



Reston Citizens
Association

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**RE: NVBIA Letter of September 16, 2022 - Reston Comprehensive Plan Task Force
Recommendations**

Dear Chairman McKay, Supervisor Alcorn, and Supervisor Smith:

Mr. Brian Winterhalter has written to you encouraging the Board of Supervisors' Land Use Policy Committee to "receive a briefing on the Reston Comprehensive Plan Task Force's recommendations prior to scheduling public hearings".

RCA requests that agenda item 3 "Reston Comprehensive Plan Amendment Update (45 Minutes)" be removed from the October 4 Land Use Policy Committee Meeting agenda. Surprisingly for a land use attorney of his experience, Mr. Winterhalter appears to be confused as to what Reston is and how we have traditionally led the County - and the State - in advancing an open, welcoming community for people of all backgrounds and incomes. Reston is sensitive to the needs and aspirations of its residents while also being a major contributor to the economic development of Fairfax County.

Mr. Winterhalter states, "We are unaware of instances in which a geographic subset of Fairfax County has policy goals that differ from that of Fairfax County as a whole." Again, this is surprising as Mr. Winterhalter must be aware that Reston is a Planned Residential Community (PRC), one of only three in the County, and by far the biggest and most unique. Mr. Winterhalter gives no indication of what exactly he finds objectionable in the "new sections or chapters" he

appears to be concerned about. If he could provide even one specific example that he or his Association finds unacceptable it might be easier to understand what he is upset about.

Mr. Winterhalter correctly notes that representatives from his Association have been members of the Reston Comprehensive Plan Task Force from its conception and presumably present at every one of the fifty-six (56) meetings of the Task Force over the past two years. There were many more meetings of the chapter working groups where debate happened at length. Surely the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association, like any other member, provided pertinent information, expressed opinions, stated concerns, put forth proposals, offered amendments and voted to approve or oppose any specific measure. Mr. Winterhalter might advise why he is bringing up his concerns now, rather than during the extended deliberation, drafting, discussion and approval periods over the past twenty-four months.

Mr. Winterhalter also seems to be advocating for the elimination of "potentially-competing policy initiatives." Aren't "potentially-competing" policy initiatives inherent in any and every land use proposal? Aren't these the very basis for the service Mr. Winterhalter provides to his clients?

Under Supervisor Alcorn's direction and guidance, the Reston Comprehensive Plan Task Force was established to give voice to all segments of the Reston community including members of the Building Industry - and their lawyers. Mr. Winterhalter and his clients had two years to express their concerns and the other Task Force members along with County staff were always willing to give ample time to them to present their case. Further, there now is a public comment period when any resident can express their opinion on any or all aspects of the Task Force's recommendation. Mr. Winterhalter couldn't convince the people most directly knowledgeable and involved in the Task Force that he had any legitimate concerns, so now he seeks to overturn their collective wisdom. This should not be permitted.

Sincerely,


Lynne Mulston, President
Reston Citizens Association