

Statement to the Tysons Corner Committee
Public Comment Session
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Good evening. My name is Joe Mondoro, and my address is 8380 Greensboro Drive, Apt 204, Mclean VA. I am a resident owner and member of the Board of Directors of the Rotonda Condominium Owners Association, and I am speaking on behalf of our residents.

First, we would like to thank the Planning Commission, citizen members of the Tysons Task Force and County staff for their efforts to Transform Tysons. We are excited about the vision for the redevelopment of the Tysons area and appreciate the opportunities to provide input.

The Rotonda is a high-density gated community of almost 1200 households and some 3,000 residents developed in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Given the age of the development we have a significant canopy of mature trees. We are especially concerned that any expansion of Greensboro Drive on the Rotonda side would destroy some of these trees.

We appreciate the strawman language referencing preservation of the Rotonda. We request that this language be strengthened to include references to street improvements and dedications in the vicinity of the Rotonda being designed to avoid impacting the existing tree canopy, mature vegetation and passive and active open space of the Rotonda.

The Rotonda also has gatehouses and fencing on both Greensboro and International Drives. Since replacing these would be extremely expensive if property is taken from the Rotonda for road widening we would also urge that redevelopment around the Rotonda include the necessary land for road improvements being provided by the properties benefiting from redevelopment.

Thank you.