

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA)  
Resolution PZ-2020-02

Opposing Approvals of Special Exceptions for Multi-pump Gas Stations /Convenience Stores  
Along the Richmond Highway Corridor

WHEREAS, The current Comprehensive Plan under the EMBARK design process created the concept of Richmond Highway, from Ft Belvoir to the beltway, as our "Main Street" with gathering places connected by walkable/bikeable wide avenues along with trees and green spaces;

WHEREAS, Multi-pump gas stations with or without convenience stores are already abundant along Richmond Highway, are more suited for major freeway locations that are not gateways to neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, Several SE requests for multi-pump/convenience stores are starting to be proposed to the County for approval; These stations make a visual statement that Richmond Highway is a drive-through commuters' road, not a "Main Street";

WHEREAS, The MVCCA supports small neighborhood gas stations that are part of the community fabric; (Example- the Station located on Ft Hunt Rd in the Hollin Hall Shopping Center. They provide assistance with gas pumping, filling tires with air, washing windows, checking the oils and other repair services and flower beds that change with the seasons.);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the MVCCA opposes approvals of multi-pump gas stations /convenience stores along Richmond Highway Corridor from Ft Belvoir to the Beltway;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the MVCCA requests that the county staff, our District Supervisor the Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors uphold the vision of Richmond Highway as a "Main Street" and oppose any and all SE requests for of multi-pump gas stations/convenience stores along the Richmond Highway.

Approved by the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) General Council on  
Tuesday, December 16, 2020.