



November 27, 2023

Dear Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, and members of City Council Aguirre, Bagley, Chapman, Gaskins and McPike:

The residents of North Ridge understand the need for affordable housing as a means for ensuring Alexandria remains a vibrant, diverse, desirable, and livable community. We support the development of true affordable housing, with corresponding investments in infrastructure, schools, and public services.

However, given what we have heard at recent public testimony and from our neighbors in the past few weeks, we write today to oppose the city's nine-point "Zoning for Housing/Housing for All" proposal as an all-or-nothing package. We urge the City Council to vote to defer approval, allowing each proposal to be examined, discussed, and voted upon individually instead.

In particular, we ask Council to oppose the initiative titled "Expanding Housing Opportunities in Single Family Zones" designed to eliminate single family zoning throughout the city. We believe that eliminating single family zoning will not achieve the city's goal of providing accessibility for housing-cost burdened individuals but instead will adversely affect the quality of life for many existing Alexandria residents.

Finally, the North Ridge Citizens' Association is also deeply concerned that the Zoning for Housing proposal is dividing our City at a time when we need unity, and that the undue speed and unusual process in which it was presented to residents is causing a loss of public trust in our City government.

On behalf of the members of the North Ridge Citizens' Association...

Sincerely,

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