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Supervisor Daniel Storck
2511 Parkers Lane
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Dear Supervisor Storck:

Ref: Suggested reduction in Richmond Highway Speed Limit

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) understands that the Fairfax County Department of Transportation has indicated its desire to reduce the speed limit on Richmond Highway from 45 miles per hour (MPH) to 35 MPH. The attached MVCCA resolution demonstrates the MVCCA's complete lack of support for such a reduction in speed on Richmond Highway for a variety of reasons.

We look forward to hearing from you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

CC: Earl Flanagan, Mount Vernon District Planning Commissioner

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations

Resolution on Richmond Highway Speed Limit

Transportation Resolution 2016-7

Whereas: The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has indicated its desire to request the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to reduce the existing 45 MPH speed limit to 35 MPH at the completion of the widening of Richmond Highway, as it transverses the Mount Vernon District;

Whereas: The 45 MPH speed limit on Richmond Highway has been maintained for many years even after a prior effort, initiated by VDOT, to lower the speed to 35 MPH, due to the successful opposition of the citizenry of the Mount Vernon District;

Whereas: A six lane road is not regarded by the public as a reduced speed thoroughfare and the 85-percentile speed determination would clearly show a higher speed than 35 MPH, thus leading to excessive violations by law-abiding citizens;

Whereas: Self-regulating speed enforcement will present itself by heavy traffic and by signalization at intersections, leading to slower speeds during critical daytime hours on week days as well as on weekends;

Whereas: A six lane road is too dangerous to cross by pedestrians or bicyclists except at signalized intersections, regardless of the posted speed limit; and

Whereas: Reducing the speed limit on Richmond Highway may encourage drivers to travel on an overburdened George Washington Memorial Parkway, adversely impacting Mount Vernon District communities.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations requests the Mount Vernon District Supervisor to intercede and assure that FCDOT, in conjunction with VDOT, refrain from reducing the existing speed limit on Richmond Highway within the Mount Vernon District.