FW: Docket Item #8: 1400 Duke Street (Executive Diner)

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Patrick,	
Please include this as an addition to the docket materials for 1400 Duke St.	
Thanks.	
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; Melissa McMahon

Dear Members of the Alexandria Planning Commission:

My name is David Chamowitz, and I represent the applicant for an amendment to an existing restaurant SUP at 1400 Duke Street.

The Planning Commission and City Council approved an SUP for the Executive Diner in December 2016. Following renovations to the building, Executive Diner opened for business in March of this year. It has enjoyed sustained popularity, and now wishes to increase its interior seating capacity, including offering two outside tables in an existing covered porch area on the cafe side.

Additionally, the parking reduction granted to the restaurant in 2016 is no longer needed pursuant to the City's new parking requirements, for either existing conditions or the expanded number of seats proposed in the present application.

We are pleased to have Staff support for the application, and hope you will support it too. Please let me know if you have any questions about the restaurant or our proposal. I look forward to seeing you at next Tuesday evening's hearing.

--Dave

1400 Duke St. Special Use Permit

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Fri 3/1/2019 10:18 AM

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Patrick:

I am writing in regard to the public notice for a special use permit at 1400 Duke St. Alexandria. Va.

My husband and I have two children who attend Blue Bird of Alexandria II. The door to the school housing the Kindergarten and the First Grade that my children attend is adjacent to the café and the restaurant that are seeking to expand and add outdoor seating.

For some time, the door to the school has not been functioning properly. The door, which is set on a fob system, does not close or lock as intended. Concerns about this door have been raised with the school.

The open door poses a safety concern as it potentially could allow a member of the public who shouldn't be in the school to enter. An expansion and outdoor seating are intended to attract more people to that area.

To ensure that this does not exacerbate any risk to students or concerns among parents, I respectfully request that any plans to expand the restaurant or café or to add outdoor seating be postponed until the door to the school is repaired and functions as intended.

Regards,

Tiffany Wlazlowski Neuman

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