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SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Justin Wilson
Mayor of Alexandria
City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Wilson:

The North Ridge Citizens' Association (NRCA), representing 2700 individual households, would like to share its concerns about the City's proposals for traffic calming along Seminary Road. We also wish to request that a representative of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) attend our next monthly meeting, which will be held on Monday, May 13th at the Beverley Hills United Methodist Church at 3512 Old Dominion Blvd. starting at 7:30 PM.

At our April 8th meeting, many North Ridge neighbors voiced a variety of concerns about the City's proposals. Principally, they are worried that implementation of any of the proposals will increase driving times along Seminary Road without any measurable improvements in traffic volume or safety. Several speakers asserted that the narrowing of lanes on Russell Road and the recent restructuring of lanes on King Street have negatively impacted traffic flows, to the detriment of safety. When coupled with the many email comments that we received, the overwhelming consensus is that the City should maintain the existing Seminary Road design. Notably, Seminary Road is a major roadway for getting across the City and residents want all efforts to be made to place priority on drivers and traffic flow.

NRCA has set up a committee to examine the proposals in more detail and to confer with City leaders about resident concerns. As mentioned, we ask that T&ES attend our May 13th meeting before that body makes any recommendations to the Traffic and Parking Board (PEB) later in the month.

Additionally, we ask Council to direct any individuals serving on the PEB who are affiliated with lobbying organizations with a vested interest in this matter, including the Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), to recuse themselves from any City decision-making.

Regards,



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