

PUBLIC HEARING MVCCA TESTIMONY BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

2550 Huntington Avenue Alexandria, VA

July 10, 2024

My name is Bindu Mathur, and I am the chair of the MVCCA's land-use, planning and zoning committee. I am testifying on behalf of the MVCCA's membership.

We have monitored the development proposal for the property at 2550 Huntington Ave since the 2021 SSPA process. We had several members on that task force. We support the proposed development of the apartment complex with ground floor retail and a public use plaza. We do not support any second-floor retail or commercial/community uses.

We have reviewed the county staff's report and are pleased that County Staff acknowledged that second floor commercial use is not really viable, but they do support ground floor retail uses along with the public plaza on Huntington Avenue and Metroview Parkway as a means of providing the desired effect to make this a lively and exciting community.

We support and look forward to the developer hosting community events such as farmers markets, small concerts, and art festivals on the plaza.

We recommend and encourage you to support the developer's proposal for 2550 Huntington Ave residential with ground floor retail only and the activated plaza. We also request that you encourage the board of supervisors to do the same.

Thank you for your time.