

**Jasmine Forbes**

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**From:** Jasmine Forbes  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 9:07 AM  
**To:** 'Aileen Redding'  
**Subject:** RE: Crematorium

Good Morning,

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Regards,  
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**From:** Aileen Redding <azuresky@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 5, 2020 5:26 PM  
**To:** Planning External Mailing <Planning@gaithersburgmd.gov>  
**Subject:** Crematorium

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I am a registered voter in Montgomery County and have been following recent Nextdoor posts about the proposed crematorium for Deer Park Road. I oppose building a crematorium in a residential neighborhood both from the public health standpoint and quality of neighborhood standpoint. Please keep me updated about this issue. Thank you.

Aileen Redding

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**From:** Jasmine Forbes  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 9:12 AM  
**To:** 'Danyelle Portillo'  
**Subject:** RE: Crematorium

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**From:** Danyelle Portillo <danyelle\_portillo@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 5, 2020 2:21 PM  
**To:** Planning External Mailing <Planning@gaithersburgmd.gov>  
**Subject:** Crematorium

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To who it may concern,

I vote no the crematorium. It is not something that I want In our neighborhood, it is also not something I want my children to be smelling when they are playing in the yard.

Thank you,  
Danyelle Portillo

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**From:** Jasmine Forbes  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 12:35 PM  
**To:** 'fishvet03@yahoo.com'  
**Subject:** RE: From Katz Office - crematorium being considered in Gaithersburg

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Jennifer Matysczak  
16508 Kipling Road  
Derwood, Maryland 20855-1929 MD06  
[fishvet03@yahoo.com](mailto:fishvet03@yahoo.com)

Hello,

I am writing to express concern regarding proposals for the building of a crematorium in Gaithersburg. Our home is not to far from the site and we are concerned about the impacts on air quality that this process will have. In particular, we are concerned about potential health impacts for residents in our area, especially for children. We do not want our family exposed to dangerous chemicals. I hope that Mongtomery County is doing an assessment of this proposal and will ensure that public health is protected.

Thank you,

Jennifer Matysczak

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**From:** Jasmine Forbes  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 5:15 PM  
**To:** 'Sheryl Myers'  
**Subject:** RE: Crematorium Response

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**From:** Sheryl Myers <minister@unityofgaithersburg.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 3:26 PM  
**To:** Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>  
**Subject:** Crematorium Response

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Dear Ms. Forbes,

I serve as the senior minister at Unity of Gaithersburg, literally around the corner from DeVol Funeral Home. I am writing to express my opposition to building a crematorium at that property. Although crematoriums provide a valuable and necessary service to grieving families, they have no place in a residential neighborhood. They release exhaust that is toxic and their presence typically decreases property values. This crematorium needs to be moved to an industrial-zoned area.

Thank you for listening to, respecting and acting on the wishes of the homeowners and businesses who do not want a crematorium in this neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Reverend Sheryl Myers  
Senior Minister  
Unity of Gaithersburg

111 Central Avenue  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877  
301.947.3626

## Jasmine Forbes

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**From:** Jasmine Forbes  
**Sent:** Friday, August 7, 2020 1:48 PM  
**To:** 'Ahmed, Rehana F'  
**Subject:** RE: Plea & Concern for the DeVol Crematorium

Good Afternoon,

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**From:** Ahmed, Rehana F <Rehana\_F\_Ahmed@mcpsmd.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 5:49 PM  
**To:** MCC Services <mccservices@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Michael Sesma <michael.sesma@gaithersburgmd.gov>  
**Subject:** Plea & Concern for the DeVol Crematorium

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Dear Respected City of Gaithersburg Council Member,

I have been a Gaithersburg resident since I was born. I went to MCPS schools and have been an MCPS teacher going on to my 11th year of service.

This new development proposal for a crematorium concerns me immensely. I am a first time home owner (finally!) and have recently moved into a beautiful home in a nice community across the street from DeVol Funeral Home. This funeral home has been a fixture off of 355 for many decades and provides important services for our community.

However, building a crematorium within city limits where schools are, Bohrer Park, private residences and communities of families are located is a decision that will have irreparable effects on the very people who are the foundation of the City of Gaithersburg. Being a Science teacher who has taught AP and IB Environmental

Science (and have even been awarded by Gaithersburg's City Council for the Environmental work my students and I have done), I am personally vested in this issue- not just for myself, my students but for the City Of Gaithersburg as well.

Gaithersburg has rapidly developed and the City Council has been making efforts in its protections for our community environmentally with each passing year. So many projects and initiatives are implemented...why? To protect our environment and secure it for the future of Gaithersburg.

There are scientifically proven facts, articles, case studies and research behind the harmful effects of crematoriums. Even if the argument is that a Regulated Scrubber "could be" installed, how much is the funeral home willing to pay and for how long for the upkeep and maintenance of the filter alone? The filter also does not necessarily stop or reduce carbon dioxide and other emissions.

Chemicals emitted by crematories include mercury, hydrochloric acid, carbon, nitrogen and sulfur dioxides, as well as carbon monoxide. The emissions released cause biomagnification (the buildup of toxins in humans, animals and plants over time). These are not unknowns. These are guaranteed harmful effects.

I AM IMPLORING ALL OF YOU to please consider the exponential devastating health effects on Gaithersburg families and children who are the foundation and future of Gaithersburg. I AM IMPLORING ALL OF YOU to please consider the destruction of our fragile ecosystems and environment that have already dealt with the brunt of development. I AM IMPLORING ALL OF YOU as your fellow human who has dedicated her life and service to Gaithersburg- my home...please do NOT let this proposal go through. Please do NOT let this crematorium be built. Please do NOT judge based on any type of short-term benefits at the cost of long-term and permanent sacrifices. Please...please do NOT let this be built.

I apologize for the long appeal. I truly hope you are able to read all of it- I know you are having to listen to and read appeals from many people. I appreciate your heartfelt and invested considerations for the well-being and future of the people and environment that comprise Gaithersburg.

Thank you for your time,

Rehana Ahmed  
MCPS Teacher