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Friday July 26, 2019

TO: Alexandria Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Request for special exception to retain a 6.00 feet high board-on-board cedar fence in the secondary front yard at 2 E Mason Ave.

We, residents of the Cliff-Mason community and other neighbors, support keeping the six foot fence recently built around the back and side yard at 2 E Mason Avenue, owned by Elizabeth and Jesse Jardim.

This fence does not create any public safety issues. It is set back from the intersection by 34 feet and does not create any visibility issues for drivers. It also does not create any safety or bottle neck issues for pedestrians, as there is ample space between the sidewalk and the road on this block of Commonwealth. Also, the fence does not negatively impact airflow as it is not solid but "board on board".

The fence is in character with the neighborhood. There are many other 6 foot fences along Commonwealth Avenue and throughout Del Ray that extend beyond the rear wall of the homes and are less than 3 feet set back from the property line. As constructed, the fence gives the Jardims privacy in the back/side yard, while keeping the front yard open and neighborly.

Finally, Commonwealth Avenue is a very busy street, and the intersection of Mason and Commonwealth is particularly busy. There is a great deal of vehicle and pedestrian traffic at all times, and right in front of the Jardim's yard is a school bus stop where people congregate daily. The fence provides greater security for young children playing in the yard. The six foot fence also provides greater security to the entire rowhouse community by deterring access to our yard, through which you can access the shared alley between Cliff and Mason.

We the undersigned support our neighbors keeping the 6 foot fence at 2 E Mason.

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