

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

CC: Mr. Mark Jinks, City Manager

While the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations (AFCA) is not taking an official position on the request for a Development Special Use Permit (DSUP) to amend DSUP #2002-0029 to delete conditions prohibiting residents from obtaining residential parking permits at Chatham Square, the under signed Civic Associations are very concerned about the apparent precedent being set by City Council in reversing conditions previously legislated. This *precedent* of reversing previous conditions would not only create an adverse situation for the community immediately surrounding Chatham Square, but also could adversely impact twenty five (25) other neighborhoods.

At the time of DSUP approval these parking restrictions were legislated to ensure that adequate parking would be available on the street for the many residents in the immediate area who do not have access to off-street parking. Approval of this unexpected change would represent a negative shift in process, and would set an unfortunate *precedent* of citizens relying upon one set of conditions only to have those conditions radically changed a short time later.

We therefore oppose the petition before you for reasons of *process*.

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Fairlington Citizens Association
Founders Park Community Association
Old Town Civic Association
Seminary West Civic Association
West Old Town Civic Association