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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 9:40 AM
To: 'rejoce5@verizon.net'
Subject: RE: Devol Crematorium

Good Morning,

Thank you for your correspondence related to Concept Site Plan application SP-8415-2020. Your correspondence will be included in the Council's record for their consideration.

Regards,
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Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 11:41 PM
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Subject: Devol Crematorium

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NO!

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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 9:45 AM
To: 'nelcys menocal'
Cc: Laurie-Anne Sayles; Michael Sesma; Robert Wu; Neil Harris; Ryan Spiegel; jud.ashman@gaithersbuergmd.gov; Dennis Enslinger
Subject: RE: DeVol crematorium plans

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To: Laurie-Anne Sayles <Laurie-Anne.Sayles@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Michael Sesma <michael.sesma@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Robert Wu <robert.wu@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Planning External Mailing <Planning@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Neil Harris <Neil.Harris@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Ryan Spiegel <ryan.spiegel@gaithersburgmd.gov>; jud.ashman@gaithersbuergmd.gov; jasmine.forbes@gaithersburgmd.ghov
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tal live at 103 Woodland Road, and would like voice my concerns about his crematorium been so close to our homes.

There are so many children across the street from that house and it is not a good idea to have this crematorium so close to them.

Hopping my concern is consider when making the decision.

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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 9:51 AM
To: 'sood'
Cc: hollysorell@msn.com; j_neumann@verizon.net; dad; Jud Ashman
Subject: RE: SP-8415-2020 10/14 East Deer Park Ave; Gaithersburg; MD 20877 Concept Site Plan by DeVol Funeral Home of Crematory

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From: sood <asnas5@yahoo.com>
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To: dad <pitaji1971@yahoo.com>; Jud Ashman <Jud.Ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Cc: hollysorell@msn.com; j_neumann@verizon.net
Subject: SP-8415-2020 10/14 East Deer Park Ave; Gaithersburg; MD 20877 Concept Site Plan by DeVol Funeral Home of Crematory

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1. My name is Avi Sood. This letter is from Me and my wife. We live on 219 East Deer Park Dr. about 2000 ft from the place where crematory is planned.
2. Our request not to give a permit to build a crematory based on HEALTH HAZARD and SAFETY HAZARD.
3. Every crematory releases Mercury in the air, which has been proven is unsafe by EPA [Mercury and Air Toxics Standards | US EPA](#) <https://www.epa.gov/mats> . There are over 3000 Superfund sites within USA which are on the EPA books polluted with Mercury and now to be cleaned. We don't want DeVol becomes another superfund site 50 years from now in the future which would reflect BAD and POOR decision by City of Gathersburg.

4. Since I have respiratory problems it means living in a neighborhood and inhaling air polluted with mercury vapors.

In one of article by NIH (National Institute Of Health) states "In **mercury vapor inhalation**, death has occurred from **respiratory failure**. Postmortem studies have shown severe damage to the bronchi and bronchioles with marked alveolar edema²⁾. In the presence of necrosis, complications such as interstitial emphysema, pneumomediastinum and pneumothorax can occur⁴⁾.

Article by NIH which is enclosed tells all

[Mercury inhalation poisoning and acute lung injury](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4531943/) <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4531943/>

5. Something like this, where a vendor is trying to build a crematory within the residential neighborhood has come many times in USA. It happened in Atlanta GA. Below is the summary

State Sen. Brandon Beach, R-Alpharetta, has filed a bill that could head off future battles over the location of crematoriums.

Beach's bill would ban them within 2,000 feet of a residential neighborhood, an increase from the current 1,000 foot limitation, and would also strike the term "stand-alone" crematorium from the Georgia code.

Metro Atlanta has seen several nasty fights over such facilities in recent years. Funeral home operators say the percentage of people wishing cremation keeps increasing, and that the incineration process is safe. Opponents fear that harmful chemicals could be released, posing a risk to nearby residents, particularly children. And they claim property values drop and traffic increases.

Residents of the Towne Lake area of Woodstock started a campaign recently after County Commissioner Brian Poole announced plans for a funeral home and crematorium near a heavily-residential area.

Their issues were that there are health risks associated with living so close to a crematory; quality of life will be diminished; it's too close to Etowah High School (a tenth of a mile away); property values will drop and traffic will increase.

6. We request such a permit NOT be given. My home is about 2000 ft but there are other houses as close as 100 ft of this proposed crematory. Since this is old neighborhood and there are many senior citizens living close to this place and respiratory problems is more prevalent among seniors.

7. If a crematory is allowed to be built, "City of Gaithersburg" standing among the places to live will certainly go down and can expect lawsuits based on Health and Safety reasons.

8. Please feel free to have open discussions with me.

Thank you,
Very truly
Avi Sood



Mercury inhalation poisoning and acute lung injury

Acute mercury inhalation poisoning is a rare cause of acute lung injury. It is usually fatal because of progress...

From: **Bernie Campiglio** <bv.campiglio@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Aug 15, 2020 at 9:14 PM

Subject: NO to the DeVol Crematorium Proposal

To: <Laurie-Anne.Sayles@gaithersburgmd.gov>, <Neil.Harris@gaithersburgmd.gov>, <Michael.Sesma@gaithersburgmd.gov>, <Ryan.Spiegel@gaithersburgmd.gov>, <Robert.Wu@gaithersburgmd.gov>, <Jud.Ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov>

Somewhere more rural would be more suitable and considerate to neighbors. Thank you. Bernie Campiglio

From: Dora Zavala <zdora5637@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 8:17 PM
To: MCC Services <mccservices@gaitthersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Crematorio de el funeral

Buenas tardes. vivo en la calle E deer Park. estoy hablando sobre la Funeral Devol estoy haciendo un llamado. Por favor no permitan que construyan ese crematorio serca de nuestros hogares porque eso causa problemas para los niños y su salud. yo tengo niños pequeños por favor tomen consciencia gracias.