

June 03, 2019

Albemarle County Planning Commission
401 McIntire Road
Charlottesville, Va 22902

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Planning Commission Members:

The rezoning submission for Southwood Phase 1 (ZMA 201800003) has been developed by the residents of Southwood, working together to strengthen our community and make this project a reality. When the dream of a new Southwood is realized, it will be the same strong neighbors, just not the same houses. We want to see Southwood become a beautiful place with different homes based on different incomes so that this dream can become true. Our goal is to leave a legacy for our families, and to form a community that our children can be proud to call home.

We have understood, from the beginning of the design process, both the importance and the appropriateness of higher density development in the area called Block B, specifically at the entrance to the neighborhood along Hickory Street. We made these design decisions with our architects and engineers during workshops in 2018, and have examined the relationship between density and open space and know that higher density allows for more housing, greater affordability and better open space. We believe this rezoning proposal is in alignment with the Comprehensive Plan's designation of this area as Urban Density Residential and of the identification of a Neighborhood Center near Hickory Street.

We know that this development will bring changes to our area of town, and to the Old Lynchburg Road corridor, and we believe those changes will be positive. Development here by market-rate builders is not only an important part of making this project financially possible, but it will bring new housing opportunities and new commercial opportunities to our neighborhood that will benefit everyone.

We are excited to share in this chance to grow and advance with our neighbors.

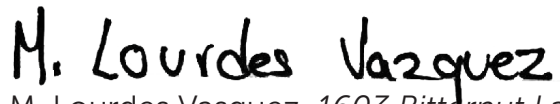
We are interested in being good neighbors, and are committed to finding solutions that work best for the community as a whole, knowing that we cannot put at risk the overall success of this project or stray from our vision of an inclusive, mixed-income neighborhood with opportunities for many. We ask that the planning commission hear our support of this rezoning application and provide guidance to make sure that this project moves forward smoothly, so that our dream can be realized.

Sincerely,

Southwood Resident Planners
(signatures on the following page)



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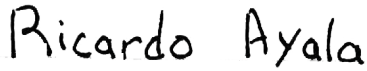
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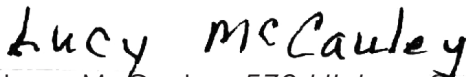
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