

[All Content of this letter was originally an email to Reston Master Plan Task Force Members]

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Re: Reston Association jurisdiction over new residential development in Town Center

Dear Town Center HOAs, homeowners, and residents,

The Reston Association (RA) Board of Directors recently made public its intentions to try to place under its jurisdiction new residential development in Town Center (and it is not unreasonable to assume that if that precedent were ever allowed then the next target would be uprooting existing Town Center residential and placing that under RA's umbrella). The Town Center leadership was neither consulted nor advised about this letter (attached) before it was sent.

The Reston Town Center Association (RTCA) Board promptly wrote to Supervisor Hudgins (July 27 letter attached) to advise that RTCA will "steadfastly oppose" any such effort (which is of dubious legal possibility in any event). This position extends to any new residential that might get added to Town Center North (the Inova and County lots to the west of Spectrum; these are not currently within the RTCA deed, though in the heart of Town Center geographically, because these lots were originally conceived as essentially a government land bay).

Rob Hanna and I – your elected residential representatives on the RTCA Board – both urged and supported the July 27 RTCA letter.

In addition, I spoke with Supervisor Hudgins this week and advised her of my strong sense that this RA proposal will be met with vehement and near-total opposition within the Town Center residential community. The Supervisor indicated that she intends to pursue RTCA's invitation for a meeting on the subject. In an effort, therefore, to keep community harmony at this crucial juncture in our community's history (when it is so important that our energies be united not divided as we tackle the critical challenges related to Metro's impending arrival) I'd ask that we give our community leadership some space to come together to see if this can sensibly *and swiftly* be resolved along the lines the RTCA Board has so constructively suggested. If in the very near term it becomes clear this will not occur then we will promptly call a WATCH meeting to discuss additional steps Town Center might take. I've copied Supervisor Hudgins and the RA Board and several of its key advisers.

I want all of you to know that Rob and I are very actively engaged on this. We will keep you posted.

Regards,

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