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Subject: hotel

Date: Fri, May 12, 2017 10:57 pm

the petition

300 citizens who live with 3 or 4 blocks of the proposed hotel. some are employees working in the immediate area

surrounding the area where the hotel is planned are numerous closed buildings will this hotel improve this economic area of closed shops and buildings? no it will not

traffic will be a major problem 4 or 0.5 per room has been lowered from 0.7 124 rooms 24 has been set aside for the bookkeepers in the next building which is to be sold to the developers, restaurant will have 90 seats but no parking will be provided for their guest. a parking garage will be built under the existing parking lot with 4 spots reserved for the management underground garage will have 80 parking spaces

two way street entering Harvard st to alley so that cars and trucks can enter.. section of the street is proposed to be widened for two ways coming and going. this is not needed. trucks etc can enter from Cameron street and arrive and leave behind the houses on the even side of the street no entrance signs for guests and trucks

entering and leaving the resident area of the street.
no sign changes increasing time a non sticker can
can park. time limit now is 2 hours

4 mature trees on Harvard street will be destroyed the
entrance is wide enough. widening the street will cause
the loss of 4 or 5 cars ,parking space a sidewalk
bricks as well as a proposed bike rack are not needed
on a residential syterery a gikfg os street lights is also
suggested by the developers. not needed lights are
already on the street/

providing utilities, gas, water, sewerage have not been
mentioned by the e elopers but it is assumed that
further surface damage will be done tgo the street to
accommodate this. Alexandria already has a sewerage
prob lem so why add another problem to it with hotel
flushings.

If I do not want a hotel there then what do I and
citizens: want a small theater. a 7 ll a sex bookshop.
a pet food store, a pet hotel, a small nurse, doctor
clinic , the latter insrtead of a visit tgo the Nova clinic
hospsital, a sitting room forf th eelderly or handicapped
to rest; all of these stores can be placed in the naval
reserve building t the 1600block, azll needed but not
suggested by the developers. they si mply wantg to
destroy the old building to make a\way for another
hotel the new brick for the hotel is suggested to be a

light color instead of red or black brick buildings entering old town should be of a traditional red color.

developers have said the hotel is needed to take in more and more tourist leaving and coming from the metro or buses metro trains have been tracked and the metro board has already announced a larger increase in new fares. at one street meeting I asked developers to raise their hands if anyone had come to the meeting by metro or public bus. Not one hand was raised. tourist visited to old town Alexandria are in decline as well as shops along king street seems more and more are closing, going on lie or just going out of business. tourist and business people are going over the national harbor instead of hanging around King street. I predict this hotel if approved will not get the type of business it thinks it should get. I also predict if it comes it will be sold within three years. just like Kempton was bought by Lorien

We are tax paying citizens of Alexandria, living in this community many of us have made significant financial contributions to the city tax base thus for us, and what destruction this hotel will bring to Harvard street will be a disaster to an old and beautiful entrance way to Old Town agree with citizens who have voted you into your office and not to developers support people not profit Say no to this hotel now.

Saving history in the City of Alexandria seems to be something that Planning & Zoning, Planning Commission, City Council members seem to be forgetting about. Our city was once and really still is a very important part of history for the east coast. Our city once thrived with soldiers, with slaves, with people from all walks of life. We have old buildings, old cemeteries, history, we have what people come to our city as tourists to see. I have lived in this city for more than 20 years now and I have watched as building after building, historical buildings have been torn down to be replaced with new modern buildings. Don't you realize by taking away our past we will no longer be a historical city? At the corner of Harvard and King Streets we have only one building left that is almost 100 years old. The Naval Reserve Building. This building was originally built in 1928, it was built as an apartment building, it had tenants. Just down from this building was a very large ball field which could hold up to 1,000 people who came to watch the ball games. There had been a number of car dealers. The building was gutted in 1985 when it became home to the Naval Reserve Association. The building remained with the same bricks and mortar it was just gutted and turned into an office building. It is still a beautiful building. Planning & Zoning, and the Planning Commission have now approved the destruction of this beautiful building and replacing it with a 6 story tall, 124 room hotel. This plan will destroy Harvard Street, the developer is not even providing parking for its employees. Have any of you seen Harvard Street? It's a very lovely tree lined narrow, one way street. In the spring the street is just beautiful. The developer wants to destroy it by taking away 5 parking spaces and widening the street from the corner of King to the alleyway behind the current building, making this section of Harvard a two way street. Years ago Harvard was a two way street, the neighbors fought to make it one way. There is no room for two way here, not now, not in the future. The proposed hotel will overshadow all the homes on Harvard Street. Half of Harvard Street is historical under the Parker Gray Historical District. The other half of the street has not yet been declared historical although there are several houses that are near or older than 100 years. The Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council members need to declare the Naval Reserve Building as historical. You need to postpone the plan for a hotel on this corner. We need to preserve our history, not destroy our city. This is the entrance to our city, rather than a hotel, maybe turn this building into a Welcome Center where our tourists can come and gain information on the history of our city, on the sites to be seen.

King St. Metro / Eisenhower Ave. Small Area Plan

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HEIGHT RECOMMENDATIONS -

As shown on Map 22 existing by right height allowances in the study area are generally 77 feet or 150 feet. In the King Street Station Height District, heights up to 82 feet are allowed if first floor retail uses are provided. Properties zoned CO and M-3 can construct buildings up to 150 feet by right. The proposed building heights are shown on Map 23. The major points are as follows:

Jeff
Larrimore

- * The King Street Height District, with its 77 foot height limit, would be maintained and would still allow up to 82 feet with first floor retail.
- * Heights along King Street would be limited to 50 feet; additional height must be set back from the street wall, subject to site plan review.
- * Heights east of Peyton Street and in the Old and Historic Alexandria District would be limited to 50 feet.
- * Building heights of up to 150 feet are generally acceptable in the Cameron Run Valley portion of the study area, except for buildings fronting Eisenhower Avenue. Building heights above 150 feet need to be scrutinized (through the Special Use Permit Process) to determine their relationship to the George Washington Masonic Memorial and other buildings nearby.
- * Heights along Eisenhower Avenue would be limited to 77 feet; additional height must be set back from the street wall, subject to site plan review. Portions of buildings over 77 feet should be set back at least 85 feet from the centerline of the street.
- * Heights within the Duke Street Coordinated Development District would be allowed up to 200 feet with 250 feet for the Federal Courthouse, subject to the other height restrictions stated in the Plan and to CDD review.
- * Heights within the Eisenhower Avenue CDD would be allowed up to 200 feet, except that projects within 1000 feet of the metro may be considered for a height bonus up to a total maximum of 250 feet if combined with a meaningful affordable housing program approved by City Council.

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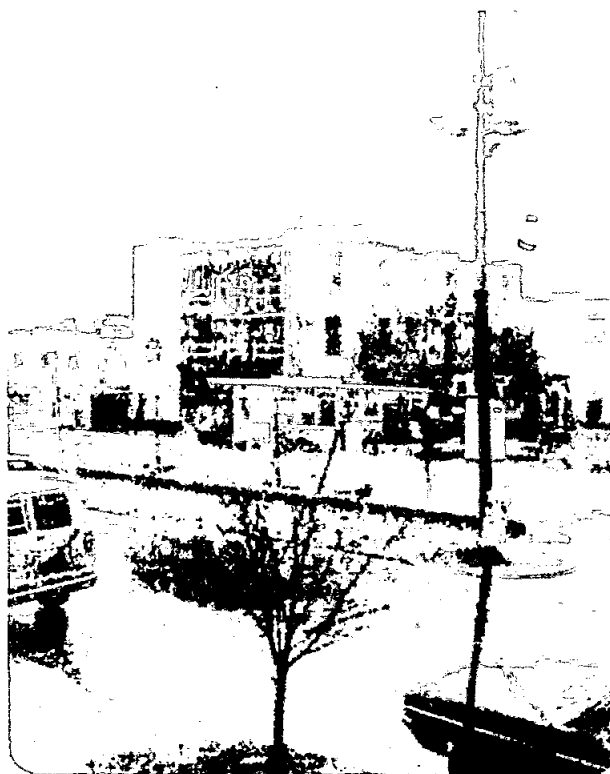
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- Email: beatrice.a.porter-gruel.ctr@mail.mil
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members, find attached information regarding the proposed hotel at the corner of Harvard & King Streets. We have gathered a lot of information and have a petition. This will be coming before you on the docket Saturday, May 13. I know we have supplied a lot of information, but you need to know how many people actually oppose this hotel as proposed. As your website could not accept the complete document, I have scanned it into four parts. Bea Porter
- Attachment: Hotel petition %26 history part 4.pdf
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, May 16

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...their transition from the military."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 16
ahead. We are lucky to have Allison leading our city during such challenging times in our country.

Kileen Cassidy Rivera
Former School Board Member,
Alexandria City Public Schools

More Glass For Old Town?

To the Editor:

Several years ago, I advised the Alexandria City Council that the all-glass building at the Edmonson Plaza was totally out of place in the Old and Historic District, and that it served as a signal to use glass elsewhere in this district, specifically at the North and South Robinson Terminals. The city's planning staff and most of the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) are apparently taken with the idea of more glass in the historic district, since they want to approve another massive all-glass develop-

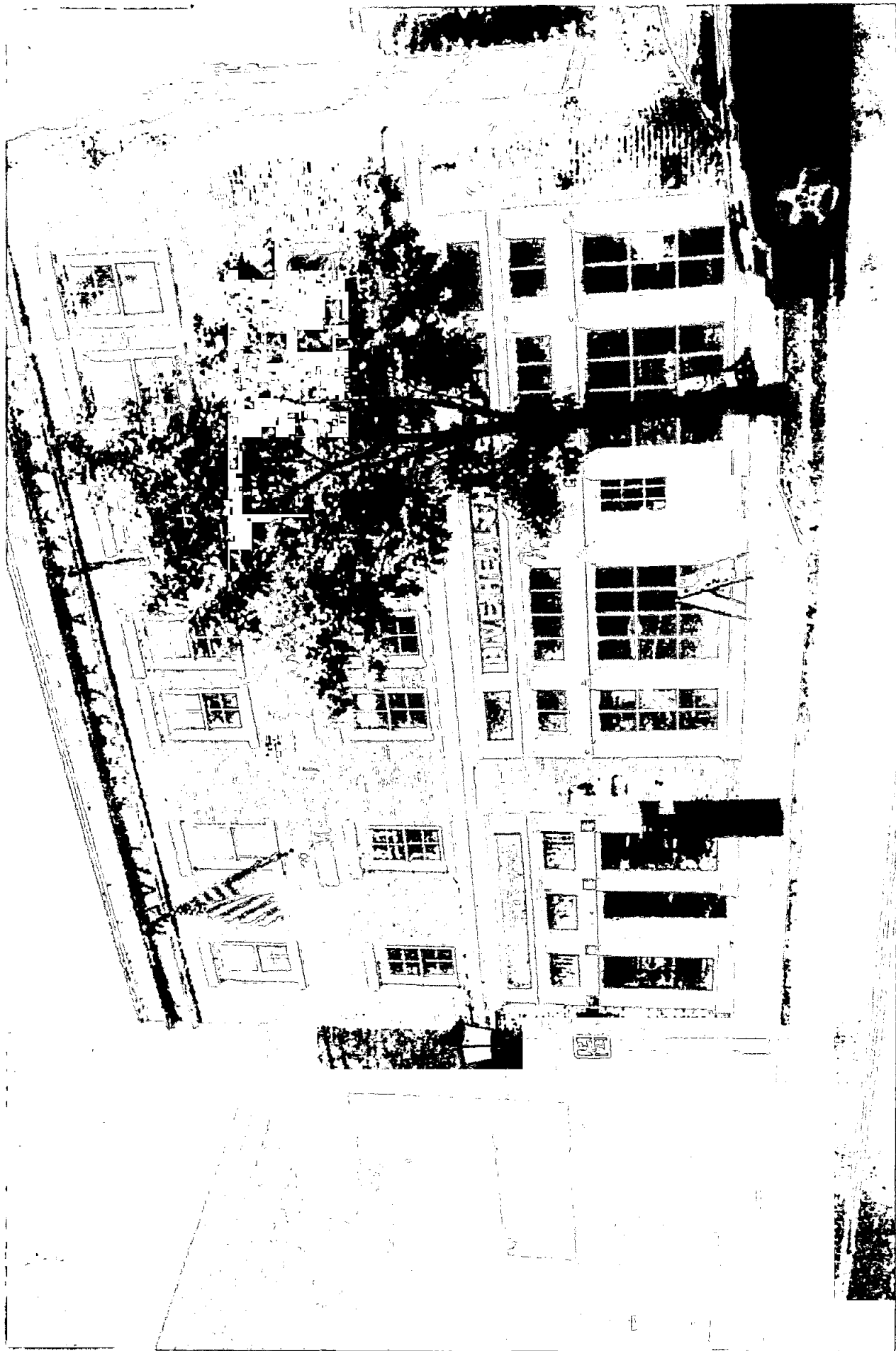
ment for a 56-unit condominium building (King Street Gateway Project) located at 1604 to 1616 King Street. This particular development would be located directly in back of five town houses that were built in 1912. To their credit, at least two BAR members have expressed deep concern that this latest glass project is not in keeping with a historic district that is predominantly red brick. Obviously, the BAR will revisit this development again before it hits the Planning Commission and council.

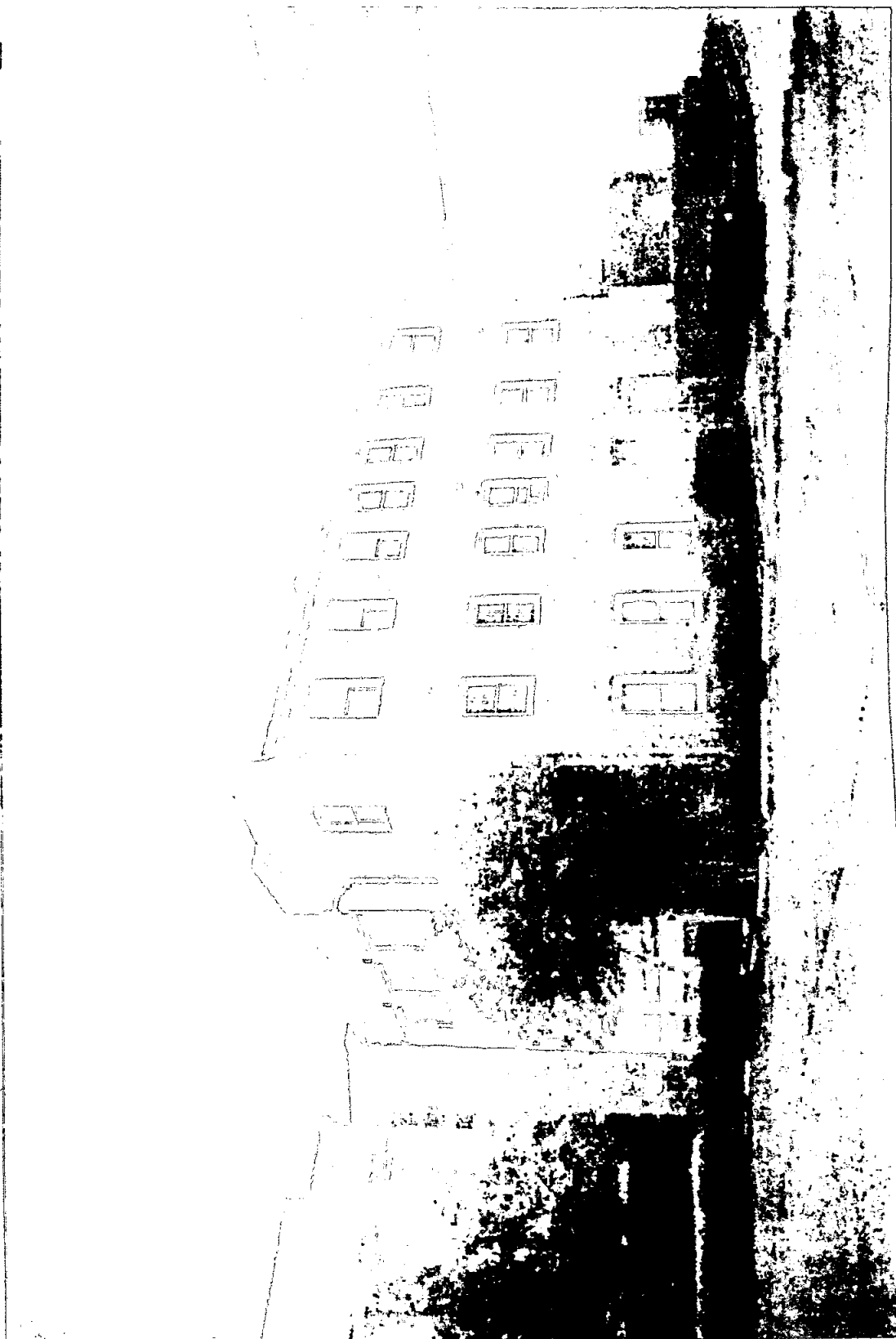
Those of us who live in the Old and Historic District are concerned that an infusion of structures that are predominantly glass dilutes the character of the Old and Historic District. If this second all-glass development is approved, it is another yet another nail in the Old and Historic District coffin. At this rate, the Old and Historic District will soon be little more than a few scattered buildings to remind us of days gone by. The example of Chinatown in the District of Columbia comes to mind, where only the name of the district, the ornate Chinese Gate, and a few Chinese businesses remain, next to the Goethe Institute, Hooters, and Potbelly Sandwiches. As in the case of Chinatown (where tourists are bemused and confused by its transformation), the Old and Historic District may become a distant memory sooner than later. Once eradicated, it is difficult to restore the essence and atmosphere of a particular district.

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am attaching a note regarding the proposed hotel at the corner of Harvard & King Streets. I hope you will read this and agree to save the current Naval Reserve building at this location.
- Attachment: [Hotel note to Mayors and Council Members.doc](#)
- Expected Response Date: Friday, April 21

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April 14, 2017

Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, and City Council Members, today I am writing to you regarding the proposed hotel at the corner of Harvard and King Streets. Currently we have a very nice building standing on that corner, the Naval Reserve Association building. Myself and Jim Melton met a year ago with Mayor Silberberg and Del Pepper to inform them of the upcoming proposal. The developers will go before Planning & Zoning on Tuesday, May 2 to present their plans and receive comments from the neighbors surrounding this site.

The current building was built in 1928 as an apartment building which by 1930-32, housed at least 8 apartments with tenants. The building was gutted and renovated in 1985 when the Naval Reserve Association took ownership of the building. You are probably aware of the Health Department on St. Asaph Street, this building was recently gutted and renovated to become housing. Its beautiful. The same thing can happen again to the Naval Reserve Building. Not to long ago, the Brabo Restaurant and the Lorient Hotel were built but in order to save part of the building City Council declared the building historic. The Naval Reserve building is 89 years old now which by the City's count makes it show of being historic by only 11 years. Half of Harvard Street is historic at this time, but the houses on the side of the street where the building is, some are already historic even though that side of the street has not been declared. We would like to request this building be declared historic and preserved. I know the developer has already submitted their SUP and Planning & Zone have approved this plan to destroy the building and build a 6-7 story tall hotel with 124 rooms. This building should be kept and incorporated in whatever is built on that space. So much of our history in the City is being destroyed with redevelopment, it's a sin.

The developer is proposing to develop the full corner where this building sits which will overshadow all of the homes on Harvard Street. With the upcoming construction of a 7 story condominium just behind the row of townhouses at the end of Harvard Street this will be way to much for this end of King Street. We already have 4 hotels on King Street with another 3 or so just a couple of blocks away. We don't need another hotel. This building, the Naval Reserve building should be returned to its original status of an apartment building. Even if this site is to become something bigger than what it is, it should not be higher than 4 stories, the current building is 3 stories and could be incorporated into whatever is next.

They are also proposing to change Harvard Street from being a one-way street to having it two-way to the alley that is behind the building. By making that part two-way, they will be taking away street parking from the residents, which is a very precious commodity and we, the residents pay to have it. If the street is partially two way how can it be monitored to keep people from going the wrong direction or even cutting through the alley to get out on Cameron Street. They are proposing to only have 58 valet parking spaces below grade, with no parking allotted for any of the employees, whether they work in the hotel or the restaurant, which means their employees will be seeking parking anywhere they can, which means in the residential areas of both Harvard and Cameron Streets. Because the hours will vary for employees that will mean they will need parking pretty much 24/7. This does not even include the customers that will come to the hotel. You know that parking is quite an issue in our City. Providing the building is restored to an apartment building there would be less traffic coming and going along these streets which would be a better plan than to have the constant motion of traffic from visitors at the hotel and delivery trucks that will be constantly coming and going. There are many many reasons to not have

another hotel, and certainly not to have it at this particular corner. I know the developer will be before City Council on May 13, my hope is that we will have a number of concerned citizens showing up to give you their reasons to preserve this building and to not allow another oversized hotel at this end of King Street. Jim Melton and I have been collecting signatures on a petition to preserve this building, we will have it to you all before the May 13 hearing. I hope you will all agree with us and allow us to save this little part of history. George Washington never slept in this building but a lot of other people have. We have collected a lot of history surrounding this corner and the building. I look forward to presenting this information to you. Thank you for listening. Bea Porter, 1727 Cameron Street

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From: Gloria Sitton
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 12:49 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Fwd: City Counsel Hearing on May 13, 2017-Proposed Construction of a Hotel at King and Harvard Streets.

This lady sent this letter for the King Street hotel item for Council. Do you want me to forward it to Council?

Gloria

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kathleen Fitzgerald <hoosierfitz@aol.com>
Date: May 12, 2017 at 11:36:24 AM EDT
To: Gloria.Sitton@alexandriava.gov
Subject: City Counsel Hearing on May 13, 2017-Proposed Construction of a Hotel at King and Harvard Streets.

Sent from my iPad

I Kathleen Fitzgerald have lived at 107 Harvard Street since 1989. Harvard Street is a quiet little one-way street one block from the King Street Metro station. It is one of the most charming streets on our end of town. Now a large hotel is proposed to be constructed on a vacant lot at the corner of King and Harvard Streets and the destruction of three small buildings to the west of it.

Although Harvard Street is not in an historic district, historic maps indicate that the construction property is in the immediate vicinity of a small domestic complex which predates the Civil War and may date to the eighteenth century. The Baggett family occupied the property throughout much of the 19th century. According to the Archaeology Department, it has the potential to contain archaeological materials "which could provide insight into the development of the outskirts of Old Town Alexandria in the nineteenth century."

According to an article in the Alexandria Gazette dated February 24, 1920, the houses on the east side of Harvard Street were constructed to solve the housing problem "for those new citizens who are coming to Alexandria to work for the Naval Torpedo Station now beginning operations here..."

It is my understanding that the 50 or 60 foot front on King Street far exceeds the height limit of 37 feet set forth in the guidelines of the

King Street Retail Plan. How did that happen?

Parking will be a nightmare. There will be limited underground parking at \$35 per day for employees, hotel guests and restaurant customers. I would guess that people who wish to avoid paying for parking will park on Harvard Street. I would recommend that residential parking only be required.

As a resident, I have the following concerns. Prior to beginning construction, it is my hope that the company will inspect all of our houses on the street to determine original condition. On the east side of the street, they were constructed in 1920. The foundations are brick and terra cotta tile. The original walls were plaster but some have been replaced or covered with plaster board. The house adjacent to the alley across the street and closest to the construction site is also almost 100 years old. The requirement to return the properties to their original condition must be mandated. In my opinion, this large project should not be approved due to the fragility of the structures on this street. Of course, we know something will be built in this space but this large project reminds me of trying to force Cinderella's stepsister's foot into her shoe. It does not fit!

In addition, there are underground streams in this area. The Hilton Hotel encountered this problem and it is said that it is constructed like a ship. The Hampton Inn across the street also had water problems during construction. I remember seeing water rushing onto King Street at that time. I am sure engineers on this project are aware of this and will make every effort to keep water out of our basements. If something like this would happen, they must be held accountable.

The Metro station has been surrounded by hotels. We have three in one block of Harvard Street. This hotel lacks charm. The Lorient Hotel has beautiful architecture which fits well in Alexandria. The Hilton did a pretty good job of blending into the area for a hotel of that size. Does Alexandria have a plan for this end of town? In last Sunday's Washington Post, there were ads for four story elevator town houses in Leesburg and Harbor Place which would be perfect for this area. Of course, zoning would need to be changed. Perhaps, these houses could be connected to the proposed condominium across the street. We need a plan !! This hotel can find another location in our city. The residential streets to the south of King Street need protection from inappropriate commercial buildings. Let's protect the historic atmosphere which makes Alexandria so special.

In addition, Harvard Street is being asked to solve the traffic pattern for the hotel. The proposal is to make Harvard two way up to the alley for their delivery trucks and valet parking vehicles. They want to remove three grown trees which our neighborhood association purchased and planted years ago. They propose to widen the street there and remove parking spaces on one side of the street. The question is what kind of atmosphere do you want on this end of town. What is your plan?

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From: Stephanie Landrum <landrum@alexecon.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 5:57 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Mark Jinks; Emily Baker; Jackie Henderson; Karl Moritz; Robert Kerns
Subject: AEDP support of two items on your Saturday, May 13th docket
Attachments: King Street Hotel Scorecard- 0517.pdf; AEDP Letter of Support to CC- Fitzgerald Square 051317.pdf

Mayor and Members of City Council-

In recent months, the AEDP Board has continued discussions about the **role and importance of upcoming development projects in support of our mission to grow the commercial tax base and recruit and retain businesses**. In Spring of 2016, we sent you the first of what we hoped would be many scorecards, evaluating projects that we believe are critical in furthering our collective economic development efforts. That scorecard was for the Edens redevelopment project in Old Town North. Unfortunately, while you approved that project more than a year ago, there have not been any meaningful commercial development applications before your body since spring 2016.

With that sobering, revenue-impacting fact in mind, the AEDP Board is pleased to offer a scorecard for your review as you consider the application for ***a new hotel, accompanied by new office and restaurant space on King Street near the metro***. As a reminder, AEDP's comments are intended to be high level- identifying how a particular project contributes to the tax base, helps create amenities that support commercial office tenants and creates or retains jobs.

The attached is an overview of the project's attributes that AEDP believes make this project worthy of the City Council's **support of docket #16, Development SUP, SUP and TMP SUP for the King Street Hotel**.

I am also attaching a letter regarding **support of docket item #17**, approvals related to **Interim Fitzgerald Square park**. The AEDP Board has long been a supporter of the implementation of the Waterfront Small Area Plan, and the realization of an interim condition for the new Fitzgerald Square is a critical component of that plan.

Should you have any questions in advance of Saturday's meeting, please feel free to contact me directly.
Best wishes for a productive meeting!
Stephanie

Stephanie Landrum
President & CEO
Alexandria Economic Development Partnership

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AEDP Supports the DSUP, SUP and related approvals for:

Project: King Street Hotel- Hyatt Centric
Address: 1611 King Street (at Harvard Street)
Developer: Magna Hospitality
Neighborhood: Old Town

AEDP Analysis: This redevelopment and infill project on King Street replaces dated office space and obsolete storefronts not occupied by retail/restaurant with new office and retail space meeting modern day standards. The project also introduces a unique hotel concept to Old Town described as a boutique hotel including "touches of local artistry and individual character." This modernization and investment all happens within the existing zoning envelope. Important project highlights include:

	Existing	New
Hotel rooms (<i>contributing hotel & sales tax</i>)	0	124
Office space	12,698 SF	10,440 SF
Retail space (by use)	0 SF	2,500 SF
Job creation (hotel & retail)- FT employees		45

Other Items of interest:

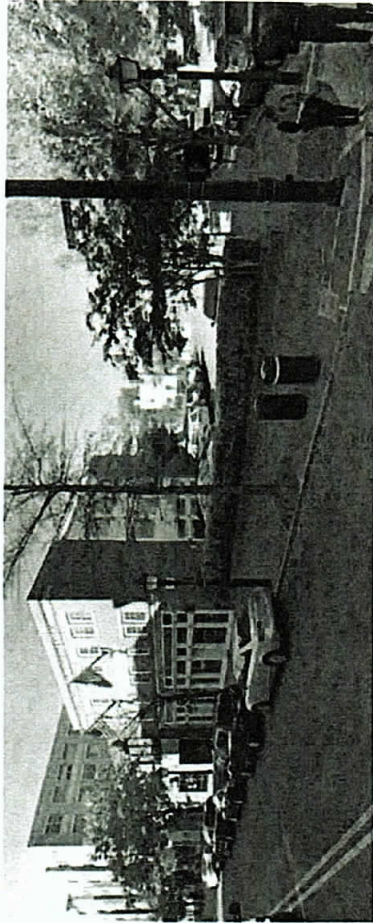
Activation of street frontage along King Street

Removal of surface parking lot on King Street

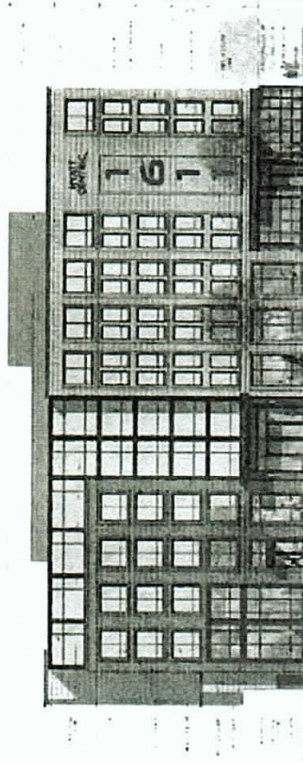
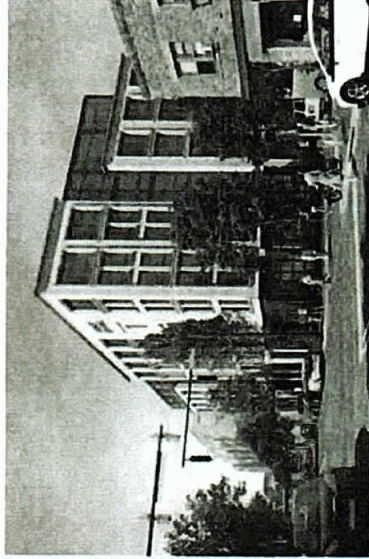
Commercial real estate impact: The two existing office buildings are valued at approximately \$100 and \$200/SF. The recent Hilton Garden Inn on Prince Street, identified as a comparable project, is valued at more than \$400/SF. The project will retain an existing professional services office tenant in modern office space and will create a new restaurant space, and introduce vitality to a block face of King Street that lacks regular active uses.

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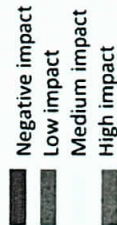
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Current conditions- 1611 – 1711 King Street



Proposed Hyatt Centric



High impact is calculated based on increase in real estate value and business taxes generated by this project.



Project Impact- HIGH



May 11, 2017

Alexandria City Council
City Hall, Room 2100
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

RE: Interim Fitzgerald Square; Development Site Plan #2016-0035, Special Use Permit #2017-0016

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP) please consider this letter our expression in **support of approvals before you related to Interim Fitzgerald Square**. In March we encouraged the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) to approve the removal of the Old Dominion Boat Club building, following their relocation to their new facility, as a critical component of the City's adopted Waterfront Small Area Plan. The AEDP unanimously passed the attached resolution on February 24, 2011 in **support** of that plan. The approvals before you tonight, ensuring the demolished ODBC site becomes Interim Fitzgerald Square as soon as possible are a vital part of the vision within the Waterfront Plan.

As the economic development organization focused on attracting and retaining businesses to the City of Alexandria, AEDP has identified the Waterfront as an important asset. In fact, AEDP's mission specifically mentions the waterfront:

The mission of the AEDP is to promote the City of Alexandria as a premier location for businesses by capitalizing on its assets including multiple Metro stations, historical character and riverfront location, in order to enhance the City's tax revenue and increase employment opportunities.

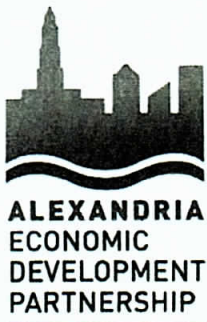
The Board and staff at AEDP are focused on the opportunity to move Alexandria forward as a smart City, attuned to the benefits of economic development while keeping a close eye on our special assets like the Waterfront. The implementation of Fitzgerald Square must stay on schedule for Spring 2018.

We respectfully urge you to recommend approval of the site plan and SUP requests. Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Landrum". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Stephanie Landrum
President & CEO

cc: AEDP Board of Directors
Karl Moritz, Director, Department of Planning & Zoning
Robert Kerns, Division Chief, Department of Planning & Zoning



February 24, 2011

The Alexandria Economic Development Partnership Board strongly believes the City needs to have a plan for one of its most important and distinctive assets- the Alexandria Waterfront. While Small Area Plans (SAP) serve as guides for land use, zoning, transportation improvements, open space and other capital improvements they also serve as important marketing tools, outlining the City's desire for new investment and development.

We believe it is important to approve a Small Area Plan this spring that provides a clear vision for one of our most important assets and provides stakeholders certainty with respect to appropriate redevelopment and adaptive reuse of properties within the plan area.

The Mayor's Economic Sustainability Work Group recommendations focused on the importance of the Waterfront. We support the Work Group's recommendations, quoted as follows, that specifically called for:

- Mixed-use vibrant development should be encouraged along the waterfront in the remaining opportunity parcels with commercial, retail, restaurant, arts and hotel development opportunities targeted;
- existing warehouse sites have high visibility and represent a major obstacle to completing the enhancement of the waterfront with world class redevelopment, so they need to be addressed in the process;
- water uses such as kayak and sailboat rental and additional marina slips should be encouraged;
- major existing docks should be maintained so that ships (such as the Coast Guard Eagle tall ship and small passenger ships) can still be accommodated;
- further expansion of water taxis and water shuttles should be encouraged;
- the food court at the City Marina should be rethought and revitalized; and
- if feasible, retail on South Union Street, the Strand and other areas should be expanded as part of the waterfront redevelopment plan.

We continue to support the Work Group's recommendations, as well as the evolving draft waterfront plan that has been crafted after almost two years of planning and community input meetings. The Waterfront is an economic asset belonging to the entire City and it is time to encourage smart development and redevelopment of this asset.

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May 8, 2017

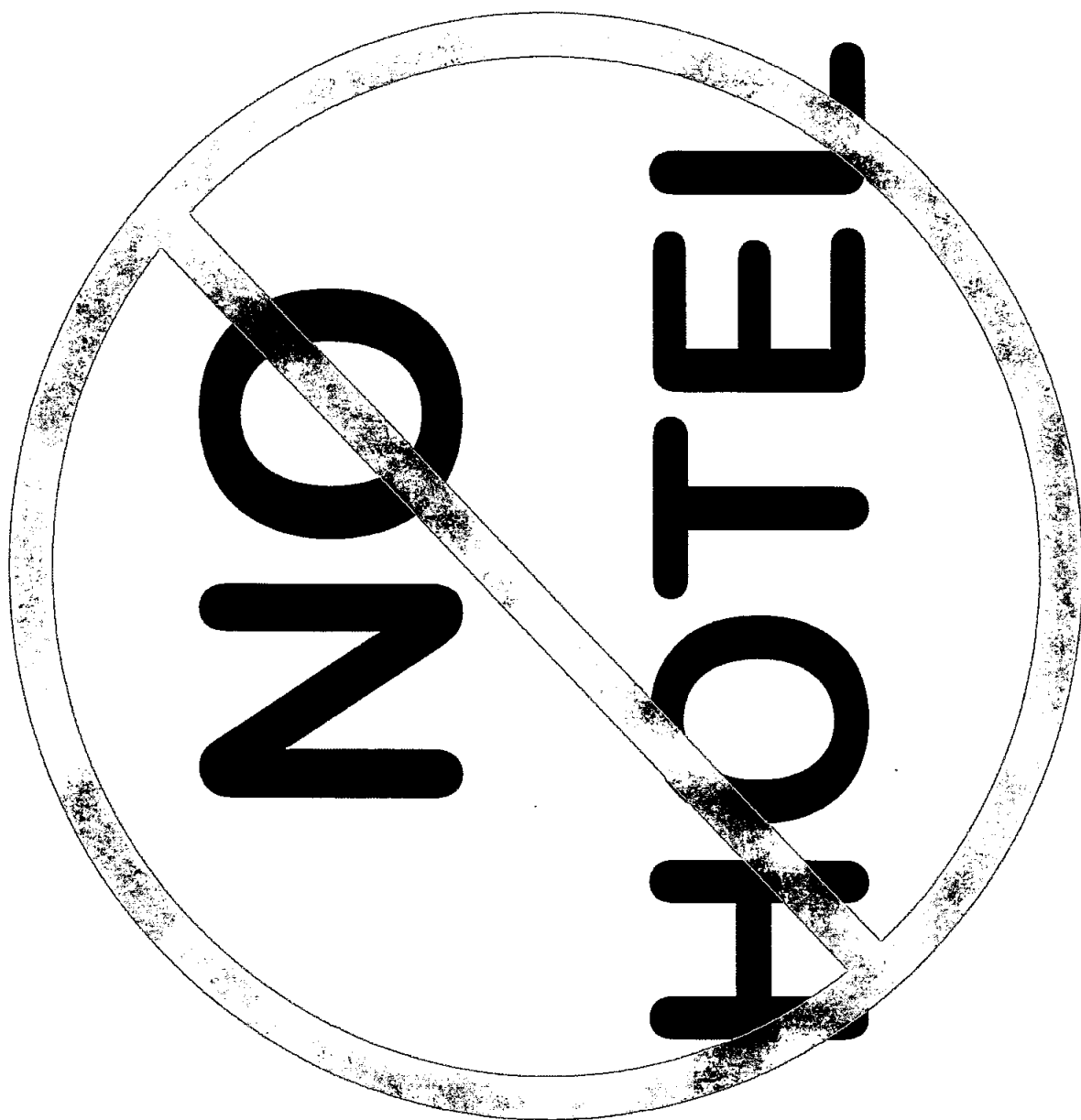
Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council Members

Please read carefully all the attached documents regarding the proposed destruction of the Naval Reserve Building at the corner of Harvard and King Streets. We have collected approximately 300 signatures from neighbors within several blocks of this corner, plus signatures from some of the business employees and owners. We also got signatures from people that work in this immediate vicinity. We are all in opposition to the building of a 6 story, 124 room hotel. We have attached several letters to the editor of the Alexandria Gazette, history of the building and site. This building and corner may not currently be in this historical listing, but should be. We have been following this process since March 2016 when the developer originally came to the residents of Harvard Street. I hope you will consider strongly what we are saying. This block of King Street is your entry to our city and should be paid with my respect than another hotel.

Thank you for your time.

Bea Porter & Jim Melton

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Wynne Powers	308 N. Saint Asaph
James Acker	511 Queen Street
Tom Campbell	509 Queen Street
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Sam Stanton	1616 King St.
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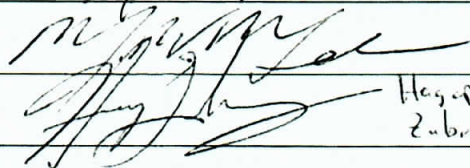
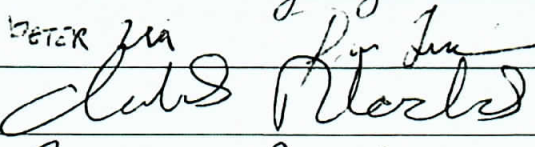
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Wilson Hall	315 Buchanan St
Deek Hammond	317 Buchanan St
Lorraine Bigsby	321 Buchanan St
Heather Allen	1617 Princess Street
Kathleen Baker	1605 Boyle St
Daniel De Boer	1605 Boyle St
Matt Shuck	164 Boyle St.
James Augustine	176 Harvard St.
Meredith Taber	128 N. West St.
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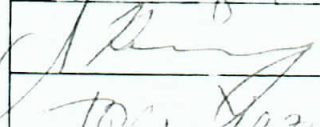
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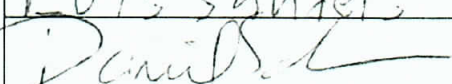


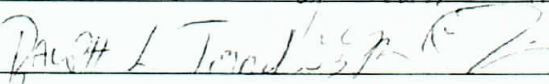
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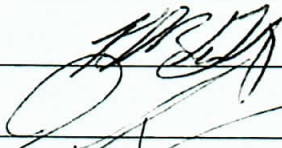


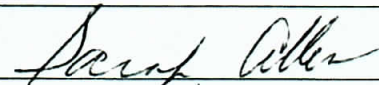
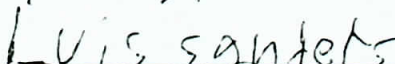

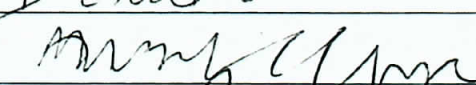


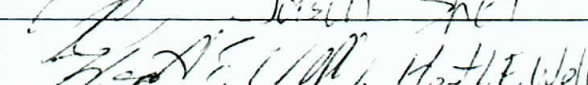
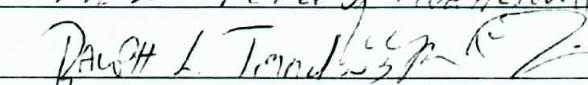
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Please add this to your letters to the editor for next week's edition of the Alexandria Gazette. Send confirmation this has been received. Thank you. Jim Melton

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On the evening of May 3 the Planning Commission of Alexandria met to consider Docket 14 which included the building of a Hyatt Hotel on the 1600 block of King Street. The proposed new hotel building is 6 1/2 stories tall with 124 rooms and an attached restaurant. A dozen local residents came out and spoke against the hotel. Whereas no local resident came out and supported the hotel.

The citizens who spoke expressed concerns with the height and density of the development, inadequate parking provided in the design, the conversion of part of Harvard St to a two way street and eliminating several on-street parking spaces on Harvard St., removing at least six mature trees, destruction of an almost historic building, and removal of at least four no parking signs at the alley entrance to the hotel so that entrance bulbs can be built to slow and narrow down traffic entering the alley for the underground parking garage

The citizens were also concerned about the proximity of the hotel to areas where children play and the amount of traffic that the hotel would produce. Others were concerned about the impact on the serenity and beauty of the street. Many of the citizens have lived on the block for many, many years. They chose the neighborhood for its peacefulness and beauty so obviously they are extremely concerned. The developers indicated the development would bring vitality to the neighborhood. There is already vitality to the neighborhood with five restaurants and the Durant Center on Cameron Street. The latter sponsors community meetings, Scottish dancing, bagpipe playing and so forth. The comment concerning this vitality, citizens felt was a direct slap into their faces and showed complete ignorance on the part of members of the planning commission. Another amazing comment dealt with the availability of housing for low income residents of the city, which did not seem to apply to home owners who live on Harvard street. But the commission member did not mention the existence of the US Navy Association building as a terrific building for rental apartments

which is what it was built for in the early 1930s as mentioned above. The building is to be destroyed by the developers so that their hotel can be built on its spot. People living in surrounding streets near the King Street Metro as

well as Harvard Street realize that they are not living in a museum but prefer to live in the city of Alexandria without continual excessive growth supporting new hotels will make four hotels within the immediate block. Some residents feel it is insane for the planning commission and forthcoming city council to recommend more and more and excessive growth, claiming it is needed for increased tax growth, and that it is completely unacceptable to have this kind of development within one city block on King Street.

The proposed hotel plans on excavating the existing parking lot at the corner of Harvard street at one level providing 85 parking spaces two of which will be reserved for the management. no spaces are provided for 3 or 4 shifts of employees unless lot is valet which they will have to pay. In other words there is no free parking for those who will be working for the hotel. Developers at one defuncted neighborhood meeting made the statement that most employees will be encouraged to arrive at the hotel by metro train or bus, I attended this meeting and I immediately asked "How many of you employees for the proposed hotel came here tonight came by metro, if so please raise your hand" Not one developer raised their hand. Massive destruction for this hotel will take place within two years, entrance to Harvard street and developers proposal to make it a two way entrance street will cause unheard of traffic congestion, water, gas and electric utilities will have to be placed underground, remaining poles and wires must come down and placed underground causing further destruction. Town houses on the odd side now 110 years old with half basements and porches will be damaged by pile placement. What will residents get out of this hotel when finally built; practically nothing except for the loss of 6 or more parking spaces on the street and death of at least 6 mature, beautiful trees. The developers proposed at one meeting to list associations in the city that funds will be given to as charity. one person attending one of these meetings spoke up "Why can you not give some monies for the repair and damage to Harvard street as well as placement of bushes and trees to the city swimming pool on Cameron Street?" No response was given.

In conclusion, as previously stated this hotel proposal is insane, completely insane, and as a recent sign that was seen in the massive Washington DC march "People and Planet Not Profit" fits perfectly how Alexandria is overbuilding and destroying old buildings for the money, not for the people living in areas where big hotels are being built. Some wake up every morning and never see the sun. Alexandria already has 27 ice cream shops, many bars and eating facilities, 3 sex stores, pizza carryouts, and now another hotel. When will this stop? Tax paying citizens need more respect from City Hall instead of continual overbuilding and another hotel that they say is needed because of its tax base. It may now also be time to charge a fare for the Trolley that goes up and down King Street free. The city government has not yet understood the appearance of Harbor Place over in Maryland. Tourist coming to this town no longer want to see boarded up windows along King Street where businesses have closed or gone on line and where existing hotels are expensive and most now are far from being full most of the year as well as restaurants constantly close under new management hoping for a better day financially. This proposed hotel and even near the King Street metro, buildings are for sale as well as closed with no buyers and no active businesses. The city of Alexandria is simply for sale and not many people, organizations, businesses are buying it any more. jim melton Alexandria, va.