

**Jasmine Forbes**

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**From:** Jasmine Forbes  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:37 AM  
**To:** 'Gary & Cindy Tominovich'  
**Subject:** RE: "NO" to the toxic DeVol Crematorium application SP-8415-2020

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Regards,  
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**From:** Gary & Cindy Tominovich <tomin85@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 7, 2020 11:48 AM  
**To:** Jud Ashman <Jud.Ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Laurie-Anne Sayles <Laurie-Anne.Sayles@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Neil Harris <Neil.Harris@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Michael Sesma <michael.sesma@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Ryan Spiegel <ryan.spiegel@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Robert Wu <robert.wu@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>  
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Best Regards,

Cindy Tominovich

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**From:** Jasmine Forbes  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:42 AM  
**To:** 'Anna D'  
**Subject:** RE: "NO" to the proposed DeVol application SP-8415-2020

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**From:** Anna D <[amdiaz25@gmail.com](mailto:amdiaz25@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 7, 2020 3:07 PM  
**To:** Jasmine Forbes <[Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov)>  
**Subject:** "NO" to the proposed DeVol application SP-8415-2020

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City Planner,

I live in Rosemont within 1500 feet of the proposed site, which is a residential zone. The DeVol crematorium will bring an industrial zone into my neighborhood and will negatively affect the people I care about. Keep the smoke and chemicals far away from the air where thousands of residents live, work, go to school. This parcel is not zoned for industrial use. Work to improve our quality of life. Please reject this proposal.

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**From:** Jasmine Forbes  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:44 AM  
**To:** 'Kristine Wherry'  
**Subject:** RE: NO" to the toxic DeVol Crematorium application SP-8415-2020.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kristine Wherry <[wherrylikecherry@gmail.com](mailto:wherrylikecherry@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 7:46 PM  
To: Jasmine Forbes <[Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov)>  
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**From:** Jasmine Forbes  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:54 AM  
**To:** 'Mary Austin'  
**Subject:** RE: No DeVol crematorium, please!

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**From:** Mary Austin <maryaustin520@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 7, 2020 8:04 PM  
**To:** Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>  
**Subject:** No DeVol crematorium, please!

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Dear Ms. Forbes --

With great concern about the residential neighborhood around DeVol Funeral Home, I oppose the idea of allowing them to open a crematorium on East Deer Park. I live in the neighborhood, and serve as the Senior Pastor of Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, right around the corner. (These views in this letter are mine, and do not represent the church.)

As you know, this is a densely populated neighborhood, with two elementary schools and the high school in addition to apartments and homes. Allowing the crematorium would be a disservice to the quality of the neighborhood. It would deter people from moving to the area in the future, and have a toxic impact on the health of our neighbors.

As a city planner, and someone who cares about the future of the city, please use your role to do all that you can to keep this a healthy, livable neighborhood.

Thanks for your consideration.  
Rev. Mary Austin

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