am a resident of Cameron Station and I wish to request that the city come up with a solution for allowing signage in the city-owned medians, parks, streets, etc. that are inside Cameron Station. People selling homes are suffering because potential buyers cannot find their way to the houses; the West End Farmer's Market opens Sunday and if it can't be advertised outside our walls, people won't come, farmers won't come, and the market will shut down; and we have many social events that require signage throughout the neighborhood.

We also have a resident here who seems to think he can remove or deface signs he deems "illegal." This vigilante behavior is outrageous! If I find a car parked illegally on my street, I cannot have it towed or write a message on it! He is also harassing the HOA office and the city with endless phone calls, and I understand he is the ONLY person in the entire city behaving as such.

I was unable to attend our board meeting last night when many residents spoke in support of appropriate signage and an end to vigilante behavior. At the meeting the suggestion was made for the city to allow a 90-day waiver of the no-sign rule to help prevent further damage to our community while the city looks into how to solve this problem, which I understand could take the city months. I support anything the city can do to solve this problem. Thank you.

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, May 4

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Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 4:42 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95456: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I just want to express my support for re

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Request Details:

- Name: David & Stephanie Thorpe
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 561-282-7000
- Email: david@thorpehomes.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I just want to express my support for realtors, the farmers market, and the Cameron Station Events & Activities committee, to be able to place their weekly open house & directional signage in our Cameron Station common areas with approval from the CS Magement's office. Without these weekly signs supporting healthy community growth as well as supporting our property values, I feel the special charm of living in Cameron Station will slowly slip away. As witnessed last night at our CS monthly board meeting, this issue is on our front burner and we appreciate your understanding and assistance moving forward.

David & Stephanie Thorpe
5072 Grimm Dr, Cameron Station
561-282-7000
571-312-8066

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, May 4

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Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 4:42 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95455: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Although signs in the right of way were

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Request Details:

- Name: Mindy Lyle
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-212-4735
- Email: mindylyle@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Although signs in the right of way were not permitted before the recent passage of the sign ordinance there was very little/no enforcement. The recent changes have created a major issue in Cameron Station. Our real estate open house traffic and sales have dropped to close to zero. The homes currently under contract were on the market in early March. We currently have 17 houses on the market with an additional 20 expected to hit in May. If the current conditions hold our values will fall as people drop prices to compensate for lack of traffic.

In addition, we are no longer able to advertise community events.

Unlike most parts of the city we have very little private space. And unlike most parts of the city we have one person; Greg Hillson, who is filing complaints daily with City Staff and the HOA in Cameron Station. The HOA passed a resolution last night allowing signage on common area space; however most common area space is not visible from a car or Cameron Station Blvd. In the past, realtors have relied on directional signs to alert people to open houses. Use GPS from an ad; but, many of our streets do not show up on some versions of GPS because they are private streets. We need immediate help from you to resolve this issue.

In the next phase of the sign ordinance there is a directive to not allow any A frame signs. Our condo buildings are facing city streets and the only place to advertise that there is an open house in those buildings is by a small A frame on the sidewalk. You can be certain that if this passes Mr. Hillson will begin complaining on June 1.

I never realized that one rule and one vigilante could totally tear a community apart but this is what is happening. 50 people showed up at the HOA board meeting last night to complain and ask for help. Alex Dambach was kind enough to try to give people answers but that was not enough. We need action immediately. Is there a way for Cameron Station to lease the median space on Cameron Station Blvd from the City? We already maintain all of the City property in our neighborhood.

Any solutions are appreciated.

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, May 4

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Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 3:27 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95443: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Regarding: Cameron Station Signage on Ca

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Request Details:

- Name: Aaron Podolsky
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-271-3050
- Email: aaron@podolskygroup.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Regarding: Cameron Station Signage on Cameron Station Blvd right of way. As a 13 year homeowner and an active realtor in the neighborhood (selling 20+ homes a year in the neighborhood) I have gotten extremely concerned that lack of signage will have an adverse affect on the sale of homes and potentially harm values in the long run. Cameron Station is a unique neighborhood as you are aware. On any given Sunday there are 5-15 open houses. The norm has been home seekers will come on a Sunday and go from one open to the next. Generally they didn't intend to visit multiple homes, but once they arrive and are able to follow the directionals, many end up visiting multiple homes when they were just attending one. This allows for a greater opportunity and visibility for other homes in the neighborhood to garner traffic and hopefully secure a sale. Without signage, some less visible homes will get passed over and may miss out on a potential sale.

It seems that one particular individual (Greg Hillson) has an extremely strong view that isn't consistent with the greater community in regards to signage. I do also understand there are current rules in place that doesn't allow for signage on right of ways. That said, the short period of time when signs are up on a Sunday 12-5pm and the fact that the speed limit is 25 mph and that Cameron Station Blvd isn't a highway or thoroughway of sort, I could only assume that some directional signage shouldn't have an effect on drivers visibility or ability to safely drive the road.

I appreciate your time and efforts and would love to see if there is some type of compromise or exception that could be made for the few hours on each Sunday so that not only are my clients home prices not adversely affecting but also that my own home isn't adversely affected by not allowing a directional sign to guide visitors through the community to find their new home.

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, May 4

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Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 10:04 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95377: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Viligante and sign ordinance are ruining

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Request Details:

- Name: Chris Wolforth
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 978-766-4807
- Email: chriswolforth@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Viligante and sign ordinance are ruining business in Cameron Station. We had an HOA meeting last night to discuss the topic of one community member Greg Hilson who goes around every Sunday and takes pictures of signs and calls city hall every week. Farmers market and Open house attendance is down since people aren't allowed to put signs up on Sundays. ALL community members at the meeting want a resolution! One idea was to lease the median space to the Cameron Station HOA so the HOA would have control of allowing signs or not.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, May 4

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From: Robert Burns via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 9:58 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95352: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Good evening and thank you for all that

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Request Details:

- Name: Robert Burns
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-380-5098
- Email: robertbruceburns@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Good evening and thank you for all that you do for the City. I am writing to object to the current ordinance recently adopted regulating right of way signage. I object to citizens being able to remove these signs which seems counter to what should be allowed particularly without notice period. I also believe there should be a method to allow for community event signs and open house signs that would limit the amount of time placed - for instance, 24 to 48 hours. Please amend this ordinance to make it more reasonable and workable for commerce in the City
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, May 3

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From: ghillson@yahoo.com via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2016 12:44 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95090: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Once again, real estate agents posting s

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Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: ghillson@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Once again, real estate agents posting signs on public right aways in Cameron Station, in violation of Sec. 5-2-173. This is one of the same handful of agents who disregard the ordinance every weekend with impunity. KellerWilliams Realty.

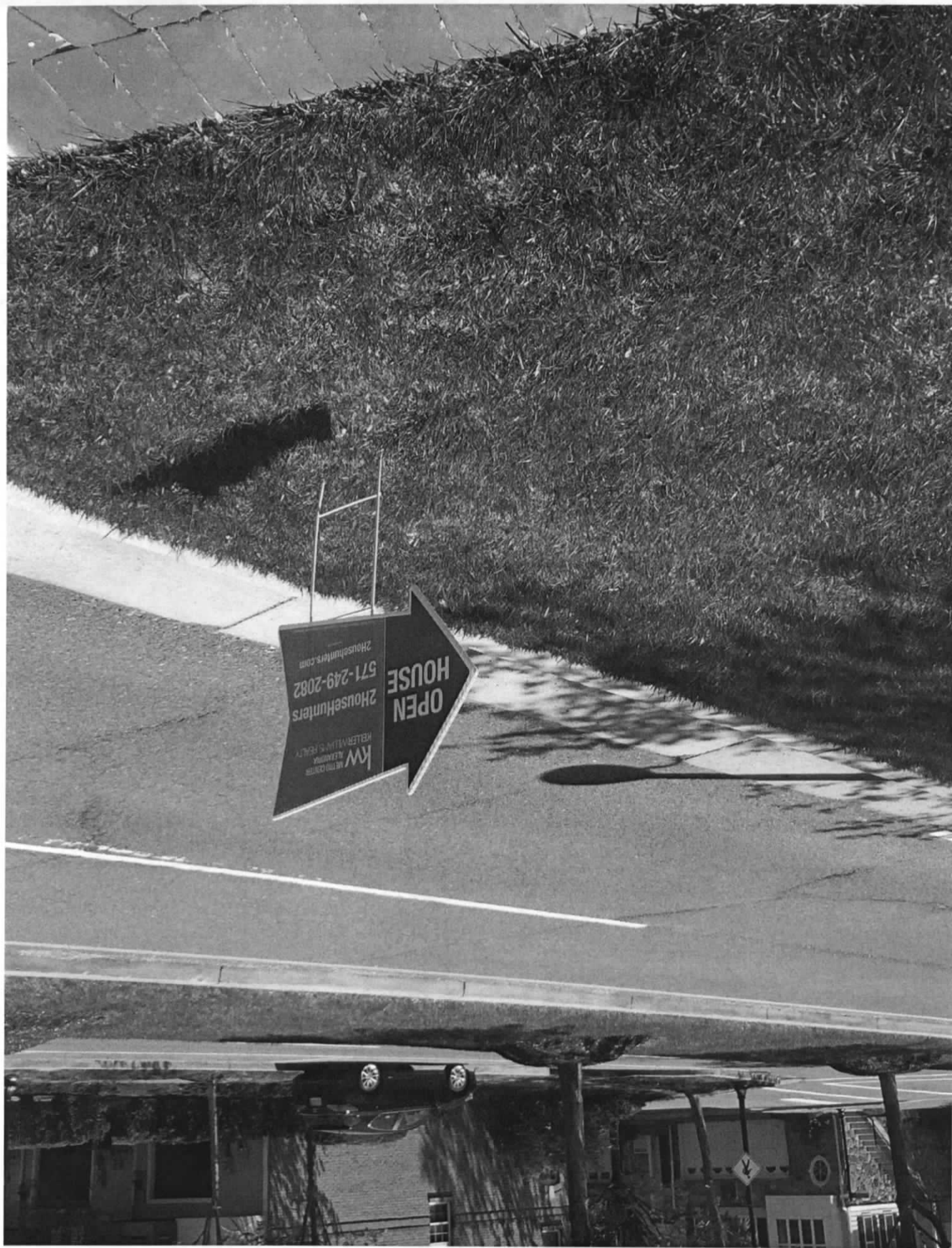
Picture: Cameron Station Blvd.

- Attachment: [IMG_1972.JPG](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 2

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Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2016 12:43 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #95089: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Once again, real estate agents posting s

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Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: ghillson@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Once again, real estate agents posting signs on public right aways in Cameron Station, in violation of Sec. 5-2-173. This is one of the same handful of agents who disregard the ordinance every weekend with impunity. KellerWilliams Realty.

Picture: on Somerville Road

- Attachment: [IMG_1971.JPG](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 2

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Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2016 4:30 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #94495: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council For at least 7 weeks now, there have bee

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Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: ghillson@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: For at least 7 weeks now, there have been real estate agent "open house" signs posted on a public way along city streets in Cameron Station, in violation of Sec. 5-2-173. Although I understand that staff has only limited enforcement resources, it appears that the new sign ordinance is not being enforced against real estate agents. Even though staff may not work on the weekends (when real estate agents tend to violate this law), I trust that when a resident reports a violation, and provides pictures or other evidence of the violation, this is sufficient to initiate enforcement. Please let me know if that's not the case -- because that would be mean that the new ordinance effectively does not apply on the weekends, or will not be enforced against violations that occur on the weekends, which would favor certain "speech" that happens to occur on weekends.

Attached are pictures of violations from today. Thank you.

LOCATION: CAMERON STATION BLVD

- Attachment: [cs blvd various.JPG](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 25

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