



**The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, Inc.**

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Supervisor Gerald Hyland  
2511 Parkers Lane  
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Subject: Resolution in Opposition to the Morning Star Children's Day Care Proposal  
for 8628 Woodland Court

Dear Supervisor Hyland:

On behalf of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) the enclosed resolution is forwarded for your consideration.

On September 23, 2015, the membership of the MVCCA's General Council voted to support the attached resolution opposing the Morning Star Children's Day Care Proposal for 8628 Woodland Court. The resolution was passed unanimously after a small change. The number of children, 160, was deleted from the fifth Whereas clause. The MVCCA membership urges you to oppose this request for a special exception.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

[Digitally Signed]

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Cc: Commissioner Earl Flanigan  
Commissioner Tim Sargeant

**RESOLUTION MVCCA (P&Z/TRAN) 2015-J01:  
IN OPPOSITION TO THE MORNING STAR CHILDREN’S DAY CARE PROPOSAL  
FOR 8628 WOODLAWN COURT**

1. **Whereas** Morning Star Children’s Day Care seeks to build a childcare facility at 8628 Woodlawn Court for up to 160 children with hours of operation from 6am to 11pm, and;
2. **Whereas** The parcel is zoned R-2 and therefore a Special Exception is required, and;
3. **Whereas** Woodlawn Court is a very narrow dead-end road without sidewalks and there is no traffic signal where it intersects Richmond Highway, and;
4. **Whereas** Exiting Woodlawn Court onto Richmond Highway is difficult and dangerous, made more so by a bus parking area that blocks the view to the north and the car-carrier delivery trucks that park waiting to unload that also block the view, and;
5. **Whereas** Woodlawn Court and the Richmond Highway intersection were designed to handle the expected traffic of the 18 residences, not to handle the traffic of 160 children being dropped off in the morning and picked up again in the afternoon/evening, and;
6. **Whereas** In the likely event of customer “stacking” on Woodlawn Court waiting to pickup or drop off their child, half of the width of Woodlawn Court would be blocked by the waiting customers, restricting the ability of residents to access the street and creating a roadblock for emergency vehicles, and;
7. **Whereas** The parcel is one acre in size which, after providing for the building, parking, and play areas, is too small to also have a drop-off turn-around forcing all customers to make a 3-point turn at the end of the parking area, and;
8. **Whereas** Within a half mile of Woodlawn Court there are multiple empty commercially zoned parcels with direct access to Richmond Highway which are much more suitable for a commercial use than this residential parcel, and;
9. **Whereas** Fifteen of the eighteen residents of Woodlawn Court have signed a petition in opposition to this childcare proposal;

**Now, therefore be it resolved** that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Associations opposes the Special Exception application to allow the construction of a childcare facility at 8628 Woodlawn Court.

**Approved by the MVCCA General Council on September 23, 2015**