

**SSPA Nomination PC19-MV-002**  
**Engelside Trailer Park/Ray's Mobile Home Colony**  
**Public Comments Received**  
**9-22-2020**

Dear Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) Task Force, I ask that you reject the proposal PC19-MV-002 for this cycle so that the new Affordable Housing Preservation Task Force has an opportunity to study the issue, develop preservation strategies, and make detailed recommendations about the 109 mobile homes that will be affected by this proposal. We must provide affordable housing in this area. Also development on the Richmond Highway corridor is creating too high density.

Thank you for being open to public input on this process,

Sincerely, Joan Burg

---

Dear Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) Task Force,

I ask that you reject the proposal PC19-MV-002 for this cycle so that the new Affordable Housing Preservation Task Force has an opportunity to study the issue, develop preservation strategies, and make detailed recommendations about the 109 mobile homes that will be affected by this proposal. Fairfax County cannot call itself diverse or inclusive if it consistently says, "Not in MY neighborhood!" to lower-income communities, forcing them out and even further away from resources and jobs in order to develop areas to match the tastes of the "haves". Say NO to gentrification!

Thank you for being open to public input on this process,

Sincerely,

Bernadette Beltinov

---

Dear Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) Task Force,

I ask that you reject the proposal PC19-MV-002 for this cycle so that the new Affordable Housing Preservation Task Force has an opportunity to study the issue, develop preservation strategies, and make detailed recommendations about the 109 mobile homes that will be affected by this proposal.

Thank you for being open to public input on this process.

Sincerely,

Stephen Csontos

---

To whom it may concern,

As a Mount Vernon homeowner, I ask that you reject the proposal PC19-MV-002 for this cycle so that the new Affordable Housing Preservation Task Force has an opportunity to study the issue, develop preservation strategies, and make detailed recommendations about the families living in these 109 mobile homes that will be affected by this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laura Sonnenmark

---

Dear Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) Task Force,

I ask that you reject the proposal PC19-MV-002 for this cycle so that the new Affordable Housing Preservation Task Force has an opportunity to study the issue, develop preservation strategies, and make detailed recommendations about the 109 mobile homes that will be affected by this proposal. Given the coronavirus impacts on jobs, home life and evictions this is a particularly poor time to move forward.

Thank you for being open to public input on this process,  
Sincerely,

Christine c. Caldwell

---

Dear Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) Task Force,

I ask that you reject the proposal PC19-MV-002 for this cycle so that the new Affordable Housing Preservation Task Force has an opportunity to study the issue, develop preservation strategies, and make detailed recommendations about the 109 mobile homes that will be affected by this proposal.

These are some quotes from the meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors when the Affordable Housing Preservation Task Force was established that I think are relevant to this request:

*“As Fairfax County continues to evolve, we are seeing more and more that older multifamily rental and mobile home communities are threatened by redevelopment,” said Dranesville Supervisor John Foust. “These developments currently provide housing that is affordable for thousands of households who otherwise would simply not be able to reside in Fairfax County. The impacts of diminished income or lost employment among low- to moderate-income households due to COVID-19 have only served to exacerbate the problem.”*

*Providence Supervisor Dalia Palchik noted that “the preservation of affordable housing is essential to ensure that our plans for a bright and robust future include a place for all of our residents – particularly those living on low- to moderate-incomes – who are working hard today to make that future a reality.”*

*“I am looking forward to bringing a diverse team together for the Preservation Task Force who will be working together on an expedited timeline to identify strategy recommendations that are consistent with preservation best practices,” said Board Chairman Jeff McKay. “Having experts in a variety of housing subject matters will enable the Task Force to come up with creative solutions together.”*

Consideration of this issue is especially important now, since COVID-19 has had such an impact in our lives and has disproportionately impacted the poor and minority populations. This pandemic has put the spotlight on the inequalities that exist in our society. We need leaders who do not put economic growth before the well-being of people, particularly the poor.

Stopping this process now is a way to show the community that we mean what we say in the promises and ideals set forth in the Comprehensive Plan as well as the One Fairfax declaration “that all residents deserve an equitable opportunity to succeed—regardless of their race, color, sex, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, disability, income or where they live.” – This should include those who live in mobile home communities with the unique situation of owner/renter.

Thank you for being open to public input on this process,  
Sincerely,

Leah Tenorio