

PC19-MV-002 Engleside/Rays Mobile Home SSPA Nomination

Public Comments by Rapido/Ahora Company Residents - Translated

#1

I am an anonymous person who lives in the Ahora Company Trailers. I have not put my name because I would not want any retaliation from the landlord against me or my family. I am someone who does not have much. I came to this country 15 years ago and since then I have lived a very hard life in order for my children to have a better one. I suffered domestic violence at the hands of my ex-partner and had been living in a shelter since I did not have any support from anyone to receive a permanent residence. I worked as a house cleaner, a very difficult but honorable job, and from there I began to save a lot, to the point where I went from multiple days without eating to the point where I could buy a trailer for my children to be more comfortable and to have more space to play. These are the sacrifices and the savings I've made for all my life.

Please help us and do not take away this place for us to live. We have very little resources, it is the only thing we are able to have to live. We cannot buy homes for the same economic reasons, and although we fight for the ability to buy homes, they always close their doors to us. Please don't take away what little we have; help us. I have two young children, our trailer cost us \$35,000 and with money loaned to us with interest, we have been able to remodel; our dream is to live here for many years. The remodeling cost us \$25,000, now we have put \$60,000 into our trailer. In this trailer are all of our sacrifices, our tears, our sleepless nights, our days separated from our children due to working late nights in order to keep our small home. Perhaps for some people these trailers are not worth anything but for us this is our life because all that we have is our home.

I share with you my story of domestic violence; some know how this pain can affect you psychologically, and although many years have passed, it has not been erased from my mind and now with this pandemic, we have been stuck at home without work, without knowing what will happen, and now this notice arrives to us that you all will displace us; from one moment to the next our souls and hearts keep getting hurt. Please put your hand on the heart and stop this and let us stay here, we have not done harm to anyone. The fact is that we have very little resources, and we work hard earning minimum wage, doing jobs that no one wants to do. Please help us and God will bless you in a great way for helping the people that really cannot do much else, the only thing we can do is to write this letter with tears in our eyes, awaiting a positive response on behalf of all of those who can easily say we will cancel this project for these families with little resources and that a lot of these children will be the future of this country. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Anonymous

Greenleaf St. Trailer park

#2

8/25/20

To whom it may concern,

My name is Xochitl Contreras, mother of 3 children, separated for 10 years. I have lived in this mobile home park for 5 years, and we consider it our home and a very safe place for our children. The only relative close to my children also lives in this same mobile home park, the schools are very close by and so are stores that meet our basic needs. We live here very happily and comfortably. When I purchased my trailer through my own effort and hard work, I saw it as a great accomplishment and I felt at peace for the ability to have something that was ours, for my 3 children, and I hope we can keep it for many more years.

My son will attend Mount Vernon High School and we have the joy of having a park nearby. In closing our lives are very peaceful and nothing compares to going out and sitting outside to enjoy an ice cream with my kids.

*Inside space: 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms

*Outside Space: a small garden and park

*Cost: \$35,000 and approximately \$6,000 in repairs

*Accessible to the bus stop

*accessible to the South County Center and Sacramento Center

*We pay \$930 per month in rent.

#3 8/23/2020

Re: Comments for the SSPA Task Force on PC19-MV-002

Good morning, we are the Castro family and the purpose of this letter is to let you all know how the project PC19-MV-002 will change our lives.

We have lived on Greenleaf Street (Engleside Trailer Park) since 2006. Our 3 children were born here, 2 of them sadly were diagnosed with autism and with a condition called Familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP); it is a condition that causes colon cancer within 20 years. For a family such as ours, life is much more complicated than a normal family.

Our oldest son Oscar is just starting 9th grade at Mount Vernon High School, he plays soccer for the Lee-Mount Vernon soccer club and attends Religion classes at Good Shepard Catholic Church. Our daughter Gloria is starting 6th grade at Woodley Hills Elementary School, and our daughter Maria, the youngest, is starting 4th grade, also at Woodley Hills. Both also attend religion classes at Good Shepard Catholic Church. Maria is part of a Girl Scouts Troop in this area.

My wife has been very dedicated to caring for our children, 2 of whom have special needs, and I work in construction. Therefore, we do not have a very high income.

Our home is 28 ft x 55 ft and our patio measures 30 x 55 feet. When we bought it, we paid \$30,000 for it. It was an amount that took many years to pay, and between repairs and fixes we have made, we have invested an additional \$18,000 into the home. What I mean to express with this is that all my savings have been invested here, into my house, because this is not just a simple trailer, this is our home and the only family asset we have.

If PC19-MV-002 goes through as a project, it will be very hard for my family. We would have to move away from here and this would mean changing churches, schools, and changing all services and doctors for our kids, and it will separate us from our neighbors and friends with whom we have lived with for years, and for children with autism, this type of separation is especially difficult. I beg you to make the right decision. Thank you for your attention.

Castro Family

#4 8/24/20

From Blanca Cienfuegos Martinez

Hello, I humbly ask that through these letters you hear our requests for help defending our homes. For other people, these are simple trailers, but for us they are something valuable; they are our home, the place where my kids have grown up, I have lived in this trailer for 14 years. My children were born here, we have made repairs to our little house through a lot of sacrifice, this is the place where we have invested all our savings. If we live here it is because we are poor, otherwise we would have a house or a mansion. Perhaps the people who want to remove us from here have their house or their mansion, but for us this is our house. I, Blanca Cienfuegos, ask you, in the name of all of my neighbors who are all preoccupied by the rumors they hear about this proposal, I ask in the name of God that you help us save our homes. Thank you for your help, and may the Lord bless each one of you. Many thanks.

Blanca Cienfuegos

#5

Virginia Castro Rivera & Roberto Garcia

8546 Greenleaf Street

Alexandria, VA 22309

To whom it may concern:

We are a family of 7 people, and we live in this house. 5 of these are our children, who are US citizens. This has been our home for 14 years. The house has 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, and bathroom. My children have only known this home since the day they were born; here they have all their friends who attend Woodley Hills and Mount Vernon with them, my son is on the school soccer team and they all go outside to play here. This is a very safe place for them; here we have the opportunity as many other mothers do, we don't have cars and we can walk to the health center to bring our children to our appointments, and we can also go walk to church and to go buy food. We have the Bestway Supermarket, the 7/11, and Margarita's Grocery. This house is not just a trailer, it is our home that we bought with much sacrifice and with all our savings. Initially we paid \$17,000 and \$5,000 more to remodel the trailer, from the kitchen to the bedrooms and the bathrooms (Plus a new refrigerator, new stove, new microwave, new dishwasher. We just had to change them out again this year).

Also, we paid \$3000 to have new plastic installed in the roof so that water would not enter the trailer when it rains and to block out the heat. We have also paid \$4300 to change the air conditioner and the heater so our family does not get too hot or too cold. We are constantly repairing our house so our children feel good and secure, and we have paid for this with all our savings, it is the best we can give to our children. This is all separate from the amount we pay every month to rent the land.

My husband works in construction and I work in cleaning. Here, all the neighbors know each other, we support each other and care for each other, and here on this same street is where my sister lives; she helps me with child care. I ask that you take into account the stability that all these children have. God bless you, thank you for your attention

Virginia Castro R.

#6

Good morning, I write to your attention with a lot of respect and to tell you that just like you all have dreams and projects, I have dreamed of having a home for me and my family, especially for my kids. All of my dreams and sacrifices, all of my savings are in this mobile home. Throughout my life we have sacrificed a lot and my daughters have grown up and are happy because they finally have their own home. We will be greatly affected. There are many families that have lived here for years. There is value in being together as a family. We have fought for 9 years to be able to give the best to my daughters and this home for them is the castle of their dreams. It has great value for them above many other things. Paying month-to-month, always following the rules, we pay taxes every year, just as this county demands of us. I ask you to please be aware of the dreams of each family.

Sincerely, Mary

#7 8/25/20

Hello, I live in Engleside Trailer Park/Ray's Mobile Home Colony. I am writing this letter against this project because I bought my house here 5 years ago, this is my house where I have invested all my savings in order to be more stable and with my family. We are 4 in total, my partner and I and our 2 children. Here I have everything for my kids: doctor, childcare, school; it would affect me greatly. Also we have remolded our house, spending a lot in order to live better as humans. I don't have anywhere to go, I don't have any resources. I have a construction job where I work 8 hours a day, I cannot manage to leave and move my house somewhere else. Because of this, I hope that all of you take this into consideration and don't force us out. My children have the same rights as every other US citizen. I pay my rent like everyone else, I pay my taxes like everyone else. What you want us to do isn't fair; wanting us to leave and abandoning us with no money and no place to go.

Buying and remodeling our home costs us money and has left us without resources. Please don't do this to us. There are close to 120 homes and 500 people, most with kids. Where will we go? We will have nothing, and the little we do have in our home will be trash because you will take advantage of the little we have and leave us in the streets, because for me that's it and what it will be.

So please: if you live in nice houses and have families, think a little about each family that will be affected by this project. Thank you very much.

#8 8/25/20

Letter for the SSPA Task Force regarding PC19-MV-002 Engleside Trailer Park/Ray's Mobile Home Colony

This place has been, for me and my children, the best for their studies in school, and it is close to their school. My wife's employer gives her time to drop off and pick them up from there as well. I have lived here for 8 years, and it would be very devastating for them. I wouldn't know where to go, and what I have invested in this house (for us it is a house, not just a trailer), I have invested all of my savings so that my children may live a good life. The investment I have made in this house was about \$20,000 and I would not want to lose it all because it would signify cutting my children off from their inheritance that I would leave them when I am no longer here. And it is not just me in this situation; there are more than 80 families who are feeling very anxious about this project moving forward.

I would like that you put your hands on your hearts and think about if you had kids and if this was happening to you, what would you do if you and your children had no place to go? In the name of God, stop this project. It is all that I ask, let us keep living here. Thank you.

#9

Re: PC19-MV-002

Good afternoon,

I live in Ray's Mobile Home Colony, and this project notice really has me worried. It would greatly affect my family stability; I would like you all to know that just like me, whole families have lived here for 20 years. In my case, I have lived in this neighborhood for 14 years; it is very tranquil, safe, and stable, and every parent looks after their kids.

My kids attend Woodley Hills Elementary School and Mount Vernon High School, some of the best and safest schools in Fairfax County. I am a member of Good Shepard Church, which I attend for the wellbeing of my family. My children's pediatrician is in the same zip code, as well as many other services.

My daughter has been a member of Girl Scouts Troop #894 for 7 years. My sons have their sports teams. My husband is a construction worker, one of those essential jobs. We have invested our savings into buying a home and perhaps to you all they are only "trailers" but for us it is "OUR HOME". For the sake of humanity, I ask you to take us into consideration how all of this would affect us and especially the children, who are the future of the world. If we would have to move to another place it would be devastating for everyone but especially for all of the students. Thank you.

#10

Ignacio Alberto, 8/25/20

Hello, I live in a mobile home and I write this letter against this project because I have lived here for 2 years, when I purchased my home. For me, this is my home where I have invested all of my savings in order to be better and more stable with my family. There are 5 of us, a couple and 3 children; one of my children has down syndrome. Here, my children have their schools, doctors, everything. I don't drive and I use public transportation to get around. Nearby I have childcare for my kids at the South County center, I am able to walk there. The project would affect me greatly, as we have spent more money remodeling our home than it originally cost us. We have spent approximately \$15,000, plus the manual labor to remodel the home has taken 3 months of 6 to 8 hours of work per day. I don't know where to go, I don't have any other resources. I have a construction job where I work 8 hours per day and I cannot afford to go to another place and move my house. I hope that you all realize this and don't displace us, my children have the same rights as all of the other US citizens. I pay my rent like everyone else, I pay my taxes and what you want to do to us is not fair. You are wanting us to get out and leaving us desperate, leaving us to rely on good luck and without anywhere to go and without money. Through buying and remodeling our little home, it has left us without any money, so I ask you please do not do this to us. There are close to 120 homes and 500 people who don't know where to go. We will be left with nothing, and the little we do have in our home will be trash because you will take advantage of the little we have and leave us in the streets, because for me that's it and what it will be.

So please, if you all live in homes and if you have families please think about every family that will be very affected by the decision of this project. Thank you very much and please have a heart. God help us.

Who will pay me what I have invested and paid for my house? I have spent and invested around \$40,000 and I will lose everything.

#11

My name is Rosa Nelly Torres. I wanted to say that it will greatly affect me if you all displace us from the trailer park. First of all, my children's school has been in the same area for their whole lives, they have everything here. It is very simple for them because the bus stop is next to my house, and it is very

tranquil for them and for us as well. They do not want to change schools, it would be very difficult for them because they've been in the same school forever.

Second, we don't have the resources to be able to move our trailers; we don't have resources to relocate the trailers elsewhere, nor the money to pay for relocation services. We cannot drive either, and we have all of the stores and supermarkets nearby to do our grocery shopping. For me this situation is very difficult. Please do not displace us from our home.

We also have our clinic nearby. We have everything in order here.

#12

My name is Ana Perez and I live in Ray's Mobile Home trailer park. I wanted to say that displacing us from the park would greatly affect me. First of all, it would affect my children's school. The school bus is very nearby. My children do not want to change their school. Secondly, I don't know how to drive and I have public transit near my house. The stores and the pharmacy are close by. Also, my children's doctor and dentist are nearby, and so is the South County clinic for me. Also, I don't have the resources to move my trailer, nor for the relocation. Because of this, this will greatly affect me.

#13

My name is Juana Perez and I live in Ray's Mobile Home trailer park. I wanted to say that displacing us from the park would greatly affect me. First of all, I don't know how to drive and I have public transit near my house. The stores and the pharmacy are close by. So is the South County clinic for me. Also, I don't have the resources to move my trailer, nor for the relocation. Because of this, this will greatly affect me.

#14

8/25/20

Re: Comments for the SSPA Task Force PC19-MV-002

Good morning, my name is Maria and my house is located on Greenleaf Street (Engleside Trailer Park). The reason for my letter is to let you all know that this project would greatly change my life and the life of my family. I am a single mother, and I have 2 sons; one is 14 years old and starting 9th grade at Mount Vernon HS and the other is 12 years old and starting 7th grade at Walt Whitman MS.

Also, my parents live with me: my father is 63 years old and suffers from renal deficiencies; he requires dialysis 3 times a week. My mother is 61 years old and suffers from high blood pressure. I work in the Ojos restaurant, which also located on Greenleaf Street, to sustain the 4 of them. Because of their age, they all depend on me and my work, and with this project I would be stuck without a home and without work, which would be disastrous for us.

I have lived here for 12 years. I paid \$30,000 for my home, and I have spent upwards of \$20,000 during all these years for repairs. As you can see, I have invested all that I have earned in those years into this home. This project would destabilize my life completely, and I would lose the only inheritance that belongs to me and my sons.

Thank you for your attention.

Maria (resident of Engleside Trailer Park)

#15

8/25/20

Re: Comments for the SSPA Task Force on PC19-MV-002

The reason for my letter is to let you know that this project will be very harmful to us. My name is Jose, I live on Greenleaf Street (Engleside Trailer Park). I suffer from kidney disease and I cannot work. My wife and I live with my daughter, and with this project my daughter would lose her job. My wife and I help our daughter by going to buy the food we consume, because the Bestway supermarket is very close, and we can walk there. But, with this project, we would also lose the possibility of being able to contribute to our household. I ask you to consider that poor people live here; we don't earn enough to buy a normal home.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Jose (resident of Greenleaf Street)

#16

Comments for the SSPA Task Force on PC19-MV-002

I live on Greenleaf Street (Engleside Trailer Park). We are a family of 5: my husband, my 3 children, and I. With much sadness in my heart, I want to share with you that one of my children has Hypotonia. He is 9 years old but his mind is like that of an 8 month old, he suffers from convulsions and has hydrocephaly. He also has a tube in his stomach that he needs in order to eat. He is a child who depends on us 24 hours per day.

I write to you because this project will affect our family greatly. We have lived here for 9 years, this is our house, our home, because it is our own; it is not just a mobile home because we have invested all our savings in order to give our children a roof over their heads. When we bought it, it cost us \$20,000 and it measured 60m x 120m. Due to the condition of our child, we invested an additional \$4,000 making adaptations to make it more accessible for him.

The project PC19-MV-002 would affect us in a grave way, because of this. My husband works in a restaurant and he does not drive, and the bus stop that we have here is very accessible. It is also very convenient for going to church. We also have Woodley Hills ES very nearby for the children. Thank you for your attention. Blessings to you.

#17

8/25/20 To whom it may concern:

I, Salvador Chavez, who lives at 4418 Galen Street, Alexandria, VA 22309, want to let you all know that my house, that I bought with my mother, is very important to me. I obtained this house through much effort and sacrifice and it has been a dream for me. If we are displaced from here, I will not have a place to go, and I will not know where to go. I believe this would greatly affect me emotionally and psychologically. My house cost \$35,000, repairs cost \$18,000. The total price is \$53,000.

703-681-8160

S. Chavez.

18.

Good evening, to the SSPA Nomination Taskforce: PC19-MV-002,

To my understanding this seems like a project that will impact the lives of a great deal of people, this includes myself and the home I work in.

I know that I do not live here, however, I must state the affect [of this nomination] on my work. I care for a child with special needs that resides on Green Leaf Street. I have worked for this family for 4 years and I have become very familiar with their needs and the changes they have undergone to create a home that is more accommodating for their child's needs.

Fortunately, they are well located. They have doctors and schools nearby. Additionally, if this child is relocated from their home, it will affect him in a great manner.

Above all else, if this boy must live in another city is it likely that he will lose the currently existing support structure. Please do not hurt our most vulnerable, be compassionate. This boy is the same as others, he will be affected if they must leave and live somewhere else.

Thank you for your time dedicated to reading my comments and I hope I appealed to your good heart.

Blessings,

19.

Issue: Comments for the Taskforce of SSPA Nomination PC19-MV-002,

Good afternoon, I mean good morning,

I am a resident of Mount Zephyr 22309 and I would like to offer comments about nomination PC19-MV-002. I would like to ask you to think about us but more so in our children. They were born here, they are from this country, and they are from here, and think about us and that we are low income. This is the home of our children where we have lived here for 7 years. This is our home, for us these are not just trailers, this is the home we have created for our children. They feel good because their schools are nearby and they have soccer fields nearby and parks nearby where my children have fun. I state this because I do not drive... And when I attend parent teacher meetings I always do so without a vehicle due to my inability to drive. That is all. May God Bless you.

20.

PC19-MV-002: Engleside trailer park/ Ray's mobile home community
Denfield Drive

The motive of my letter is to ask for your help so that the owner of our land does not forcibly remove us from our home.

Where my family lives, that with much effort we obtained, my children have realized what is happening in our community. And they ask us where we are going to go if the owner removes us from our home.

It has been the home of my family for more than 20 years, it is the place where my children were raised, and it is not just that they will evict us from our home.

Because for my children this is our family's home, a home we have invested in with much effort, and the owner is not considerate of the children.

And throughout the pandemic they raised our rent when people were without work for months of which the year continues to pass.

And he treats people badly, when he speaks with people he uses bad language.

My family does not want to leave because for my children the school, park, and soccer fields are close.

We can walk to the schools and soccer fields which is a sport for the kids, who are U.S. citizens of this country. Who are the future of this country.

The owner of the land does not value anything because he lives financially comfortable.

And he discriminates against low income people and treats people vulgarly.

Attentively,

Thank you,

21.

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to not remove us from our homes. We have invested large sums of money in our home. This is the savings of many years, invested into our homes. My trailer cost me 27K, and I have invested about 80K more into a complete remodeling, materials, and cost of labor. We also ask that we not be removed for our children. For they have their schools in the vicinity. Additionally, when I bought my home from him, he offered me many things, and till this very day he refuses to give me my title. I have lived here for more than 2 years and I have kept asking to receive the title to my home and I have been refused. The last time I asked he told me he did not have it and that he just sold the home to me personally. Truth be told, this man is bad mannered. He treats the entire neighborhood badly. One sees how he is and what he does and sometimes we do not say anything due to the fear that he will kick us off his property. It's the only thing he does when things like this occur.

22.

To whom it may concern,

August 20, 2020

A very good day, I am 72 years of age. I live in Denfield Drive, Alexandria, VA. I have lived here for 3 years, I do not have a husband, I am not working. I have my retirement money but it is not much and it does not cover my expenses and because I have no other sources of income and because I am unable to work due to my old age, I am concerned and fearful that something may happen to my home, I have invested much in her. I added a new air conditioner and spent \$1,700 and \$900 in the cost of labor, in all I spent \$2,600. I changed all my flooring which cost \$2,000, I put siding on my around entire home and spent \$700, I also changed all the cabinets which cost \$400, I remodeled the bathroom which cost \$500, I changed all my lights which cost \$300 and I fixed my windows which cost \$300. A single person did everything for me and in all the cost of labor was \$4,000. I can no longer work, I live with my daughter who helps me with all my homes expenses, I like it here because the stores are nearby, and I do not drive. I would like to know more about what will happen to my home.

Thank you in advance,

23.

08-24-20: Comments for project PC 19-MV-002

To whom it may concern,

Firstly, we disagree with your plans. Here reside many families who have lived here for more than 10 years, we and our children are accustomed to this place. It would be very sad, especially for our children

because they have grown up here, [in this place] they have their friends, their schools, please think about this and us. Additionally, we have our jobs nearby, some of us have invested greatly in buying and remodeling our mobile homes.

Please consider all of this, THANKS

24.

I E.Q. make it known,

If we are evicted (forcibly removed) from our community, of our trailers, my family and I will face much adversity. We moved here in 2004, our children we born and raised here, I have a child that is 11 years old and he loves this place. He loves school. It would be a trauma for him to know that we will be evicted. Our trailer home was purchased new with much effort, we made many payments, and it was 55K. That is our lifesavings. We are approaching an old age and we cannot pay for another more expensive home. We make it known that we will face much adversity.

Sincerely, E.Q.

25.

Comments for the PC 19-MV-002 Taskforce,

Hello, I live on Greenleaf Street and through this letter I want to voice my opinion because this project will affect me [negatively] because if we were forced to move I would not know which school I would have to attend and I like my current school Mount Vernon and I would not like changing schools because this school is nearby and because I would rather not move from this area because this is a nice area and we have shops nearby and if we moved I would not know if this new area would be similar in the sense of accessible stores like here. I would not like to move because I also like attending Good Shepard Catholic Church and here we are very close to church and if we moved we would not have the same opportunities like the ones we have in this area. This project will affect me greatly, and not only me it will also affect the other people that reside here. Thank you.

May God bless you greatly, blessings,

26.

Comments for the PC19-MV-002 Taskforce,

Hello, I live on Green Leaf Street and through this letter I would like to voice my opinion because I would also be impacted by this project, I am an older woman and I do not have a car. I depend on public transportation and I work nights and the bus stop is near where I live.

Furthermore, I really love this area because everything is accessible, the stores, bus stops, the Post Office, and the clinics.

That is why this project would affect many in our area. All those that live here are low income/ working class, but we are honest and hard-working people, I hope I have appealed to your kind heart so that this project will not affect us. Thank you,

May God bless you greatly,

27.

August 2020. Alexandria, VA

2019 South County SSPA Process – Nomination PC19-MV-002

Good evening, I have been a resident of ENGLSIDE TRAILER PARK/ RAY'S MOBILE HOME COLONY since the year 2010, which was then known as Harmony Place & Ray's Mobile Home Parks, we have seen the transition from this company to the current. My trailer has been my home for myself and my family for 10 wonderful years, it is not just a mobile home for us, instead it is our home. It is the home that with much effort we have built, with great love, and we have also invested money into remodeling, whether it be in our new kitchen that cost approximately \$5,000, our bathroom which was about \$2,000, floor \$2,000, and this maintenance list of home spending can continue. These homes are not just a couple of mobile homes, these are our homes, it has been the home of my family and me. My children have been able to attend school and have an adequate education, they have also represented the schools of the Mount Vernon area, in sports and skills. If this project is approved our families will be those primarily impacted due to the fact that many of us have invested all our savings into our homes and now you just evict us as if we were disposable, and we are being offered nothing; as citizens we have the right to a dignified home and we have that here in this [trailer] park, we all work for our livelihood and we pay every month for a right to occupy space and we deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. I hope that you will consider this nomination more than once now that you are informed that many families will restart from nothing and without the support of our authorities, those that we have put in those positions due to our vote as citizens.

Sincerely, Beky.

28.

August 2020. Alexandria Va.

2019 South County SSPA Process – Nomination PC19-MV-002

ENGLSIDE TRAILER PARK/ RAY'S MOBILE HOME COLONY

Engleside Trailer Park/ Ray's Mobile Home Colony Map Nomination Link

Supervisor District:

Mount Vernon

Good evening, I have been a resident of this area ENGLSIDE TRAILER PARK/ RAY'S MOBILE HOME COLONY since the year 2003. Why, as residents of this area, have we still not received any [formal] notification regarding this project directly from the office of our Supervisor or from the office to which we pay our rent of \$950.00 monthly which does not include utilities. To prepare ourselves as a family, now that we will no longer have our home, where our children have been raised, of which some are children with special needs and elderly. This project looks beautiful, but if you look at the families that live here you will see that we are truly concerned of losing our homes and that may be all we can leave our children. Many of them with many good skills that will be reflected in the future, contributing to this community that has always supported them until now. This community has always been calm and inhabited with hardworking people who are now considered essential workers; if this project is approved what opportunity for development would we have? This must be considered, and this must be fair for us, the citizens of this Trailer park.

Thank you, Dani

29.

My name is Rosa Medrano and I am concerned and saddened due to the situation we find ourselves in. It is my home, the savings of my lifetime, this is my home, the home of my children. It is our legacy, and I hope you can imagine our feelings, especially the children and the elderly. I hope and trust in God that

we may be able to maintain our community. That you may think of our children and our elderly. This is our home and the savings of a lifetime and I only ask that you may help us and please think about what you will do. Thanks, and blessings,

30.

8/25/2020

To whom it may concern,

I am R.G. resident of Alexandria, VA 22309

I have been a resident of the Rapido Company LC Mobile Home community, previously known as Rayburn Mobile Park, for about 17 years. I have my children in the local schools of the area: Mount Vernon High School and Woodley Hills Elementary School.

Therefore, I would like to ask you to be understanding of the impact of moving after years of stability in our home. Our jobs, the bus system, and our schools, and even the rent in this community is affordable.

We have done everything for our children, so they can have a better future. So, they will be able to afford a home, have a better job, and a better life.

Many thanks for your attention to the present,

31.

Moises Velazquez

My name is Moises Velazquez and I would like to state that through much hardship and sacrifice I bought this Mobile Trailer Home, with all the savings I had since I came to the United States. I like it here and everything is nearby, and I get along well with my neighbors.

I have lived in other places and I have not felt comfortable there, only here have I felt as though my neighbors are family.

I would be grateful if you helped us,

Thank you,

Moises Velasquez Blanco

32.

132 Denfield Drive, Alexandria, VA 22309

I, Mario Adan Montoya, hereby confirm that if we are displaced, we will be in a very difficult position, my family and me. I have lived in this community for 16 years. My children were born and raised here, they are still young, and they love this area and their schools. It would be a trauma for them if we had to move. It would be a tragedy for our community and our family.

Sincerely, Mario Adan Montoya

33.

Good afternoon, I am Hector Ramirez and my wife is Sandra de Ramirez,

I speak to the Taskforce through this letter to let it be known that we have lived here since September of 2019 in the following address: 4120 Galen Street, Alexandria, VA

I express the following: we have received said information that these mobile homes are no longer wanted in this place. If that were to happen, we would find ourselves deeply impacted because we do not have the proper financial resources to move. We acquired this home with much sacrifice, and it is not fair (just) that you are now thinking to displace us from our homes.

Hector Ramirez F.

Sandra Diaz de Ramirez F. [signed]

34.

The Mercado Family,
210 Denfield Drive,
Alexandria VA 22309

8-25-2020

Miguel A. Mercado
Gladis Turcios
Marlenis E. Mercado
Miguel J. Mercado
AJ Gabriel Mercado

We like the place where we live, and we are happy.

35.

May God bless you
Good afternoon,
Cordial greetings,

This letter I write wholeheartedly with the knowledge of the situation for which this hearing is being conducted,

My family consists of three children, my husband, and myself. [This project] will affect us greatly because this is our home, where we live together. We have lived here for 6 years and my children would be affected in every way, their schools, their friends, the park where we go for walks, it would be very difficult for us if we would be displaced from our home. Where we have resided for years 😞 I would like to ask you to please consider every family, every son and daughter, that would be left without a home. My husband has spent lots of money in fixing our home. We changed/ replaced everything, we spent everything, we spent our savings in rebuilding our home.

We have lived happily next to our Lord Jeova, father, son, and holy spirit. In this home we have lived many happy moments and I would not like it if you informed us that we can no longer live here 😞

My children, my husband, and I are very happy here. This is the home we have always dreamed of.

God gave us this home, please consider every child and family.

I love you in the same manner of Jesus Christ love,
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