

September 12, 2016

From: Mike Rioux, President Mason Hill Citizens Association

To: Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association (MVCCA)

Subject: Resolution to Amend Virginia Senate Bill 416

Attached please find background information and a draft resolution for consideration by the MVCCA to send to the Delegates and Senators representing the Mount Vernon District, Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District Supervisor, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Virginia Housing Commission.

In 2016 the Virginia legislature passed the Limited Residential Lodging Act SB 416 and HB 812. The Act will remove the authority for local county, city and municipal governments to regulate or restrict short term rentals and nullify the authority of homeowner associations and covenants. If unchanged before the Act becomes law on July 1, 2017 it essentially means anyone would be able to do anything with property anywhere. SB 416 included a provision to convene a work group, subsequently named short term rental work group, to explore issues related to expansion of the framework set forth in the Act related to the registration, land use, tax, and other issues of public interest associated with the short-term rental of dwelling and other units. The short term rental work group, which started in May 2016 is tasked to complete its work by December 1, 2016, with the goal of developing recommendations and draft/ revised legislation for consideration by the 2017 Session of the General Assembly that meets in January 2017.

Mason Hill has attended the Short Term Rental Work Group meetings and presented its recommendations at the August 25, 2016 meeting. It is expected that the last Short Term Rental Work Group meeting will be held in early October after which the draft/ revised legislation will be written and forwarded to the Virginia Housing Commission for disposition and or adoption by the General Assembly.

The members of the Virginia Housing Commission include:

Daniel W. Marshall III, Delegate Republican, District 14

Barry Knight, Delegate Republican, District 81

Christopher Peace, Delegate Republican, District 97

David Bulova, Delegate Democrat, District 37

Betsy Carr, Delegate Democrat, District 69

Mamie Locke, Senate Democrat, District 2

George Barker, Senate Democrat, District 39

William Stanley Jr., Senate Republican, District 20

There are three citizen members who are appointed by the governor including:

Laura Lafayette Chief Executive Officer at Richmond Association of REALTORS®
Mark Flynn, General Counsel Virginia Municipal League
T.K. Somanath, CEO Better Housing Coalition

Thank you for your support in reviewing and presenting the attached Resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Rioux". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mike Rioux