

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:59 AM
To: 'Anna D'
Subject: RE: "NO" to the proposed DeVol application SP-8415-2020

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. For information about the application, please visit the project page: <https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/projects-in-the-city/10-and-14-east-deer-park-drive> .

Regards,
Jasmine Forbes



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From: Anna D <amdiaz25@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Planning External Mailing <Planning@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: "NO" to the proposed DeVol application SP-8415-2020

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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. It is within walking distance of Gaithersburg High School. This parcel is not zoned for industrial use.

Your job is to work to improve our quality of life. Protect and improve our quality of life.

Reject this proposal.

Anna Diaz
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240-994-3585

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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:16 AM
To: 'magendror@aol.com'
Subject: RE: Just Say "No" to Proposed Crematorium

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From: magendror@aol.com <magendror@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Planning External Mailing <Planning@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Cc: CityHall External Mail <cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jud Ashman <Jud.Ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Laurie-Anne Sayles <Laurie-Anne.Sayles@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Robert Wu <robert.wu@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Ryan Spiegel <ryan.spiegel@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Michael Sesma <michael.sesma@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Neil Harris <Neil.Harris@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Just Say "No" to Proposed Crematorium

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Dear Planning Commissioners:

I am writing regarding the proposal by DeVol Funeral Home to construct a crematorium at 14 East der Park Drive, in a predominantly residential area. I'll come straight to the point — This proposal only makes sense to the owners of the Funeral Home, who will profit by it. There is no practical reason that a crematorium needs to be located next door to a funeral home and cannot be situated elsewhere. Moreover, placing a crematorium next door to single- and multiple-family residences is not merely unsightly, but potentially hazardous.

My parents and my late brother were each cremated, as had been their wish. We never gave thought to convenience, we only wanted to fulfill their final desires. I cannot imagine how a family in mourning would

derive comfort by knowing their loved one's remains could be simply wheeled across the parking lot from the funeral home to the crematorium. The idea is actually, pretty tasteless.

I'm an alumnus of Gaithersburg High School and a twenty-year resident of nearby Washington Grove. I worry about my neighbors in Deer Park, who may have to contend with smoke and noxious fumes from this device if it is permitted to be constructed, essentially, in their backyards. DeVol's request should be denied. Crematoria should be located in industrial areas, not amidst housing and retail businesses.

Sincerely,

William Luther Jett
209 Maple Avenue
Washington Grove, Md. 20880

September 2, 2020

Mayor and City Council
SP-8415-2020
Exhibit #279

Attn: Jasmine Forbes

My husband and I would like to be counted in the vote on the Crematorium in Gaithersburg at 14 E. Deer Park Drive.

Our votes are NO.

Thanks



Mr. & Mrs. Norbert E. Kaelin, Jr.
126 Tulip Dr
Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2029

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From: Michael Sesma
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Dr. Tes Liranso
Cc: Doris Stokes; Jasmine Forbes
Subject: Re: DeVol Crematorium application SP-8415-2020

Dear Dr. Liranso,

Thank you for sharing your opinion on the DeVol application. Your email will be included in the record for this proposal.

Best,
Mike

Michael A. Sesma
Council Member, City of Gaithersburg
301-412-4136

From: Dr. Tes Liranso <tliranso@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 8:57:25 PM
To: Michael Sesma
Subject: DeVol Crematorium application SP-8415-2020

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Hi,
I own the House at [766 Cobbler pl.](#) I've lived at this address since December 2014.
I'm writing this to request you to reject the toxic DeVol Crematorium application SP-8415-2020. Clean air is one of the most important elements for the health your community and I believe that it is the responsibility of the city council to promote a healthy living environment.
With high regard,
Tesfaye Liranso, PhD

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:46 PM
To: 'Slay, Raymond (NIH/NIAID) [E]'
Subject: RE: Crematorium planned for Devol Funeral Home

Good Afternoon,

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From: Slay, Raymond (NIH/NIAID) [E] <slayrm@niaid.nih.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Planning External Mailing <Planning@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Crematorium planned for Devol Funeral Home

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Dear Gaithersburg Planning Commission,

I wanted to express my disappointment and concern about the establishing of a crematorium, of all things, in such close proximity to the Brighton East neighborhood of the City of Gaithersburg. This is a residential neighborhood for goodness sakes. There are already enough downward pressures on the value of homes in this community without adding to more downward pressures. How anxious would a potential family/homeowner be moving into a place that will be just around the corner from a crematorium? It may not matter to you, if you live at some distance from the funeral home, e.g., Crown Farm or Kentlands, insulated from this kind of urban blight. However, it certainly matters to those of us who do live in this neighborhood, who would be impacted by the insertion of this industrial aspect to what are otherwise pleasant homes, relatively unperturbed by the creep of the aspects of city.

Doing this sort of thing is shooting yourself in the foot and will serve no good purpose except to add convenience to the funeral home which already provide cremation services at other sites where this takes place. Please think about the sanctity of established neighborhoods and promoting home values rather trashing a place where people love to live.

Please reconsider this move to add what will amount to a horrible drag on home values, a blight on the quality of an otherwise pleasant residential area and what ultimately shows a gross lack of consideration for the longtime residents that contribute to this city. Indifference to these things, I'm sure, is not a quality by which you would like to become

known, but, that is exactly what the city leadership will be known by if this move to build a crematorium in this neighborhood becomes a reality.

Please think about it!

Sincerely,

Raymond M. Slay
204 Summit Hall Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20877