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From: Stephanie Nelson via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 11:17 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #161862: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City...

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- Name: Stephanie Nelson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7037271409
- Email: nelsqi@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council Members,

I am writing this letter to address my concerns about the Fairlington Presbyterian Church Affordable Housing Project that is going to a vote on Saturday, November 17th. I unfortunately cannot attend in person due to being nine months pregnant and within days of delivery.

I am a owner of a home in Fairlington Towne Condominiums, which is situated next to the proposed Affordable Housing Unit site. I have taken time to review the documents provided to us by our Association and review the Wesley Housing Project website, in addition to discussing this project with other owners in my community. The concerns expressed by myself and others are valid and need to be addressed before this project can be approved.

Parking. Only 70 parking spaces are being included for the Fairlington Presbyterian Church Affordable Housing Project; however, the website for the project indicates that 75-81 two-to-three bedroom units will be built. This is not enough parking spaces given the size of these family units and the fact that this project is not being built near a Metro station. With such limited parking, there will be overflow into surrounding neighborhoods. I would ask that parking is increased to 2 spaces per unit before this project gets approved. If this is not possible, I would request that Wesley Housing take responsibility for the towing expenses our community will incur due to inevitable overflow.

Infrastructure. Fairlington Towne has existing infrastructure deficiencies, as documented by a report from Engineering and Technical Consultants, Inc. ETC was contracted by the Fairlington Towne Condominium Association to conduct a comprehensive drainage and erosion study in May, 2018. Significant issues were identified related to storm water management deficiencies which have lead to erosion of our retaining walls and sinking foundations. The Affordable Housing Project and the construction associated with it may exacerbate existing damage to home foundations and neighborhood infrastructure. Before this project is approved, I would request a comprehensive preconstruction survey be completed in our community with the goal of ensuring that the Affordable Housing Project does not exacerbate existing infrastructure problems within Fairlington Towne.

Traffic Flow. We have had numerous issues with traffic lights not working at the busy intersection between North Dearing and King Street. Cars have to cross several lanes of traffic to make a left turn to get on 395 and I have witnessed several near-accidents due to the current traffic flow pattern. This flow will increase substantially with

the addition of a large multi-family housing unit. The existing issues with this intersection have not been addressed to date. Before proceeding forward with a project of this magnitude, the traffic lights and flow patterns should be fixed. Adding additional bus stops/routes and a bike share could also be of benefit to limit a traffic burden at King Street and 395. Traffic is already a problem in Alexandria, and placing the housing unit next to King St and 395 will exacerbate this during high commuter times.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter and concerns. I believe I speak for multiple Fairlington Towne owners in highlighting these concerns, and I hope the City Council will vote No to this project until all three concerns above have been adequately addressed.

Regards,
Stephanie Nelson
(703) 727-1409
Nelsqi@gmail.com

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, November 20

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Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 9:36 PM
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #161854: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am a resident of Alexandria and...

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- Name: **Call.Click.Connect.** Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: johnnie25k@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am a resident of Alexandria and unable to attend the hearing before City Council on Saturday, November 17th regarding the affordable housing project at Fairlington Presbyterian Church.

I have serious concerns regarding this development. I live in Fairlington Towne, am just now learning of this new development.

While affordable housing is a challenge in Alexandria, rushing to build a large, new housing project without appropriate consideration of infrastructure, transportation and land issues is ill advised. We are building too fast without taking all important factors into consideration.

This should not be done without the City first studying the impact this large complex will have on flooding, erosion, traffic, water, sewer, parking, etc for the current property owners in the area. In addition, what will the impact be to all of the homeowners during the construction period?

As our elected officials, you owe those answers to those of us who have chosen to make Alexandria our home BEFORE you move forward with this project.

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From: Eric Stowe via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 5:17 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #161840: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council We strongly support the approval of...

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- Name: Eric Stowe
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-751-0458
- Email: estowe@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: We strongly support the approval of construction of affordable housing by Fairlington Presbyterian Church and Wesley Housing Corporation.

This is a duplicate message of request ID 161826 to remedy the lacking attachment in the previous e-mail.

June and Eric Stowe

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, November 20

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Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 4:55 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #161838: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing in response to the...

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- Name: Jennifer Schaefer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: jennleidenberger@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing in response to the Wesley Housing/Fairlington Presbyterian Development. I am a resident of the Fairlington Towne community and wanted to express my concerns, along with questions regarding this development for the upcoming November 17 City Council meeting.

1) After reviewing the plans and information that has been presented, the massing for the building is out of scale and out of character with the surrounding residential neighborhood - which are two to three level townhouses and in clusters versus one major building.

2) Wesley Development could have situated the building on the west side of the church or wrapped the church on the west and south sides instead of pushing it back as far as they could on the south side of the property towards the surrounding community. They also could have moved it closer to the church. It's as if the church wanted this on their property, but just not too close.

3) It has been noted that brick veneer and cementitious panels will be used as a building materials, are the materials selected for this project ones that will age well? It would be sad for the entire City of Alexandria to have a building that does not age well, in terms of material longevity, and depreciates the value of the surrounding neighborhood/community. Additionally, how are cement panels in keeping with the style and materials of the surrounding neighborhood?

4) What are Wesley Development's shoring plans to stabilizing the surrounding area for creating the underground parking structure? What are Wesley Development's plans for soldier piles, tiebacks and lagging as they may cross property lines?

5) Our property lays adjacent to the proposed development site, does Wesley Development have insurance to cover damages caused by construction outside the property lines?

6) While 146 parking spots are planned for the residents and church goers, what about those visiting the residents? Will church parking be designated spaces or will they be open to those within that residential community?

7) While traffic patterns in and out of the proposed development have been noted, what about the increase traffic along the entire route of the King Street Access Road? Traffic is already congested along that route with the

current residents who use that road. How does the city plan to address 85 additional units accessing that road, especially for Fairlington Towne residents attempting to turn left from the King Street Access Road onto North Dearing Street? It is already nearly impossible.

8) Does Wesley Development plan to keep current residents apprised of certain construction conditions that might impact utilities, such as access to water and power?

9) What is Wesley Development's construction schedule and will they be requesting a permit to work on Saturday's in order to keep to that schedule?

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #161826: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council We strongly support the approval of...

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- Name: Eric Stowe
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-751-0458
- Email: estowe@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: We strongly support the approval of construction of affordable housing by Fairlington Presbyterian Church and Wesley Housing Corporation.

Please see attached letter.

June and Eric Stowe

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, November 20

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Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 3:29 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #161822: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To: Members of City CouncilRE:...

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- Name: Marie Steinmetz
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-725-4702
- Email: marie.steinmetz.md@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To: Members of City Council
RE: Fairlington Presbyterian Church Residential Building
From: Marie Steinmetz
John Killeen

To the Mayor and members of City council

We are extremely disappointed that a project that falls so far outside of the current density is being forced on the community. I did appreciate Justin Wilson meeting with members of the community one morning and explaining many of the issues and thank him for that.

This is being forced on us by "arbitrary" government numbers. The city's 10% affordable housing goal, the 0.6 ratio of parking to units in new housing and the federal government rules making it more likely to get federal money for more units. I don't believe any of these have any basis in science. But, we understand the reasoning behind them however flawed.

This is also being driven by the greed of the Fairlington Presbyterian Church and Wesley Housing. We understand these are "not for profits" but having worked for not for profits this is a tax class nothing else. I was surprised to find out that Habitat for Humanity had a smaller project for the site that did not need government funds that was rejected. This was probably because the church would not profit as much.

As a teenager, I watched my neighborhood being destroyed by 60's urban renewal. Even at that young age, I knew it was wrong and today still shed a tear for the lost neighborhood when I go there. That damage cannot be undone. Once this is done, we all have to live with the nightmare you are creating.

We are not those people who decry the urbanization of Alexandria. In fact, we want more, safer bike lanes and better more efficient bus routes.

Voting yes on this project is wrong for Alexandria and the people who live in the neighborhood. Voting yes for this is about quickly reaching your 10% goal instead of thinking more creatively. For example, think about changing some zoning – where I grew up older citizens could turn their second floor into an apartment. Something I could not do in my neighborhood in Alexandria. But, mostly this is about the greed of Fairlington Presbyterian Church. It

is not too late to say no to this project. That property could eventually be used for a better purpose and possibly more housing once the entire property is open for development.

Please vote no for many reasons on this project.

Marie Steinmetz

John Killeen

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Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 2:40 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #161818: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To whom is may concern,Concerns...

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- Name: Steven White
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 6783712648
- Email: cdwhite2648@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To whom is may concern,

Concerns about the Wesley Housing Project at Fairlington Pres.

I am 29 years old, an owner of a town home in Fairlington Towne area. My wife and I moved down here about 5 years ago with my wife making a small income a year. My wife and I came here with the hopes to start a life, and maybe someday own a home. After 4 hard years of saving money, living within our means we bought a beautiful home that we made our own. Finding this home was very tough, we loved Alexandria but the market was very hard so we found one that needed work and renovation. Over the past year I personally have been working weekends to renovate my house to increase the value for the long term. This value is not just for my wife and I but for our future family and any value we add will be a stepping stone for the future. This beautiful home we bought backs up directly to the church.

Since our home backs directly up to the church we are now faced with a decision to either sell before the construction start, wait while the construction happens for 2 years or take a property value loss and sell when the construction is going on. We have talked to multiple realtors, lawyers, friends and family which all have informed us sell now. However we do not want to sell as I currently coach at a local high school for baseball and coach youth baseball within the Alexandria community. The housing is forcing us to make a tough decision and move before we can afford any homes within this area. Its very ironic that we are being forced out of the area we love to allow others that cant afford or do not have jobs to move in.

Other than the concerns, I mentioned about construction time and property value. We were very discouraged to find out this building will be a 4 story building and exceed the zoning rules to the city but since its affordable housing you can exceed those rules. We also have issues with the parking issues that will overflow into the already congested surrounding communities. The complex has explained they do not have enough parking for all the tenants, so we asked where the overflow will park and we have not received any good answer.

Finally we are very concerned with the digging that might affect the foundation of our home since we are so close to the construction site. If we have foundation issues how do we bring this up or will they care/admit to the issues that they caused during the building. We have not received any of these answers. They also plan to store the dumpsters right behind my home which will cause sanitation issues.

I hope you understand the concerns of the surrounding communities. We ask for a delay to get more feedback from the members in the community or reject the approval, this will change our lives and our future.

Thanks for reading this email and hearing my concern.

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, November 20

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From: Les and Jane Bergen via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 12:04 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #161793: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council This is in support of the proposed...

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- Name: Les and Jane Bergen
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7039316419
- Email: lesbergen@outlook.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: This is in support of the proposed affordable housing project at the Fairlington Presbyterian Church. We live across King St in Fairlington.

After having attended a meeting describing the project and seen plans, we believe the project will have no negative impact on our neighborhood. It will provide additional business to shops in the Bradley Shopping Center and other nearby stores, such as Aldi's on Van Dorn St.

I served for 8 years on the Arlington Co. Industrial Development Authority. We issued several revenue bonds in support of various affordable housing projects. With the increasing pressures on higher cost housing in our community, it is essential for the overall health of the community to provide clean, modern affordable housing so that we have a balance of economic levels and job skills.

Please vote to provide the city loan and approve the Development Special Use Permit.

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, November 20

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From: Nicole Devore via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 10:42 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #161779: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and Members of the City...

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- Name: Nicole Devore
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (202) 271-7057
- Email: devore.nicole@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

As I am unable to attend the hearing before City Council on Saturday, November 17th regarding the affordable housing project at Fairlington Presbyterian Church, I wanted to share with you my concerns. I just recently purchased and moved to Fairlington Towne, am just now learning of this new development.

I believe affordable housing is a great concern we all share and face in Alexandria; low-income, and now even middle-income individuals are being priced out. However, I am not convinced that rushing to build a new, large housing project for tax breaks just because there's land-space available without proper thoughtful consideration of infrastructure, land issues, transportation (which all require tax funding - not breaks) is the answer. I have come to notice that Alexandria does a lot of rushing to build and then considers these issues after there are problems: our old sewers, water treatment, flooding, land erosion, power grid, our Metro in Potomac Yard, all of these concerns are so slow to be addressed and we are still building as fast as possible.

I would urge the Council to thoughtfully consider the following issues:

First, can all the erosion, sinking foundations and all we are facing in Fairlington Towne be further exacerbated by all this new construction - water, cable, sewer, power, etc? Fairlington Towne already has advisories to let management know if our molding starts pulling away from the floors, and we are soon going to have to begin replacing our retaining walls due to this erosion. Therefore, I am specifically requesting a pre-construction survey with crack gauges and vibration monitoring installed in order to establish a baseline of my home, and the other homes in Fairlington Towne.

Second, parking, allotting only 70 parking spaces for these units, many of which are 2 and 3 bedroom units, allowing for 4 and 6 persons for occupancy, respectively, is an issue, as there will clearly be overflow. That amounts to maybe one car per household?

Third, will the City be fixing the roads either before or after all the construction on both sides of the King Street Bridge over 395 - and possibly address all of the lights that are out (there are no lights working and the bridge is incredibly rough)? Lastly, while aesthetics are of least importance when you are considering cheap construction, this building doesn't even fit with the area's classic look and feel. The affordable housing in North Old Town was given this consideration, why is that not of concern here? In addition, this building appears very cramped up next

to both the Church and the Fairlington units, it is as if we can't have any space left.

One more thing: please don't make us build higher fences or a wall around our property. We all know they don't work and they aren't the point. I don't want to pay for a wall here or there or anywhere and most certainly don't want to debate one. So, I would urge you, to please consider walking paths, sidewalks, and landscaping on the routes to Minnie Howard and the bus stop - and require them before and during construction. We already have concerns of the students from Minnie Howard hanging out in our back yards as they are not continuously monitored, we will likely face more of those issues.

Respectfully,
Nicole Devore

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, November 20

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From: Cheryl Malloy via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 9:28 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #161762: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I would like to add my support for...

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- Name: Cheryl Malloy
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-548-9571
- Email: cpm@malloyassoc.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I would like to add my support for the proposed development on the site of the Fairlington Presbyterian Church. I have been at a number of the community meetings on this proposed affordable housing development and have been struck by how accommodating Wesley Housing has been in addressing community concerns. The building has been moved on the site, entrances for traffic have been changed and many other changes made to make this apartment building less impactful on the neighborhood and adjacent properties. I think the design fits well into the neighborhood and I was interested to hear at the Planning Committee meeting that the only zoning variance needed is a slight reduction in the amount of required open space. Alexandria's older neighborhoods often have small apartment buildings next to single family homes and it provides for a diverse and welcoming community. I see no reason that an apartment building which fits well into this neighborhood, near shopping and public transportation should not be approved. We need more affordable rental housing in Alexandria and this proposal accomplishes that goal as well as being an asset to the community in its design. Wesley Housing is a well-regarded owner and developer of affordable housing so we can be assured that the property will be well-maintained and an asset to Alexandria. I heartily support this project and urge City Council to unanimously approve this development.
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From: Kelsey Davis via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 6:51 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #161721: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 3831 INGALLS AVE
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- Name: Kelsey Davis
- Approximate Address: 3831 INGALLS AVE (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 2032405276
- Email: kelsey.pommer@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hello,

I am writing in concerning the new housing development behind the Fairlington Presbyterian church. I am a resident of Fairlington Towne and my house backs up to the church. I am incredibly concerned about the negative effects that this project could have on our community, including home values, construction noise and pollution, parking concerns, traffic and the general current feel of our community. I am a supporter of affordable housing and believe that our community needs more options, however I believe this project, at its current scope and size, would negatively impact the current homeowners in the area.

I have also read neighbors concerns about construction vibrations causing damage to the foundations of our townhomes, which is a major concern of mine as well and I would want commitment from the city that any damage would be documented and accommodated for.

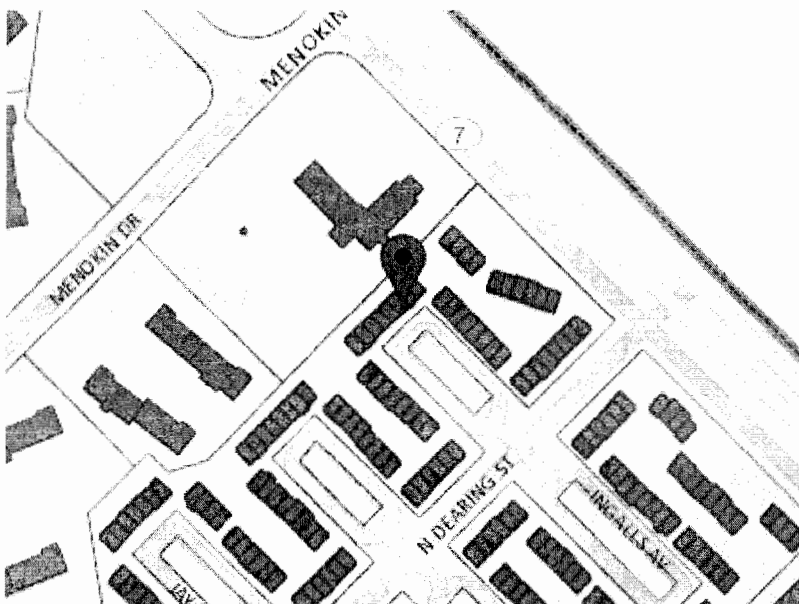
I believe that a 4 story apartment building in a community that only has two story buildings will be a detriment to our home values as people buy in this neighborhood because of the quiet residential feel. For the homes that will be directly near the building, it rids us of all the privacy we now enjoy from our back patios and windows facing the church.

I am currently expecting our first child and I am afraid the construction noise and pollution will negatively impact my child and other children in our neighborhood, the noise will be disruptive and the construction dust will make our community unsafe for children to play outside.

I also do not believe the current project has enough parking for the number of units and am concerned this will cause residents to seek parking in our neighborhood where parking spots are already tough to come by. I appreciate your time in hearing these concerns.

Kelsey Davis

- Expected Response Date: Monday, November 19



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Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 3:12 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #161692: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing to express my support...

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- Name: Sabrina Wear
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-201-3012
- Email: sabrinabwear@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to express my support for Docket #19-1385, which is being discussed at this Saturday's City Council meeting. Lack of affordable housing continues to be a problem in the City of Alexandria and will likely become an even more pressing issue with the recent announcement of Amazon's Headquarters coming to Crystal City/Potomac Yard. Churches in our have successfully begun addressing the critical need and are finding creative ways to combat the supply shortage.

Fairlington Presbyterian has the space for multifamily housing and seeks to put it to good use. I am very familiar with the area as I previously lived nearby in Fairlington Towne and recently had a child attending preschool at an adjacent church. There is plenty of access to public transportation and several stores within walking distance. This project will benefit our community and the special use permit should be approved, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, November 19

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Statement to City Council

Kat Turner

November 17, 2018

I am Kat Turner, a member of the Church of the Resurrection. It was just a year ago that we secured city support for our own affordable housing project, and I am very happy to now support a similar effort by Fairlington Presbyterian Church. Since Resurrection was here competed successfully for Low Income Housing Tax Credits from the Virginia Housing Development Authority and on October 28 Bishop Johnston secularized our church in preparation for its demolition and eventual replacement, along with the construction of an affordable housing building of 113 units.

Alexandria's leadership has committed to increasing the availability of affordable housing within the city, recognizing the desirability of assuring that citizens of all economic levels can live within the jurisdiction. But Alexandria has a problem that makes this difficult. It is more than 300 years old. That means there is not very much land that doesn't already have something on it. Land in the city is limited, valuable and expensive, and rarely fits into the economic models for affordable housing development.

Churches in Alexandria have a problem, too. Many are experiencing the national trends of declining interest in church membership. This means that we have buildings and land holdings that may not be appropriately sized for today's congregations. We also have a desire to meet urgent community needs such as preschool education, food pantries, and refugee and immigrant resettlement. These community needs call for churches to constantly exercise good stewardship in the use of their physical facilities and to balance congregational needs with the needs of the broader community. Our churches are not just in the community, but *of* the community.

Among these urgent community needs is affordable housing and we have seen a number of churches in recent years adopt this mission even though the time and resources required to achieve this mission are substantial. We have the nearby examples of Clarendon Baptist Church, Macedonia Baptist, and Arlington Presbyterian and in Alexandria, St. James United Methodist, Resurrection, and now Fairlington Presbyterian. Other churches are watching closely and considering whether they are also called to this mission. In the past year I have had in-depth conversations with four Alexandria churches of three different denominations about whether and how they might take on an affordable housing mission. It just might be that faith communities can be the answer to the city's prayers about finding new locations for affordable housing in Alexandria. These can be important partnerships that nicely dovetail a congregation's desire for mission and community engagement with the city's expressed priorities.

I urge you to support this thoughtfully conceived and well-designed project and approve this application. This opportunity is too good for the city to miss.

Gloria Sitton

From: Sara Platt via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 2:32 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #161686: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Good afternoon. I'm writing in...

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- Name: Sara Platt
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-297-9021
- Email: saraplatt@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Good afternoon. I'm writing in regards to the proposed housing project on the property of Fairlington Presbyterian Church. I have lived in this specific area my entire adult life (first at Foxchase for 5 years, Braddock Lee Apartments for 5 years, and finally at my home of 10 years in Fairlington Towne.) I take great pride in our community, one of the very few places you can buy a home big enough for a family that has accessible outdoor and green space, a fantastic elementary school, easy commutes, and a safe walkable neighborhood for under \$400,000 (at least that was the case in 2008!) I am concerned about the size and the scope of the proposed project next door, given the size of the space, and how close our community is to it.

First, our community has battled problems with foundations for years because the underlying soil is mostly clay. As you probably know, this type of soil causes many issues for homes, foundations, and drainage. The idea of a massive construction project directly adjacent to our houses is concerning. What will happen to ground and soil around the homes in our community when construction begins so close next door?

I'm also greatly concerned with the proposed length of construction. I'm a single mom, and a part-time preschool teacher. My children and the other children in the community enjoy a protected and expansive space outdoors to play. It hasn't been clear what hours the construction will be, and what the effect will be on our property (our home is directly adjacent to the church) such as noise, construction traffic, trash, and traffic.

When we bought this home over 10 years ago, we did so because tall buildings did not surround it, it had lovely green space in and around the community, and we simply loved this corner of Alexandria. I feel strongly that the size and the scope of the proposed project is much too large for this part of our city, much less the church's parking lot.

Lastly, it should be noted that the relationship with the surrounding community and the pastor the church is not a good one, and that is likely due to the lack of open conversations and community input into the project. When meetings have been held for community input, they were simply presentations by the developers – sometimes without even people attending, but simply tables set up with information. True input wasn't allowed from the surrounding neighbors and sadly, these sessions were a waste of time and resources. Neighbors on Early Street are extremely concerned about the lack of parking that will be made available in the proposed structure, as well as the number of new residents in a small area that is already congested with cars. I feel this unfortunate relationship is an indication that some more members of the community should be asked to the table so all parties can feel invested in the project.

I appreciate all of you taking the time to read my concerns, and I hope that my, as well as my neighbors', questions and concerns can be addressed. I'd welcome any of you to come visit us sometime to see how special our community is, and what the proposed project might do to the surrounding area.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, November 19

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Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 12:13 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #161329: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 3830 INGALLS AVE
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- Name: Linda Pedigo
- Approximate Address: 3830 INGALLS AVE (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 703-820-3995
- Email: linda_pedigo@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Unfortunately, I will be out of town on November 17th, so I cannot personally express my opinion on the potential affordable housing project at Fairlington Presbyterian Church. I am **TOTALLY AGAINST** this project. This housing project would have units looking directly in my backyard. In addition to my privacy be compromised, the additional traffic would create more problems that are already there. Another problem I have is that the closeness of these units would downgrade the value of my property. When (if) I decide to sell, fewer people will be willing to buy a new home with this type of project in their backyard.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, November 14



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Sent: Saturday, November 03, 2018 6:37 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #160906: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 3846 KING ST On November 17, I understand the...
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- Name: Jennifer Wetmore
- Approximate Address: 3846 KING ST (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: jmwetmore@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: On November 17, I understand the council will be discussing and voting on the Wesley affordable housing project at the Fairlington Presbyterian Church location. As a homeowner next to this proposed project (in Fairlington Towne), I have tried to educate myself about the project and the process. I attended one of the initial meetings Wesley (and various city departments) held more than a year ago. I also attended a second "table talk" a few months ago where Wesley had the mock up and 3-D video of the project. While I found many of my questions and concerns were addressed at the first meeting (although as an aside, I am still not fully convinced there will be little traffic impact as relayed by the traffic survey). At the second session, however, I was surprised at the scope and size of the actual building, with 4 stories. My recollection of the initial meeting led me to believe that the building would fit within the neighborhood and be no more than 2-3 stories. At that time, the scope and size of the building was not of concern to me based on their description. At this later session, I did (and continue to) have concerns about the size. I expressed my concern to one of the Wesley representatives and didn't feel her answer or explanation was satisfactory.

While I am supportive of having affordable housing in Alexandria, and even have little issue with the Wesley project as a whole, I feel I would be remiss if I didn't express my opinion regarding my issue with the size. I feel it will take away from the character of the area as well as seem to loom over Fairlington Towne. I wish Wesley were more receptive to going back to the initial impression they left (at least on me) that it would be a 2-3 story building in character with the other building directly surrounding it.

i thank you for taking my opinion and concern into consideration when deliberating and voting on this measure.

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, November 8



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