

**Special Use Permit #2011-0062**  
**100 East Windsor Avenue – Del Ray Montessori**

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| Application  | General Data                        |   |
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| Consideration of an SUP amendment to operate a day care center and private academic school with a parking reduction. | <b>Planning Commission Hearing:</b> | February 7, 2012  |
|  | <b>City Council Hearing:</b>        | February 25, 2012   |
| <b>Address:</b><br>100 East Windsor Avenue   | <b>Zone:</b>                        | R2-5 / Single and Two-Family Residential and RB / Townhouse Residential |
| <b>Applicant:</b><br>Del Ray Montessori School by Sarah Fondriest, Director  | <b>Small Area Plan:</b>             | Potomac West  |

**Staff Recommendation:** APPROVAL subject to compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances and the recommended permit conditions found in Section III of this report.  
**Staff Reviewers:** Nathan Randall [nathan.randall@alexandriava.gov](mailto:nathan.randall@alexandriava.gov)

**PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION, FEBRUARY 7, 2012:** On a motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Ms. Lyman, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request, subject to compliance with all applicable codes, ordinances and staff recommendations. The motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Reason: The Planning Commission agreed with the staff analysis.

Speakers:  
 Gail Reuter, 110 East Del Ray Avenue, spoke in support of the application and stated that pick-up and drop-off of students on East Windsor Avenue is less disruptive than other options.

Kristin Gideon, representing the Del Ray Citizens Association’s Land Use Committee, expressed concern about the pick-up and drop-off of students around the busy site. She stated that an East Windsor Avenue pick-up and drop-off area would be located in a travel lane and could have a negative impact on safety.

Lori Luster, Del Ray Montessori School parent, spoke in support of the application.

J. Page Turney, 12 West Oak Street, spoke in support of the application as a parent and co-founder of the Del Ray Montessori School.

Jack Lawrence, 206 Uhler Terrace, spoke in support of the applicant and noted that he is one of only a few parents who drop his children off by car. He stated that many other parents walk their children to the day care/school.

Rebecca Underly, 2504 Terrett Avenue, spoke in support of the application as a parent of a child attending the day care/school.

Douglas Smith, representing the Del Ray United Methodist Church, spoke in support of the application and agreed with staff's recommendation that student pick-up and drop-off occur along East Windsor Avenue.

Alex Morales, 2908 Sycamore Street, spoke in support of the application as a parent of a child attending the day care/school.

Maria Wasowski, representing the Del Ray Business Association, spoke in support of the application, noting that many children live in the neighborhood who can walk to this day care/school. She agreed with the East Windsor Avenue pick-up and drop-off location and stated that of the Del Ray Montessori School's 16 enrolled children, 12 of them now walk or bike to school and only three cars drop-off children on a regular basis.

Sarah Fondriest, applicant and Director of the Del Ray Montessori School, spoke in support of the application and stressed that safety, particularly during the pick-up and drop-off of children, is of critical importance to the day care/school.



**KEY MAP**



**SUP #2011-0062**

**2/7/2012**



## I. DISCUSSION

The applicant, Del Ray Montessori by Sarah Fondriest, director, requests a Special Use Permit amendment to operate a day care center and a private academic school, with a parking reduction, at 100 East Windsor Avenue.

### SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject site is one irregularly-shaped lot of record with 245 feet of frontage on East Windsor Avenue, 225 feet of frontage on Clyde Avenue, and a total lot area of 39,695 square feet. The property is developed with a two-story church building housing the Del Ray Methodist Church and two day care centers, one of which is operated by the applicant.



The site is surrounded primarily by a mix of one and two-family residences. In addition, three townhouse units are located immediately to the south and a residential/commercial mixed-use building is located to the east along Mount Vernon Avenue.

### BACKGROUND

On July 11, 2011, staff administratively approved Special Use Permit #2011-0037 to the applicant for the operation of a 21-child day care center, which opened late last summer. On December 9, 2011, staff inspected the premises for compliance with SUP conditions and found no violations of the permit conditions.

Creative Play School, the other day care center at the site, has operated in the church building since the early 1980s. Its most recent SUP, allowing as many as 120 children in the afternoons, was approved in 2002 (SUP#2001-0137).

### PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to add a private academic school to its existing day care center which will result in a combined non-profit educational institution operating as the Del Ray Montessori School. The day care/school will be located in two classrooms, totaling approximately 1,400 square feet of space at the Del Ray United Methodist Church. A total of 41 children will attend the combined business, with 20 of these children attending the day care center and 20 children attending the private academic school. There are only 15 children enrolled in the day care center now; if approved, the applicant anticipates a total of 31 children attending the combined operation next year. Eventually, the applicant hopes to expand to the size requested here.

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| <u>Current Hours of Operation:</u>  | 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday  |
| <u>Proposed Hours of Operation:</u> | 7:15 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday - Friday (Day care)<br>8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday – Friday (School)   |
| <u>Number of children:</u>          | 21 children in day care<br><u>20 children in private school</u><br><b>41 total children</b>  |
| <u>Child Ages:</u>                  | 2.5 years to 9 years old   |
| <u>Staff:</u>                       | Five staff members in overlapping shifts   |
| <u>Play area:</u>                   | One of two play area areas on-site with be shared with the Creative Play School in shifts, so that the two schools are not using the same play area at the same time.          |
| <u>Noise:</u>                       | Minimal noises expected while children are indoors. Some playground noises are expected when children are outside but staff will monitor and control such noises as necessary. |
| <u>Trash/Litter:</u>                | Typical trash such as office paper and food wrappers will be collected once/week.  |

#### ZONING/MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION

The subject property is split-zoned. The proposed school and day care uses in the church building are located in the R2-5 / Single and Two-Family Residential zone. A small portion of the site, on which the surface parking lot is located, is zoned RB / Townhouse Residential zone. Although day care centers are allowed by Administrative SUP in church or school buildings in the R2-5 zone, Section 3-503(D) of the Zoning Ordinance allows a private academic school in the R2-5 zone only with a Special Use Permit.

The proposed use is consistent with the Potomac West Small Area Plan chapter of the Master Plan which designates the property for institutional uses.

#### PARKING

According to Section 8-200 (A)(11) of the Zoning Ordinance, a private school with 21 students is required to provide one off-street parking space and a day care center with one classroom is required to provide two off street parking spaces. The entire establishment is therefore required to provide a total of three parking spaces.

The Del Ray Methodist Church, having been in operation since prior to 1963, is grandfathered as to parking requirements. The 17-space parking lot on the western side of the property is used for the other day care center located in the church and is unavailable for use by the subject business. The applicant partially satisfies its parking requirement by providing two spaces in the parsonage driveway on the eastern side of the church grounds, which is large enough to accommodate at least five vehicles, and has applied for a one-space parking reduction to meet the balance of the requirement. The applicant will also execute an agreement for the use of two off-street parking spaces for its employees at Arlandria Floors.

#### LOADING/UNLOADING

The applicant proposes that parents will pick-up and drop-off children in an area along the north side of East Windsor Avenue, adjacent to the church and to the primary entrance for the day care/school. Parents would drop off and pick up children during limited, designated hours. Day care/school staff would meet children at their parents' vehicles and walk them into the church building such that parents will not exit their vehicles; a similar arrangement will take place for pick up. Parents would not be allowed to park in this pick-up and drop-off area.

Currently, the area proposed for pick-up and drop-off is a designated no-parking zone. Under this proposal, an area of approximately two vehicle lengths, or more if necessary, will be reserved along the north side of East Windsor Avenue for the pick-up and drop-off of students only. It will not be designated as a "loading zone," because that would allow it to be used by other parked vehicles. The City will erect signage, at the applicant's cost, to alert drivers to this pick-up and drop-off area.

## **II. STAFF ANALYSIS**

Staff supports the applicant's request to add a private academic school to an existing day care center with a one-space parking reduction. Adding the use to the site will help to support the existing day care/nursery school, a service in great demand in Alexandria. The combined operation, which is small at only 41 children, will benefit the Del Ray and Alexandria communities by offering additional educational services while allowing the church to benefit from the leasing out of its space that would otherwise remain empty during the day.

### ***Parking***

Staff does not object to the required one-space parking reduction. The applicant has found two off-street parking spaces for her staff at Arlandria Floors, located about 2.5 blocks to the south on Mount Vernon Avenue. Condition #16 has been added to this report to require the applicant to provide staff with an up-to-date contract for off-street parking on an annual basis. The requirement stipulates that two off-street parking spaces must be provided, rather than just one, and the applicant has agreed to the condition.

### ***Play area***

During the earlier SUP approval process for Creative Play School, residential neighbors to the north along East Custis Avenue expressed concern about excessive noise arising from children playing in the playground areas immediately adjacent to their backyards. A solution emerged, which was included as a condition in the Creative Play School SUP, in which no more than 45 children would be allowed to play outside at any one time. Staff included the same condition in the administrative SUP case for the applicant's day care center approved last summer, and has slightly amended the condition for this report to clarify that the 45-child figure is an absolute maximum regardless of which day care center or school the children attend. Although it may require some coordination between the two institutions and the church, staff believes that the retention of this condition with neighbors is important, as it maintains the intent behind the long-standing compromise.

### ***Pick up and Drop off***

The issue that has received the most attention in this case has been the need for a pick-up and drop-off location and plan that minimizes impacts on the adjacent neighborhood and avoids conflicts with the existing, large day care center in the building. Staff has analyzed various alternatives, including one suggested by the Del Ray Citizens Association Land Use Committee, and determined that using Windsor Avenue, as described above, is best. Staff arrived at its recommendation after monitoring the existing conditions at the site, conferring with the City's traffic operations staff, and discussing the issue at length with the applicant, church leadership, and the owner of the Creative Play School. Alternative locations for the pick-up and drop-off operation are either (1) within the existing parking lot, or (2) on the public right of way on Clyde Avenue.

If the church parking lot is used for the pick-up and drop-off, there is a conflict with its use by Creative Play School, which now uses the parking lot for its parking and the drive in the parking lot for its own pick-up and drop-off function. While pick-up and drop-off times could be staggered so that the two schools do not use the drive aisle at the same time, that arrangement

may become problematic, restricting alternatives for each operation. It also exacerbates the existing congestion on Clyde. Both the church and Creative Playschool leadership discussed with planning staff the fact that there are times when parents who use the parking lot for pick-up and drop-off have difficulty entering or exiting or have vehicle conflicts with Clyde through-traffic because of the narrow traffic lane on Clyde Avenue. Adding more traffic through the parking lot will increase those conflicts.

Del Ray Citizens Association's Land Use Committee has recommended that Clyde Avenue itself be used for the pick-up and drop-off for the Montessori school children. Specifically, it suggests that two or three parking spaces be removed from the southern end of the east curb on Clyde, in the area south of the driveway to the parking lot, and that a loading zone be created there for the Montessori school pick-up and drop-off. First, staff strongly prefers not removing any parking spaces from the Del Ray area. Parking is too scarce a commodity, especially in the immediate area of the Del Ray Methodist Church, to suggest removing it if other alternatives exist. In addition, if signed simply for loading, others would be able to use it, possibly in conflict with the pick-up and drop-off function. If the area were signed so that the pick-up/drop off function were limited to specific times, then a conflict could arise if overnight parkers did not remove their vehicles at the required morning time. While parking enforcement officers could be called, if the cars were not actually removed in time, the space would not function as designed for the school. In addition, there is already congestion and conflicts on Clyde because of its narrowness, existing parking and the drop-off and pick-up activity for Creative Play School. Given this intensity, adding any activity to Clyde appears unwise from a traffic safety perspective. Finally, the Clyde Avenue location is located far from the applicant's main entrance, which is at the eastern end of the church building facing East Windsor Avenue.

Staff is therefore recommending that pick-up and drop-off for the school occur along East Windsor Avenue. The Windsor Avenue location is the consensus of the church, the applicant and Creative Playschool. While imperfect, staff sees the solution as acceptable given the dilemma of a large church building with space for needed community uses, but located in a congested area. Staff acknowledges that the Windsor Avenue location is now designated a no-parking zone. Nevertheless, the street is wide enough to allow one lane of through travel, including for emergency vehicles, for the short time that a parent is stopped on the north side of the street. On East Windsor, parents will be able to avoid congestion in the surface parking lot and the bottlenecks on Clyde Avenue. The Windsor Avenue location is also closest to the building door closest to the Montessori school classrooms. The proximity to the door is very important for safety reasons and for staffing the pick-up and drop-off function. Most significantly, the Windsor Avenue proposal does not displace any existing parking spaces.

The Del Ray Citizen Association's Land Use Committee cites potential safety issues with the Windsor Avenue location, including concerns that parents' vehicles could block traffic on Windsor Avenue and that stopped parents' vehicles could be rear-ended by westbound drivers. The pick-up and drop-off on East Windsor is far enough down the street from Mount Vernon Avenue, and with good site lines, that westbound traffic can easily detect a parent vehicle pulled up to the curb. The fact that the applicant will be required to escort children into the building (required in Condition #9) means that parents will remain in their vehicles and be able to move in the rare event that emergency vehicles need more than one travel lane to travel down East



Windsor. For all of these reasons, and because a loading zone on Clyde Avenue would exacerbate the congestion already there and displace parking spaces, staff recommends in Condition #9 that the pick-up and drop-off for the school occur on East Windsor Avenue.

In conclusion, staff supports the applicant's request to add to its educational offerings and recommends approval of the Special Use Permit request subject to the conditions contained in Section III of this report.

### III. RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

Staff recommends **approval** subject to compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances and the following conditions:

1. The Special Use Permit shall be granted to the applicant only or to any business or entity in which the applicant has a controlling interest. (P&Z) (SUP#2011-0037)
2. **CONDITION AMENDED BY STAFF:** The hours of operation for the day care portion of the business shall be limited to between ~~7:30 a.m.~~ 7:15 a.m. and ~~5:30 p.m.~~ 6:00pm daily Monday- Friday and the hours of operation for the private school portion of the business shall be limited to between 8:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. (P&Z) (SUP#2011-0037)
3. **CONDITION AMENDED BY STAFF:** The maximum number of children permitted at the combined child care facility and private school at any one time shall be ~~24~~ 41. (P&Z) (SUP#2011-0037)
4. **CONDITION AMENDED BY STAFF:** The maximum number of children, attending any child care center or private school on site, that are permitted to play outdoors at the site at any one time shall be 45. (P&Z) (SUP#2011-0037)
5. The facility shall obtain all required state, federal, and local licenses and certificates prior to opening its place of business. (P&Z) (SUP#2011-0037)
6. The applicant shall conduct employee training sessions on an ongoing basis, including as part of any employee orientation, to discuss all Special Use Permit provisions and requirements. (P&Z) (SUP#2011-0037)
7. Trash and garbage shall be stored inside or in sealed containers that do not allow odors to escape or invasion by animals. No trash or debris shall be allowed to accumulate outside of those containers. Outdoor trash receptacles shall be screened to the satisfaction of the director. (P&Z) (T&ES) (SUP#2011-0037)
8. Litter on the site and on public rights-of-way and spaces adjacent to or within 75 feet of the premises shall be monitored and picked up at least twice during the day and at the close of the business, and more often if necessary, to prevent an unsightly or unsanitary accumulation, on each day that the business is in operation. (T&ES) (SUP#2011-0037)

9. **CONDITION AMENDED BY STAFF:** The applicant shall provide adequate drop off and pick up facilities ~~in the applicant's parking lot~~ that minimizes impact on pedestrian and vehicular traffic in a designated pick-up and drop-off area to be located on the north side of East Windsor Avenue to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Zoning. Any signage deemed necessary to designate this area for the pick-up and drop-off of students shall be erected by the City at the applicant's cost. Day care/school employees must escort children to and from the parents' vehicles. The applicant shall ensure that no vehicles double park on East Windsor Ave or Clyde Avenue for pick-up or drop-off. (P&Z)(T&ES) (SUP#2011-0037)
10. The applicant shall provide information about alternative forms of transportation to access the location of the day care center, including but not limited to print and electronic promotional materials, posting on the day care website, and other similar methods. (T&ES) (SUP#2011-0037)
11. **CONDITION DELETED BY STAFF (See Condition #17):** ~~The applicant shall encourage its employees and customers to use mass transit or to carpool when traveling to and from work, by posting information regarding DASH and METRO routes, the location where fare passes and transit are sold, and advertising of carpool opportunities.~~ (T&ES) (SUP#2011-0037)
12. **CONDITION DELETED BY STAFF (See Condition #17):** ~~The applicant shall require its employees who drive to work to use off street parking.~~ (P&Z) (T&ES) (SUP#2011-0037)
13. The use shall comply with the City's noise ordinance. No outdoor speakers shall be permitted and no amplified sound shall be audible at the property line. (T&ES) (SUP#2011-0037)
14. Prior to the day care center opening for business, the applicant shall contact the Community Relations Unit of the Alexandria Police Department at 703-838-4520 regarding a security survey for the child care center and robbery readiness training for all employees. (Police) (SUP#2011-0037)
15. **CONDITION AMENDED BY STAFF:** The Director of Planning and Zoning shall review the Special Use Permit one year after approval and shall docket the matter for consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council if (a) there have been documented violations of the permit conditions which were not corrected immediately, constitute repeat violations or which create a direct and immediate adverse zoning impact on the surrounding community; (b) the director has received a request from any person to docket the permit for review as a result of a complaint that rises to the level of a violation; or (c) the director has determined that there are problems with the operation of the use and that new or revised conditions are needed. (P&Z) (SUP#2011-0037)

16. **CONDITION ADDED BY STAFF:** The applicant shall provide a signed contract to the Director showing that at least two off-street parking spaces are made available by the applicant for its employees at an off-site location to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Zoning. The applicant shall provide an up-to-date contract to the Director on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. (P&Z)
17. **CONDITION ADDED BY STAFF:** The applicant shall require its employees who drive to use off-street parking and/or provide employees who use mass transit with subsidized bus and rail fare media. The applicant shall also post DASH and Metrobus schedules on-site for employees. (T&ES)

**STAFF:** Barbara Ross, Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Zoning;  
Nathan Randall, Urban Planner.

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**Staff Note:** In accordance with section 11-506(C) of the Zoning Ordinance, operation shall be commenced within 18 months of the date of granting of a Special Use Permit by City Council or the Special Use Permit shall become void.

#### IV. CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F - finding

##### Transportation & Environmental Services:

- R-1 The facility shall provide adequate drop off and pick up facilities so as to create minimal impact on pedestrian and vehicular traffic. (T&ES)
- R-2 The applicant or an assistant must be available to escort children to and from the parents' vehicles if drop-off/pick-up occurs on-street. The applicant shall ensure that no vehicles double park on E. Windsor Ave or Clyde Avenue for pick-up or drop-off. (T&ES)
- R-3 All loudspeakers shall be prohibited from the exterior of the building, and no amplified sounds shall be audible at the property line.(T&ES)
- R-4 Supply deliveries, loading, and unloading activities shall not occur between the hours of 11:00pm and 7:00am. (T&ES)
- R-5 Litter on the site and on public rights-of-way and spaces adjacent to or within 75 feet of the premises shall be picked up at least twice a day and at the close of business, and more often if necessary, to prevent an unsightly or unsanitary accumulation, on each day that the business is open to the public. (T&ES)
- R-6 The applicant shall require its employees who drive to use off-street parking and/or provide employees who use mass transit with subsidized bus and rail fare media. The applicant shall also post DASH and Metrobus schedules on-site for employees. (T&ES)
- C-1 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Noise Control Code, Title 11, Chapter 5, which sets the maximum permissible noise level as measured at the property line. (T&ES)
- C-2 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Solid Waste Control, Title 5, Chapter 1, which sets forth the requirements for the recycling of materials (Sec. 5-1-99).

In order to comply with this code requirement, the applicant shall provide a completed Recycling Implementation Plan (RIP) Form within 60 days of City Council approval. Contact the City's Recycling Program Coordinator at (703) 746-4410, or via e-mail at [commercialrecycling@alexandriava.gov](mailto:commercialrecycling@alexandriava.gov), for information about completing this form. (T&ES)

##### Code Enforcement:

- F-1 The review by Code Administration is a preliminary review only. Once the applicant has filed for a building permit, code requirements will be based upon the building permit

plans. If there are any questions, the applicant may contact Ken Granata, Acting Plan Review Supervisor at [ken.granata@alexandriava.gov](mailto:ken.granata@alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-4190.

- C-1 The proposed use is a change in use group classification; a new Certificate of Occupancy is required (USBC 116.1).
- C-2 Application for the new Certificate of Occupancy must be made to the Code Administration Department prior to the use of this space. Five sets of architectural quality drawings shall accompany the permit application that fully detail the space and egress path.

Health:

F-1 No Comment

Parks and Recreation:

F-1 No Comment

Police Department:

F-1 No Comments Received



# APPLICATION

# SPECIAL USE PERMIT

SPECIAL USE PERMIT # 2011-0062

PROPERTY LOCATION: 100 E. Windsor Ave 22301

TAX MAP REFERENCE: 034.04.-02-01 ZONE: R2-5

**APPLICANT:**

Name: The Del Ray Montessori School Director: Sarah Fondriest

Address: 100 E. Windsor Ave. 22301  
private academic

PROPOSED USE: School

**THE UNDERSIGNED**, hereby applies for a Special Use Permit in accordance with the provisions of Article XI, Section 4-11-500 of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

**THE UNDERSIGNED**, having obtained permission from the property owner, hereby grants permission to the City of Alexandria staff and Commission Members to visit, inspect, and photograph the building premises, land etc., connected with the application.

**THE UNDERSIGNED**, having obtained permission from the property owner, hereby grants permission to the City of Alexandria to post placard notice on the property for which this application is requested, pursuant to Article IV, Section 4-1404(D)(7) of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

**THE UNDERSIGNED**, hereby attests that all of the information herein provided and specifically including all surveys, drawings, etc., required to be furnished by the applicant are true, correct and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief. The applicant is hereby notified that any written materials, drawings or illustrations submitted in support of this application and any specific oral representations made to the Director of Planning and Zoning on this application will be binding on the applicant unless those materials or representations are clearly stated to be non-binding or illustrative of general plans and intentions, subject to substantial revision, pursuant to Article XI, Section 11-207(A)(10), of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Sarah E. Fondriest  
Print Name of Applicant or Agent

[Signature] 8.16.11  
Signature Date

434 N. Armistead St # 101  
Mailing/Street Address

571.217.8803 n/a  
Telephone # Fax #

Alexandria VA 22312  
City and State Zip Code

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Email address

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| ACTION-PLANNING COMMISSION: _____ | DATE: _____ |
| ACTION-CITY COUNCIL: _____        | DATE: _____ |

**PROPERTY OWNER'S AUTHORIZATION**

As the property owner of 100 E. Windsor Avenue, I hereby  
(Property Address)  
grant the applicant authorization to apply for the Child Care Center use as  
(use)

described in this application.

Name: DOUGLAS SMITH FOR DEL RAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Phone 703 549 2088

Please Print  
Address: 100 E. WINDSOR AVE ALEX VA 22301 Email: OFFICE@DORAYUMC.ORG

Signature: [Signature] TRUSTEE- COCHAIR Date: 8/22/11

1. Floor Plan and Plot Plan. As a part of this application, the applicant is required to submit a floor plan and plot or site plan with the parking layout of the proposed use. The SUP application checklist lists the requirements of the floor and site plans. The Planning Director may waive requirements for plan submission upon receipt of a written request which adequately justifies a waiver.

Required floor plan and plot/site plan attached.

Requesting a waiver. See attached written request.

2. The applicant is the (check one):

Owner

Contract Purchaser

Lessee or

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ of the subject property.

State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the applicant or owner, unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than ten percent.

The Del Ray Montessori School is a  
corporation with no owners, only Board members.

We are currently seeking 501(c)3 status.

**OWNERSHIP AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
Use additional sheets if necessary

**1. Applicant.** State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the applicant, unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than ten percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

| Name                  | Address  | Percent of Ownership |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------|
| 1. Sarah E. Fondriest | 434 N. Armistead St #101<br>Alexandria, VA 22312 | 100%                 |
| 2.                    |  |                      |
| 3.                    |  |                      |

**2. Property.** State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the property located at 100 E. Windsor Ave. (address), unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than ten percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

| Name                                   | Address                            | Percent of Ownership |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. DOUGLAS SMITH TRUST<br>100 RAY LANE | 100 E WINDSOR AVE<br>ALEX VA 22301 | 100%                 |
| 2.                                     |                                    |                      |
| 3.                                     |                                    |                      |

**3. Business or Financial Relationships.** Each person or entity listed above (1 and 2), with an ownership interest in the applicant or in the subject property is required to disclose any business or financial relationship, as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance, existing at the time of this application, or within the 12-month period prior to the submission of this application with any member of the Alexandria City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals or either Boards of Architectural Review.

| Name of person or entity | Relationship as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance | Member of the Approving Body (i.e. City Council, Planning Commission, etc.) |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| 1. Sarah Fondriest       | none  | City Council and Planning Commission  |
| 2. Douglas Smith         | none  | City Council and Planning Commission  |
| 3.                       |   |   |

**NOTE:** Business or financial relationships of the type described in Sec. 11-350 that arise after the filing of this application and before each public hearing must be disclosed prior to the public hearings.

As the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent, I hereby attest to the best of my ability that the information provided above is true and correct.

8-15-11  
Date

Sarah E. Fondriest  
Printed Name

  
Signature



If property owner or applicant is being represented by an authorized agent such as an attorney, realtor, or other person for which there is some form of compensation, does this agent or the business in which the agent is employed have a business license to operate in the City of Alexandria, Virginia?

**Yes.** Provide proof of current City business license

**No.** The agent shall obtain a business license prior to filing application, if required by the City Code.

✗ N/A

### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

3. The applicant shall describe below the nature of the request **in detail** so that the Planning Commission and City Council can understand the nature of the operation and the use. The description should fully discuss the nature of the activity. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

The goal of the Del Ray Montessori School is to create a rich, stimulating school environment that will unite a community of students, families and staff to support the optimum development of children and foster a life-long love of learning.

Currently, the school is located in the Del Ray United Methodist Church on E. Windsor Ave. and will provide a top-quality education to 21 children. We are requesting the use of an additional room in the church in order to provide education to a maximum total of 41 children ranging in age from 2½ to 9. The planned opening of the proposed space will be September 2012.

Our program is currently open to children from 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For the following school year (Sept. 2012-June 2013) we would like to offer morning care (7:15 a.m.-8:15 a.m.) and afternoon care (3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) to a maximum total of 20 children.

(10 children in the morning-  
20 children from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.)

**USE CHARACTERISTICS**

4. The proposed special use permit request is for (check one):
- a new use requiring a special use permit,
  - an expansion or change to an existing use without a special use permit,
  - an expansion or change to an existing use with a special use permit,
  - other. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please describe the capacity of the proposed use:

- A. How many patrons, clients, pupils and other such users do you expect?  
Specify time period (i.e., day, hour, or shift).
- this specific classroom = 20 students M-F 8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
total school = 41 students M-F 8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
morning care - M-F 7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. - maximum of 10 children  
afternoon care - M-F 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - maximum of 20 children
- B. How many employees, staff and other personnel do you expect?  
Specify time period (i.e., day, hour, or shift).

M-F 7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. - 2 staff members on site  
M-F 8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 5 staff members on site  
M-F 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - 2 staff members on site } Grand total of 6 staff members per day maximum (to work different/overlapped shifts)

6. Please describe the proposed hours and days of operation of the proposed use:

Day: Monday - Friday Hours: 7:15 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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7. Please describe any potential noise emanating from the proposed use.

- A. Describe the noise levels anticipated from all mechanical equipment and patrons.
- Anticipated noise from children while on  
playground

- B. How will the noise be controlled?
- There will be minimal noise while indoors - windows are shut. Outdoor noise will be monitored, discussed and controlled by staff.

8. Describe any potential odors emanating from the proposed use and plans to control them:

~~###~~  
No anticipated/expected odors from proposed use.

9. Please provide information regarding trash and litter generated by the use.

A. What type of trash and garbage will be generated by the use? (i.e. office paper, food wrappers)

office paper, paper towels, food wrappers

B. How much trash and garbage will be generated by the use? (i.e. # of bags or pounds per day or per week)

approx 2 bags per week (large bags)

C. How often will trash be collected?

once a week

D. How will you prevent littering on the property, streets and nearby properties?

Children + families will be encouraged to use school trash bins.  
Trash + Recycling center in City of Alexandria will be invited to give an "in-house" field trip presenting information on recycling + refuse.

10. Will any hazardous materials, as defined by the state or federal government, be handled, stored, or generated on the property?

[ ] Yes.       No.

If yes, provide the name, monthly quantity, and specific disposal method below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. Will any organic compounds, for example paint, ink, lacquer thinner, or cleaning or degreasing solvent, be handled, stored, or generated on the property?

[ ] Yes.  No.

If yes, provide the name, monthly quantity, and specific disposal method below:

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12. What methods are proposed to ensure the safety of nearby residents, employees and patrons?

We will supervise children at all times - indoors & outdoors.

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**ALCOHOL SALES**

13. A. Will the proposed use include the sale of beer, wine, or mixed drinks?

[ ] Yes  No

If yes, describe existing (if applicable) and proposed alcohol sales below, including if the ABC license will include on-premises and/or off-premises sales.

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**PARKING AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS**

14. A. How many parking spaces of each type are provided for the proposed use:

- 2   Standard spaces
- Compact spaces
- Handicapped accessible spaces.
- Other.

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|---|
| Planning and Zoning Staff Only<br>Required number of spaces for use per Zoning Ordinance Section 8-200A _____<br>Does the application meet the requirement?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|---|

B. Where is required parking located? (check one)

on-site

off-site

If the required parking will be located off-site, where will it be located?

\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** Pursuant to Section 8-200 (C) of the Zoning Ordinance, commercial and industrial uses may provide off-site parking within 500 feet of the proposed use, provided that the off-site parking is located on land zoned for commercial or industrial uses. All other uses must provide parking on-site, except that off-street parking may be provided within 300 feet of the use with a special use permit.

C. If a reduction in the required parking is requested, pursuant to Section 8-100 (A) (4) or (5) of the Zoning Ordinance, complete the PARKING REDUCTION SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION.

Parking reduction requested; see attached supplemental form

15. Please provide information regarding loading and unloading facilities for the use:

A. How many loading spaces are available for the use?   0  

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| Planning and Zoning Staff Only<br>Required number of loading spaces for use per Zoning Ordinance Section 8-200 _____<br>Does the application meet the requirement?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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B. Where are off-street loading facilities located? none

C. During what hours of the day do you expect loading/unloading operations to occur?  
arrival (loading) 8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  
dismissal (unloading) 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

D. How frequently are loading/unloading operations expected to occur, per day or per week, as appropriate?  
Monday-Friday daily

16. Is street access to the subject property adequate or are any street improvements, such as a new turning lane, necessary to minimize impacts on traffic flow?  
We are seeking permission through the Transportation Commission for this.  
We are proposing a "loading zone" sign be erected in front of the entrance on E. Windsor Ave. This will be used for parents to pull up and staff take children out of vehicles safely without parents having to park or abandon vehicles.

**SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

17. Will the proposed uses be located in an existing building?  Yes  No  
Do you propose to construct an addition to the building?  Yes  No  
How large will the addition be? \_\_\_\_\_ square feet.

18. What will the total area occupied by the proposed use be?  
756 sq. ft. (existing) + 700 sq. ft. (addition if any) = 1456 sq. ft. (total)

19. The proposed use is located in: (check one)  
 a stand alone building (church)  
 a house located in a residential zone  
 a warehouse  
 a shopping center. Please provide name of the center: \_\_\_\_\_  
 an office building. Please provide name of the building: \_\_\_\_\_  
 other. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

End of Application

**CHILD CARE HOMES and CHILD CARE CENTERS**

**Applicants for both child care homes and child care centers (day care center, day nursery and nursery schools) shall complete this section.**

1. How many employees will staff the child care facility, including the operator?  
16 staff maximum daily  
How many staff members will be on the job at any one time? 5

2. Where will staff and visiting parents park? street parking and/or parking lot

3. Please describe how and where parents will drop off and pick up children.  
currently, children can be dropped off/picked up in parking lot. We propose a loading zone sign be erected in front of the entrance on E. Windsor Ave to be used by staff to escort children in and out of vehicles without parents having to park/abandon cars.

4. At what time will children usually be dropped-off and picked-up?  
Drop-off 8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  
~~8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.~~  
Pick-up 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. small portion of children  
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. remaining children

5. What type of outdoor play equipment is proposed for the child care facility, if any? Where will it be located on the property?  
We will use a black-top area located off of the Church parking lot.

6. Are play areas on the property fenced?  Yes  No  
If no, do you plan to fence any portion of the property?  Yes  No

Please describe the existing or proposed fence.  
The fence is wooden.

**CHILD CARE CENTERS ONLY**

**Applicants for child care centers (day care center, day nursery and nursery schools) shall complete this section.**

1. How many children will be cared for during one day? 41 ~~40~~
  
2. What age children do you anticipate caring for? 2½ - 9
  
3. Does the operation have a license from the State of Virginia for a child care facility?  
 Yes     No

If yes, provide a copy of the license.

Pending. The Department of Social Services is scheduled to do an inspection on August 30th.  
(We will send the license immediately upon receipt.)





# APPLICATION - SUPPLEMENTAL

## PARKING REDUCTION

**Supplemental information to be completed by applicants requesting special use permit approval of a reduction in the required parking pursuant to section 8-100(A)(4) or (5).**

**1. Describe the requested parking reduction.** (e.g. number of spaces, stacked parking, size, off-site location)

currently, we have 2 spaces dedicated to our site on the property of the church (see site plan for location of spaces). We are requesting a parking variance for the proposed space in order to have two less parking spaces required by the special use permit.

**2. Provide a statement of justification for the proposed parking reduction.**

We are seeking permission from the Transportation Commission to erect a "loading zone" sign on E. Windsor Ave in order to alleviate the need for additional parking spaces for our sole use, which are not available on church property. Additionally, if necessary, there is ample street parking available to accommodate visitors/parents, which on a normal basis, would not be utilized for more than 15 minutes max. Ultimately, the decrease in the amount of required parking spaces would not negatively impact the community.

**3. Why is it not feasible to provide the required parking?**

Because there are not any additional parking spaces available on the church parking lot or property.

**4. Will the proposed reduction reduce the number of available parking spaces below the number of existing parking spaces?**

Yes.  No.

5. If the requested reduction is for more than five parking spaces, the applicant must submit a **Parking Management Plan** which identifies the location and number of parking spaces both on-site and off-site, the availability of on-street parking, any proposed methods of mitigating negative affects of the parking reduction.

6. The applicant must also demonstrate that the reduction in parking will not have a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood.



50 ft.

### Site plan

The Del Ray Montessori School  
100 E. Windsor Ave.  
contact: Sarah Fondriest

Parcels: 034.04-02-10  
034.04-02-02

orange outline - Del Ray United Methodist Church  
100, 108 E. Windsor Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301  
Parking lot: 125 ft. x 60 ft.

Entire lot: North boundary: 250 ft.  
South boundary: 250 ft.  
East boundary: 180 ft.  
West boundary: 300 ft.

⊗⊗ Two current dedicated parking spaces

'x' shows location of current child care center.  
'xx' shows location of proposed classroom space.

Both rooms are located on the 2nd level of the building.

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The windows in the proposed space overlook the grassy area on E. Windsor Ave. on the outside of the site.

Floor Plan

The Del Ray Montessori School  
100 E. Windsor Ave.

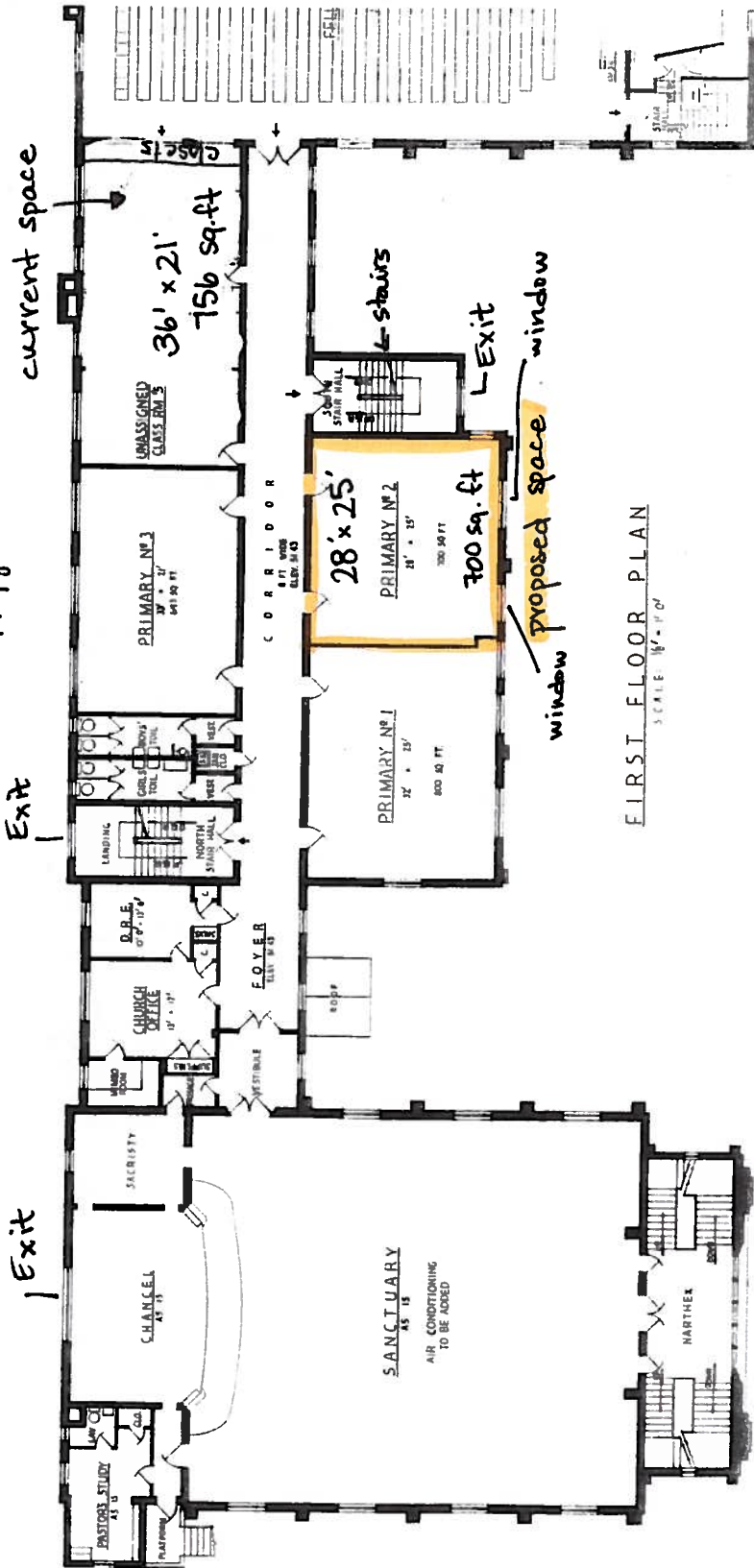
contact: Sarah Rowland

Sup 2011-0062

Note: Final Bidding plans will require app  
at a Church Conference.



Parking Lot



FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

E. Windsor Ave.

Alexandria Planning Commission

c/o Ms. Barbara Ross

January 31, 2012

Creative Play School

100 E. Windsor Avenue

Alexandria, VA

Dear Ms. Ross,

I am writing to express my concern about the SUP 2011-0062 for expanding the Del Ray Montessori School. Creative Play School has been at the same location as the Montessori school for thirty years. We serve 112 children Monday through Friday from 7 am to 6 pm twelve months a year. The parking lot is often full during the day with our school and other church activities. The staff frequently have to park on the street on Clyde Avenue if the lot is full or to leave room for parents to drop off and pick up. In addition, school busses come down Windsor, Clyde and Custis Avenues to pick up and deliver children to and from Creative Play School. They have a hard time getting down these streets, particularly Clyde where there is parking on both sides and just a narrow lane to pass. Sometimes cars have to wait or back up to let another car pass and my staff have repeatedly had their cars hit by other cars when parking on the street. The only way to eliminate more traffic congestion would be for the drop off and pick up for the proposed Montessori School to be on Windsor Avenue. If Clyde is used, we would have to eliminate parking spaces which we can not spare to lose.

If the Montessori School does a kiss and ride in the parking lot with their expanded hours to 5:30, they would block the exit to the parking lot for Creative Play School parents and I believe negatively affect our business and possibly their own. I have already had three parents complain about this drop off procedure in the mornings and our parents occasionally have a hard time getting parking in the lot at pick up time between 5 and 6 pm.

Thank you for your consideration. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> because I will be out of the country on vacation. If I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Diane Smalley

Owner/ Administrator

# The Del Ray Montessori School

100 E. Windsor Ave. \* Alexandria, Virginia 22301

[www.thedelraymontessorischool.com](http://www.thedelraymontessorischool.com)

703.980.9409

January 28, 2012

Planning Commission  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is written to clarify our hours of operation for the Special Use Permit regarding an expansion of The Del Ray Montessori School.

The Del Ray Montessori School proposes to have daily hours of operation from 8:15 a.m. through 3:45 p.m. Our arrival will occur from 8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m., while our dismissal will occur between 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Although this is our typical daily schedule, we are interested in reserving time at the end of the day for possible after-school activities (e.g. art or science classes) which would occur a maximum of once a week for a duration of up to a 1 ½ hours. (These classes would never involve the entire school and it is likely that no more than 15 children would attend any class.) Therefore, we propose our official maximum hours of operation for our SUP to be 8:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Sarah Fondriest  
Director

The Del Ray Montessori School

**Julie Fuerth**

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**From:** Kendra Jacobs  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 10:27 AM  
**To:** Julie Fuerth  
**Subject:** FW: Special Use Permit request for Del Ray Montessori School

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**From:** Nathan Randall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 10:18 AM  
**To:** Kendra Jacobs  
**Cc:** Barbara Ross  
**Subject:** FW: Special Use Permit request for Del Ray Montessori School

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**From:** Cathy Bovey [<mailto:cathybovey@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 9:21 AM  
**To:** Nathan Randall  
**Subject:** Special Use Permit request for Del Ray Montessori School

Good morning,

My name is Catherine Bovey and I would like to speak on behalf of the proposed elementary program for the Montessori School in the Del Ray community. Both of my children attended a Montessori School for both primary and elementary years. One of my daughters is dually trained holding both primary and elementary certificates; she currently teaches in the only accredited AMI School in Hawaii. My grandchildren and great nieces and nephews also attend Montessori schools. Thus one can see that I hold the Montessori theory of education in high esteem and near and dear to our hearts. The education derived therefrom encourages an innate love of learning, self-motivation, and self discipline. It fosters leadership, group resolution to issues, and a warm, loving atmosphere in which to work. Del Ray community is very fortunate to have a Montessori school in its neighborhood where children can access it easily and job growth created therefrom remains within the community. I trust that you will grant the school's application for a Special Use Permit.

**Julie Fuerth**

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**From:** Kendra Jacobs  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 10:27 AM  
**To:** Julie Fuerth  
**Subject:** FW: SUPPORT FOR THE DEL RAY MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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**From:** Nathan Randall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 10:18 AM  
**To:** Kendra Jacobs  
**Cc:** Barbara Ross  
**Subject:** FW: SUPPORT FOR THE DEL RAY MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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

**From:** Womble, Jeanine B LCDR OGC, NLO [<mailto:jeanine.womble@navy.mil>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 8:31 AM  
**To:** Nathan Randall  
**Subject:** SUPPORT FOR THE DEL RAY MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Mr. Randall,

I am writing to express my support for The Del Ray Montessori School in Alexandria. As a parent I am a firm believer that choice is essential for parents educating their elementary-aged children. Del Ray Montessori offers a community-based option for parents seeking a school that uses the Montessori theory of education. Del Ray Montessori school strengthens the bonds of community by keeping neighborhood parents in Del Ray who would otherwise seek Montessori education elsewhere. Finally, in this tight economy, it can only benefit the local businesses of Del Ray to have a stream of parents dropping off and picking up their children. If a parents needs a birthday gift or a cup of coffee, the convenience of dropping by a local business on the way to or from their neighborhood school can only add to revenues of the Del Ray stores and restaurants.

I believe the Del Ray Montessori School is an asset to the children of Del Ray and the community as a whole. I encourage you to grant the school's application for a Special Use Permit.

Thank you.

Jeanine Bryant Womble

**Julie Fuerth**

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**From:** Kendra Jacobs  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 10:27 AM  
**To:** Julie Fuerth  
**Subject:** FW: The Del Ray Montessori School

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**From:** Nathan Randall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 10:18 AM  
**To:** Kendra Jacobs  
**Cc:** Barbara Ross  
**Subject:** FW: The Del Ray Montessori School

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**From:** Jo Ann Weber [<mailto:jjweber54@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2012 9:53 PM  
**To:** Nathan Randall  
**Subject:** The Del Ray Montessori School

Dear Mr. Randall,

At this time, the Del Ray Montessori School is seeking a Special Use Permit for expansion of a second classroom.

As the aunt of several students of the Del Ray Montessori School, I have seen first hand the benefits of the quality education provided by this school. This school not only provides a great educational avenue to the students but provides a sense of community. With a limited number of Montessori schools, this also gives others the opportunity to come into Del Ray providing economic resources to your area.

I hope you will strongly consider granting this Special Use Permit so more students will be able to take advantage of this excellent education.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Weber



**Julie Fuerth**

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**From:** Kendra Jacobs  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 10:27 AM  
**To:** Julie Fuerth  
**Subject:** FW: In Support Of Del Ray Montessori School

**From:** Nathan Randall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 10:17 AM  
**To:** Kendra Jacobs  
**Cc:** Barbara Ross  
**Subject:** FW: In Support Of Del Ray Montessori School

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**From:** Carter O'Donnell [<mailto:scarterbai@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2012 9:36 PM  
**To:** Nathan Randall  
**Subject:** In Support Of Del Ray Montessori School

Good Evening,

My name is Carter O'Donnell and I am a fellow Montessorian who has previously worked in the Washington DC area for many years. My family is currently stationed in Honolulu, but plan on returning to Alexandria in the near future. I have supported this school from the beginning and have frequently been in touch with the teacher who helped open the school, lending support and mentoring as needed. As I have followed the children's and school's progress, it would be a crime to stifle this incredible opportunity for the children in the Del Ray Community. Montessori is a special hands on learning style that stimulates the best in children. Please grant Del Ray Montessori School their special use permit immediately. I look forward to becoming a part of their community either as a staff member, parent, or both in the future.

Thank you,  
Carter O'Donnell, MEd

**Julie Fuerth**

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**From:** Kendra Jacobs  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 10:28 AM  
**To:** Julie Fuerth  
**Subject:** FW: Montessori school in Del Ray

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

**From:** Nathan Randall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 10:17 AM  
**To:** Kendra Jacobs  
**Cc:** Barbara Ross  
**Subject:** FW: Montessori school in Del Ray

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

**From:** Hkulberg [<mailto:hkulberg@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2012 6:54 PM  
**To:** Nathan Randall  
**Subject:** Re: Montessori school in Del Ray

Mr. Randall,

I am writing in support of the Montessori school in Del Ray. Over 100 years ago, Maria Montessori recognized the importance of providing the foundation of knowledge to children through a myriad of sensory experiences. My daughter has thrived in this special environment. I appreciate your support for the school.

Heidi Kulberg

Sent from my iPad

**Julie Fuerth**

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**From:** Kendra Jacobs  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 12:36 PM  
**To:** Julie Fuerth  
**Subject:** FW: Montessori School in Del Ray

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**From:** Nathan Randall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 12:33 PM  
**To:** Kendra Jacobs  
**Cc:** Barbara Ross  
**Subject:** FW: Montessori School in Del Ray

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**From:** Catherine Brack [<mailto:catherinebrack@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 11:59 AM  
**To:** Nathan Randall  
**Subject:** Montessori School in Del Ray

Please grant the application for a Special Use Permit for the Del Ray Montessori School. The school will benefit the community, and over time, the larger metro area.  
Thank you for your consideration.

**Julie Fuerth**

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**From:** Nathan Randall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 2:02 PM  
**To:** Julie Fuerth  
**Cc:** Kendra Jacobs; Barbara Ross  
**Subject:** FW: The Del Ray Montessori School

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**From:** David Turney [<mailto:dn.turney@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 1:48 PM  
**To:** Nathan Randall  
**Subject:** The Del Ray Montessori School

Dear Mr. Randall,

My wife and I have two grandchildren, Ben and Anna Turney, attending the Del Ray Montessori School. We are strong supporters of the Montessori techniques of teaching. Both of our daughters had the opportunity of attending a Montessori school in their early years, and we attribute much of their success and happiness in life to this experience. We often have the pleasure of taking Ben and Anna to school. I wish you could meet them and see their love of learning. I am continually amazed at how much they have learned by age 5, including reading, sewing, binomial cubes, the continents, how to work independently but also how to mentor others, speaking in front on an audience about their favorite Montessori "job", and so much more.

We have heard that some may object to the granting of a Special Use Permit. As active participants in our grandchildren's schooling, we have seen firsthand the running of this school, and have never witnessed anything worthy of denying the city such an asset as this school. Importantly, if there are issues to be worked, I know Ms. Fondriest, her staff, and the parents are more than willing to work to resolve them. The quality of education afforded by the Del Ray Montessori School will pay dividends to our community. I earnestly hope you will support elementary status of this school.

Respectfully,

David and Nina Turney

**Julie Fuerth**

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**From:** Nathan Randall  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2012 11:03 AM  
**To:** Julie Fuerth  
**Cc:** Kendra Jacobs  
**Subject:** FW: Statement for City Council Regarding Special Use Permit for Del Ray Montessori School

Julie-

Please include this email in the package for City Council on the 100 East Windsor case. I received it last night and it's evidently intended for City Council. Thanks.

Nathan

**From:** [jimjulieb@aol.com](mailto:jimjulieb@aol.com) [mailto:[jimjulieb@aol.com](mailto:jimjulieb@aol.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 7:36 PM  
**To:** Nathan Randall  
**Subject:** Statement for City Council Regarding Special Use Permit for Del Ray Montessori School

Dear Mr Randall,

As a resident of Del Ray and the mother of 3 children, all of whom attended and thrived in local, community based Montessori schools, I am writing to urge you to grant the Special Use Permit for the Del Ray Montessori School. I have visited the school several times and enjoyed holiday programs there, as well. With each visit and the opportunity to engage the wonderful parents who initiated, developed, and set up the school, I have become a huge proponent. The families this school serves are highly motivated about their childrens' education, enthusiastic about the sense of community and close proximity this school provides, and eager to integrate their educational needs with their love of and loyalty to Del Ray. Most, if not all, own homes in Del Ray. They shop, work, and play in Del Ray. It is a special place to call home made even more inviting by the inclusion of the Del Ray Montessori School. It is a perfect fit for such a charming community! The children enrolled in the program are thriving in an atmosphere that fosters an amazing love of learning. Those children are some of Del Ray's best and brightest. Let's keep these children and their parents at their school in our community. Please vote to grant the school's application for a Special Use Permit.

Very Respectfully,  
Julie Brooke  
703-549-1452

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2-25-12

**Jackie Henderson**

**From:** Catherine Cesnik <cesnik@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2012 6:49 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Montessori School at 100 E. Windsor  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

**COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members**

**Time:** [Mon Feb 20, 2012 18:48:52] **Message ID:** [37214]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Catherine  
**Last Name:** Cesnik  
**Street Address:** 800 Mt. Vernon Ave.  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 703-549-7757  
**Email Address:** [cesnik@gmail.com](mailto:cesnik@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Montessori School at 100 E. Windsor  
Please ensure that the Special Use Permit to operate a Montessori School at  
  
100 E. Windsor Avenue (Del Ray Methodist Church) includes a drop-off and  
  
**Comments:** pick-up location that does not block any of the side streets around the  
  
church. Thank you for keeping our Del Ray neighborhood safe and functional.  
  
Catherine

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Ashley Myler Klick <amkdc05@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2012 10:23 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: SUP #2011-0062  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Tue Feb 21, 2012 10:22:48] Message ID: [37223]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Ashley  
**Last Name:** Myler Klick  
**Street Address:** 109 East Oxford Avenue  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 703-838-0575  
**Email Address:** [amkdc05@yahoo.com](mailto:amkdc05@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** SUP #2011-0062

I am not able to attend the hearing on Saturday, and I wanted to address

SUP #2011-0062 . Specifically concerns with the pick off/drop off aspect

of the SUP. While I welcome the expansion of the Montessori school to

Del Ray, I am frustrated that this business is not able to work with the

Del Ray Methodist Church or Creative Playschool to share the parking lot

for the safety of students. The groups collaborated on noise mitigation

**Comments:** with the playground, and it seems that coordinating drop off/pick up times

could also be agreed upon.

It is my understanding from current

Montessori school parents that last year they were able to use the

parking lot until Creative Playschool decided that was no longer an

option. City Staff is correct, parking is a commodity in Del Ray, and

the fact that businesses are reluctant to address that and collaborate is

disappointing.

I believe the DRCA's suggestion to create a loading

zone specific to the school at the North end of Clyde is appropriate.

City Staff's position that enforcement may be a problem only addresses the

bigger problem which is a lack of enforcement in Del Ray. In fact on an

email exchange on the Del Ray Parents Listserve, one parent with children

enrolled at the Montessori school wrote " a much bigger concern on

Windsor are the huge food delivery trucks that PARK on the WRONG side of

the road (right where our proposed pick-up spot is, in fact) to deliver

food." The concern of removing of 2 parking spaces seems dramatic

as parking reductions are allowed on almost every SUP and this one would be

limited to the times associated with the school schedule.

I

respectfully request that City Council either a) require the businesses to

share the parking lot and devise a staggered drop off/pick up solution

that ensures the safety of all students and does not contribute to the

car congestion on Windsor or b) support the SUP with the addition of a

loading area as suggested by the DRCA.

Thank you.



## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Hillary Peak <peaks@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2012 3:11 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: pick-up/drop-off for Montessori School  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Tue Feb 21, 2012 15:11:25] Message ID: [37238]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Hillary  
**Last Name:** Peak  
**Street Address:** 215 E Oxford Ave  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** Va  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 703-684-4986  
**Email Address:** [peaks@comcast.net](mailto:peaks@comcast.net)  
**Subject:** pick-up/drop-off for Montessori School  
I am very excited to have a Montessori school in Del Ray. However, I am opposed to having pick-up and drop-off on Windsor Avenue. Windsor is a throughfare street, as well as being the EMT street. I believe it is not  
**Comments:** suited to being an appropriate place for children to be picked up or dropped off.  
Hillary peak

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Noah Eden <noaheden@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2012 9:09 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Expansion of The Del Ray Montessori School  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Tue Feb 21, 2012 21:09:03] Message ID: [37242]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Noah  
**Last Name:** Eden  
**Street Address:** 1214 Lamont St. NW  
**City:** Washington  
**State:** DC  
**Zip:** 20010  
**Phone:** 404-432-6308  
**Email Address:** [noaheden@gmail.com](mailto:noaheden@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Expansion of The Del Ray Montessori School  
Dear City Officials:

I am writing to express strong support for the

expansion of The Del Ray Montessori School to include an elementary

program in the upcoming 2012-2013 school year.

I first met the school's

Director, Ms. Sarah Fondriest, while she was obtaining her Montessori

certification from the International Centre for Montessori Studies

**Comments:** Foundation in Bergamo, Italy - an internationally-accredited organization

established by Maria Montessori herself. Since that time, I have been

continually impressed by Ms. Fondriest's tireless work ethic,

professionalism, and passion for making a Montessori education possible

for an ever-increasing number of young people.

As a supporter of The Del

Ray Montessori School since before its inception - and a former

Montessori

student myself - I have watched as the school grew from an idea and quickly became a reality. This school is a growing asset and will provide

lasting benefits to the children of Alexandria for years to come.

The

Del Ray Montessori School represents education at its finest. I strongly

encourage you to support its expansion.

Sincerely,  
Noah Eden

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Meg Burk <megburk123@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 7:46 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori School  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 07:45:37] Message ID: [37289]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Meg  
**Last Name:** Burk  
**Street Address:** 3816 Cranbrook Drive  
**City:** Indianapolis  
**State:** IN  
**Zip:** 46240  
**Phone:**  
**Email Address:** [megburk123@yahoo.com](mailto:megburk123@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori School  
The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the community. The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and Environmental Service). Among other things, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. No one cares more about student safety than the school itself! Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. Thank you.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Denise Benoit <dfbenoit@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 7:24 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori school  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 07:23:42] Message ID: [37288]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Denise  
**Last Name:** Benoit  
**Street Address:** 901 Little Street  
**City:** alexandria  
**State:** va  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 703 6847383  
**Email Address:** [dfbenoit@gmail.com](mailto:dfbenoit@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori school  
The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the community. I support the growth of independent education in Alexandria and this school has the makings to draw more young families into the area. The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and Environmental Service). Among other things, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. No one cares more about student safety than the school itself! Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. Thank you.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Michelle Hostetler <hostetler1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 7:02 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori School  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 07:02:19] Message ID: [37287]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

**First Name:** Michelle

**Last Name:** Hostetler

**Street Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Email Address:** [hostetler1@gmail.com](mailto:hostetler1@gmail.com)

**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori School

The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the community. The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning

**Comments:** Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and Environmental Service). No one cares more about student safety than the school itself! Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use

Permit.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Linda Oldiges <LinOldiges@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 2:42 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: School  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 02:41:47] Message ID: [37286]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Linda  
**Last Name:** Oldiges  
**Street Address:** 351 Springmill Ct.  
**City:** Carmel  
**State:** IN  
**Zip:** 46032  
**Phone:** 317-372-1455  
**Email Address:** [LinOldiges@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LinOldiges@sbcglobal.net)  
**Subject:** School  
"The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the community. The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and  
**Comments:** Environmental Service).  
Among other things, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. No one cares more about student safety than the school itself! Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. Thank you."

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Rebecca Underly <reunderly@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 10:25 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Special Use Permit for the loading zone for the Del Ray Montessori School  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Wed Feb 22, 2012 22:25:07] Message ID: [37285]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Rebecca  
**Last Name:** Underly  
**Street Address:** 2504 Terrett Ave.  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 703-684-5065  
**Email Address:** [reunderly@comcast.net](mailto:reunderly@comcast.net)  
**Subject:** Special Use Permit for the loading zone for the Del Ray Montessori School  
The Del Ray Montessori School was created to bring montessori to our neighborhood. I currently have 2 of my children in this school and I am so happy with the education my sons are receiving.  
The Del Ray Montessori School is applying for a special use permit to have a loading zone outside the school's door on Windsor Ave. The proposed loading zone  
**Comments:** on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria  
Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and Environmental Service). Among other things, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough to have this loading zone while still allowing traffic to pass. It does.  
We have a plan of action for arrival and dismissal that would allow parents



to effectively, efficiently  
and SAFELY gather their children or drop them

off at school. The Del Ray Montessori School is  
committed to the safety

of the children, as well as the concerns of the community. We feel this is

a good  
decision and find it will not impact the neighborhood in any way.

Many of the students live in the community and walk, ride or scooter to

school daily. This will help to  
alleviate the traffic coming and going to

the school and we encourage everyone to walk. This is what I  
have always

wanted for my children and they enjoy riding their bikes every day rain or  
shine.

Please consider and approve our SLIP because the Del Ray

Montessori is a nice addition to our  
community.

Thank you.

Rebecca

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Barry Bennett <barry@bkmstrategies.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 9:40 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori-- Support Safe Children  
**Attachments:** ATT00002.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Wed Feb 22, 2012 21:40:10] Message ID: [37284]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Barry  
**Last Name:** Bennett  
**Street Address:** 14 West Oak Street  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 202.281.4415  
**Email Address:** [barry@bkmstrategies.com](mailto:barry@bkmstrategies.com)  
**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori-- Support Safe Children  
Please support the proposed drop off zone for the Del Ray Montessori School. As a matter of public safety, loosing a couple parking spots for the safety of the children is a reasonable request. I live on Oak street by Maury. I love having Maury in my neighborhood. I would never complain  
**Comments:** about parents parking on my street and walking their loved ones to school.  
It is an inconveinance but a necessary one. I couldnt live with myself if someone got hurt because I didnt want to be troubled.  
Please support a reasonable compromise.  
Barry Bennett

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Rachel Lawrence <Rachel.lawrence@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 9:32 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Strong support for Del Ray Montessori School  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Wed Feb 22, 2012 21:32:04] Message ID: [37283]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Rachel  
**Last Name:** Lawrence  
**Street Address:** 206 Uhler Ter  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 703-957-0039  
**Email Address:** [Rachel.lawrence@comcast.net](mailto:Rachel.lawrence@comcast.net)  
**Subject:** Strong support for Del Ray Montessori School  
I fully support the proposed expansion of Del Ray Montessori School (DRMS) and the proposed drop off/pickup arrangement. As a parent of a DRMS student, I believe I have a better perspective on the situation than some who have been criticising the proposal on neighborhood listserves. Only about 3 of the current DRMS families drive to the school instead of walking, and it seems fair to assume that even with expansion the majority of the school's traffic will continue to be on foot. As one of the few parents who drives I can speak from experience that the process currently in place is extremely efficient. The proposed location on Windsor for next year should be even better since it will provide some separation from the traffic associated with Creative Playschool which also currently uses the church parking lot. During the morning drop off and afternoon

pick up times, virtually the only non-DRMS traffic I've seen in the vicinity is for Creative Playschool. Although I have yet to see any problem, DRMS has already modified times and procedure for drop off and pickup a couple of times during the current school year to accommodate requests from Creative. I have no doubt the teachers and parents will gladly acquiesce to such requests again if their are perceived problems in the future either with other tenants or nearby residents. It is refreshing to be part of a group of families who are so considerate. Unlike our previous daycare arrangement where parents sometimes competed for parking spots, at DRMS there is a teamwork approach to get all the kids in and out of school in a safe and efficient manner. As Del Ray Montessori is teaching our children to be responsible community citizens, we strive to demonstrate such behavior ourselves. This school is already a valuable addition to the community, and I look forward to its expansion so it may serve even more.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Catherine Turner <cbilly2002@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 9:24 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: The Del Ray Montessori School  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Wed Feb 22, 2012 21:23:56] Message ID: [37280]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Catherine  
**Last Name:** Turner  
**Street Address:** 2368 Torrey Pines Road  
**City:** La Jolla  
**State:** CA  
**Zip:** 92037  
**Phone:** 616-533-6486  
**Email Address:** [cbilly2002@yahoo.com](mailto:cbilly2002@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** The Del Ray Montessori School  
The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the community. The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and Environmental Service). Among other things, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. No one cares more about student safety than the school itself!  
**Comments:**  
Please approve  
the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit.  
Thank you,  
Catherine

**Jackie Henderson**

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**From:** Allison Marong <allipagevt@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 9:18 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori School Special Use Permit  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

**COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members**

**Time:** [Wed Feb 22, 2012 21:18:04] **Message ID:** [37279]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

**First Name:** Allison

**Last Name:** Marong

**Street Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Email Address:** [allipagevt@hotmail.com](mailto:allipagevt@hotmail.com)

**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori School Special Use Permit

The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the community. The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and

**Comments:** Environmental Service). Among other things, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. No one cares more about student safety than the school itself! Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. Thank you.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Katherine McCarron <kemccarron@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 9:02 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Support for Del Ray Montessori School SUP  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Wed Feb 22, 2012 21:02:15] Message ID: [37278]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Katherine  
**Last Name:** McCarron  
**Street Address:** 119 E. Walnut Street  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 703-684-5118  
**Email Address:** [kemccarron@gmail.com](mailto:kemccarron@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Support for Del Ray Montessori School SUP  
Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Alexandria City Council,

I write in support  
of the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. Specifically, I  
write in support of  
the plan to use East Windsor Avenue as the drop off  
and pick up location for the school.  
My son attended Creative Play  
School for two years, and I remember well the traffic congestion in the

**Comments:** CPS parking lot and on Clyde. I agree with the CPS Director's assessment  
that the Del Ray Montessori  
School should be permitted to use East  
Windsor instead of the CPS parking lot, in order to avoid further  
traffic  
congestion on Clyde.  
Moreover, I have read the Staff report, attached to  
the SUP application on your website, and I agree with  
Staff's assessment  
that creating a drop-off and pick-up zone on East Windsor is the best

solution to the  
traffic issue. Staff specifically considered whether an

ambulance or other emergency vehicle could pass  
a stopped car on East

Windsor, and concluded that it could. Further, I agree with the Staff's

conclusion  
that parking is at a premium in Del Ray, and therefore, it

would not be a good idea to remove three parking  
spaces from Clyde, or to

create a new "loading zone" on Clyde, which would foreseeably be

used for  
other purposes.

The city, the church, Creative Play School,

and Del Ray Montessori School have all considered the  
parking issue

carefully and have arrived at a thoughtful solution to the issue. As a

supporter of all four  
entities, I recommend the City Council grant the

Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit, and  
approve the use of

East Windsor as a drop off and pick up site.

Thank you for your

consideration.

Katherine McCarron



## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Kristin Teeters <kteeters@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 8:55 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Approval for SUP requested by Del Ray Montessori School  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Wed Feb 22, 2012 20:55:14] Message ID: [37277]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Kristin  
**Last Name:** Teeters  
**Street Address:** 506 Queen Street  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22314  
**Phone:** 703-593-8469  
**Email Address:** [kteeters@comcast.net](mailto:kteeters@comcast.net)  
**Subject:** Approval for SUP requested by Del Ray Montessori School  
I am writing in support of approval for the SUP requested by Del Ray  
Montessori School. Approval of this  
SUP will be an asset to the parents  
and children of this new and growing school in Alexandria. Supporting  
this SUP is supporting the growth of the school, which is a great  
addition to the educational needs of the  
children in the city. Knowing  
**Comments:** the applicant, Sarah Fondriest, personally, I am fully assured that safety  
of the  
children and others in the neighborhood are of top concern. And,  
seeing that the City initially endorsed this  
proposed loading zone has  
since approved the SUP at its first hearing, I see no reason why this  
should be  
opposed in any way. Thank you for taking this into  
consideration as a vote for approval for the SUP.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Kathryn Howell Dalton <kathrynhd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 7:32 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori School SUP  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Wed Feb 22, 2012 19:31:47] Message ID: [37275]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Kathryn  
**Last Name:** Howell Dalton  
**Street Address:** 125 East Walnut  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 703.678.9709  
**Email Address:** [kathrynhd@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynhd@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori School SUP  
I am writing in support of The Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. My children and I attend Music Together classes at Del Ray Methodist, so we have quite a bit of experience with driving around, parking, and getting in and out of the car in this area. The Del Ray Montessori School is a wonderful part of our community. The proposed loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of

**Comments:** Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission and the Traffic Department (Transportation and Environmental Service). The City also conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. As a parent who uses this area regularly, I believe the City's Commission and Department are correct in their assessment. Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. Thank you.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Kay Lyon <mrs.kay.lyon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 7:00 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: DEL REY MONTESSORI SCHOOL SUP  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Wed Feb 22, 2012 19:00:05] Message ID: [37272]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Kay  
**Last Name:** Lyon  
**Street Address:** 13106 Hickory Court  
**City:** Fredericksburg  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22407  
**Phone:** 540-809-9267  
**Email Address:** [mrs.kay.lyon@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.kay.lyon@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** DEL REY MONTESSORI SCHOOL SUP  
The Del Rey Montessori School is, and will continue to be, a wonderful addition to the community! The Windsor Avenue loading zone was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission as  
**Comments:** well as the Traffic Department. Additionally, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street is wide enough to accommodate all public and school-associated traffic -- it is. Please don't hesitate to approve the Special Use Permit for the Del Rey Montessori School! Thank you!

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Rena Fox <foxstockfamily@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 5:52 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori School  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Wed Feb 22, 2012 17:52:12] Message ID: [37268]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Rena  
**Last Name:** Fox  
**Street Address:**  
**City:**  
**State:**  
**Zip:**  
**Phone:**  
**Email Address:** [foxstockfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:foxstockfamily@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori School  
The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the community. The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and  
**Comments:** Environmental Service). Among other things, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. No one cares more about student safety than the school itself! Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. Thank you.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Jo Ann Weber <jjweber54@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 5:43 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: The Del Ray Montessori School SUP  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Wed Feb 22, 2012 17:43:21] Message ID: [37267]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

**First Name:** Jo Ann

**Last Name:** Weber

**Street Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Email Address:** [jjweber54@yahoo.com](mailto:jjweber54@yahoo.com)

**Subject:** The Del Ray Montessori School SUP

"The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the community. As you are aware, the loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and Environmental Service). Among other things, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. No one cares more about student safety than the school itself! Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. Thank you."

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Jen Desautels <jendesautels@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 8:30 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori School  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 08:30:12] Message ID: [37290]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Jen  
**Last Name:** Desautels  
**Street Address:** 2511 Terrett Avenue  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 7038881805  
**Email Address:** [jendesautels@gmail.com](mailto:jendesautels@gmail.com)

**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori School

The Del Ray Montessori School is a fantastic addition to the community. Our

neighborhood is full of families and young children and to have a thriving

and wonderful school like Del Ray Montessori right in the neighborhood is a

gift. The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by

the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the

**Comments:** Traffic Department (Transportation and Environmental Service). Among other things, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. The school cares about its children and their families and has everyone's safety as their number one priority.

Thank

you.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Pat Miller <pmiller1806@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 9:11 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori School  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 09:10:40] Message ID: [37294]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Pat  
**Last Name:** Miller  
**Street Address:** 404 Laverne Avenue  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22305  
**Phone:** 703-683-2570  
**Email Address:** [pmiller1806@comcast.net](mailto:pmiller1806@comcast.net)  
**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori School

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I am writing in support of the

expansion of the Del Ray Montessori School and keeping the drop off/pick up

on Windsor Avenue. A lot of the kids now walk to school and I am sure that

a lot of the new students will also. DRCA is proposing that parking spaces be taken away from Clyde and made into a loading/unloading zone. As you

**Comments:** know, Del Ray citizens & businesses are looking at a parking study done by TE&S and the first results show we need more parking at certain times of the day -- so we should not take away spaces near the Avenue when the Windsor Avenue loading/unloading for the School will work. The loading/unloading of students has been handled very efficiently in the past by the School Administration -- they have remained flexible with schedules so their timing does not conflict with other activities at the Church.

Please vote for the Planning Commission proposal for the expansion of the Del Ray Montessori School and keep the drop off/pick up location of the students on Windsor Avenue.

My thanks.

Pat Miller



## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Daphne Towsey <dt777@mi-connection.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 9:10 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: loading zone  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 09:09:45] Message ID: [37293]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Daphne  
**Last Name:** Towsey  
**Street Address:** 17018 Yawl Road  
**City:** Cornelius  
**State:** NC  
**Zip:** 02812  
**Phone:** 704-896-3149  
**Email Address:** [dt777@mi-connection.com](mailto:dt777@mi-connection.com)  
**Subject:** loading zone  
The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the community. The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and  
**Comments:** Environmental Service). Among other things, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. No one cares more about student safety than the school itself! Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. Thank you.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** David Turney <dn.turney@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 9:07 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori SUP  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 09:07:00] Message ID: [37292]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

**First Name:** David

**Last Name:** Turney

**Street Address:**

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22301

**Phone:** 703-965-7599

**Email Address:** [dn.turney@yahoo.com](mailto:dn.turney@yahoo.com)

**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori SUP

My wife and I have been actively involved in the drop-off and pick-up of

our two grandchildren who attend the Del Ray Montessori School. Safety is

of utmost important to us. At no time have we witnessed any safety

issues for students or parents, be they arriving by car, bicycle,

scooter, or on foot. We are aware that the number of students will

**Comments:** increase next year, but the city has determined that proposed loading zone

on Windsor would not compromise safety. It would be a shame to deny our

community such a valuable asset by ignoring the professional assessment

of the city and letting emotion rule the day.

Respectfully,  
David and

Nina Turney

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Sarah Schultz <sarahschultz9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 9:39 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori School SUP  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 09:39:16] Message ID: [37296]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Sarah  
**Last Name:** Schultz  
**Street Address:** 107 East Mason Avenue  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** Virginia  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 7035197623  
**Email Address:** [sarahschultz9@gmail.com](mailto:sarahschultz9@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori School SUP  
I am a parent of a Del Ray Montessori student (my son is 4), and my daughter will be joining my son there in the fall. We love the school, walk to and from it every day, and would love to talk to anyone about why we think it is the greatest thing! I was disheartened to learn that there has been some opposition to the DRMS's application for an SUP to expand the school, which would necessitate a loading/unloading zone on Windsor

**Comments:** Ave by the school entrance. I hope you will wholeheartedly support the Del Ray Montessori School's expansion.

The director of the school, Sarah Fondriest, is incredibly dedicated to the students, the school and our community. Sarah, and Montessori in general, support lots of outdoor exercise for kids and as such we are encouraged to walk, bike, scooter to

school, rain or shine. She recently installed a bike rack near the entrance on Windsor to further encourage the children to ride their bikes/scooters to school. I think you will find that very few students would actually be availing themselves of the pick-up/drop-off anyway. At present, only 3 students are regularly driven to school, and I assume this trend will continue with the growth of the school.

The City of

Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic

Department (Transportation and Environmental Service) have FULLY

supported the proposed arrival and dismissal pattern on E. Windsor Ave.

In fact, they have researched it and did on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough (we were concerned about that, too). It is. In

fact, they are not only supporting it, they are recommending it. The

Planning Board recommended the expansion in a unanimous vote, which was

terrific.

The DRMS is an amazing addition to our community. As a

parent who SLEPT ON THE STREET one night to try to get a coveted spot at

another preschool in Del Ray, I can attest to the fact that spaces in

preschool are limited and demand is VERY high. We need more choices, and

I am delighted that parents now have a school choice that not only meets

this demand but also gives back to our community, and instills in future

Alexandria taxpayers (our children) a sense of the importance of being part of a supportive community.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** MaryEllen Kelly <drktom@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 9:49 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori School  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 09:48:36] Message ID: [37297]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** MaryEllen  
**Last Name:** Kelly  
**Street Address:** 2104 Golfview Drive NE  
**City:** New Philadelphia  
**State:** Ohio  
**Zip:** 44663  
**Phone:** 330 343-7275  
**Email Address:** [drktom@yahoo.com](mailto:drktom@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori School  
My grandson's attend this school and I believe "The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the community."  
**Comments:** " Please help make sure this fine school will grow and be a wonderful source of education for them as well and children of future classes!  
MaryEllen Kelly

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Monica Hall <hallcmonica@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 10:00 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: The Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 10:00:28] Message ID: [37298]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Monica  
**Last Name:** Hall  
**Street Address:** 114 N Peyton Street  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22314  
**Phone:** 703.283.1061  
**Email Address:** [hallcmonica@yahoo.com](mailto:hallcmonica@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** The Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit  
"The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the community. The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and  
**Comments:** Environmental Service). Among other things, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. No one cares more about student safety than the school itself! Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. Thank you."

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Page Turney <jpageturney@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 10:40 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori SUP  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 10:39:39] Message ID: [37300]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Page  
**Last Name:** Turney  
**Street Address:** Oak Street  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:**  
**Email Address:** [jpageturney@yahoo.com](mailto:jpageturney@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori SUP  
Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members,

I have two children enrolled

at the Del Ray Montessori School and am so excited about the expansion.  
I

understand that there is some debate over the proposed loading zone on

Windsor, which I support. Given  
that my children will be at the school,

safety is critical to me. The proposed loading zone was researched  
and

**Comments:** endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as  
well

as the Traffic Department  
(Transportation and Environmental Service).

In addition, yesterday all but 2 students walked, biked, or  
scootered to

school, which is exactly why we need a neighborhood Montessori school.

Please grant the Del  
Ray Montessori School's SUP. Thank you for your  
consideration.

Sincerely,  
Page Turney



## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Kelly Todd <kelly@talktotucker.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 10:57 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Support!  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 10:57:21] Message ID: [37302]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Kelly  
**Last Name:** Todd  
**Street Address:** 5902 Washington Blvd.  
**City:** Indianapolis  
**State:** IN  
**Zip:** 46220  
**Phone:** 3172559043  
**Email Address:** [kelly@talktotucker.com](mailto:kelly@talktotucker.com)  
**Subject:** Support!  
The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the community. The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and  
**Comments:** Environmental Service). Among other things, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. No one cares more about student safety than the school itself! Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. Thank you.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Julia Eile <jtm.martin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 11:35 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: SUP #2011-0062  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 11:34:31] Message ID: [37304]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Julia  
**Last Name:** Eile  
**Street Address:** 305 E. Luray Ave  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 703.683.1313  
**Email Address:** [jtm.martin@gmail.com](mailto:jtm.martin@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** SUP #2011-0062

Good Morning,

My name is Julia Martin Eile and I'm a resident of Del Ray and a mother of twin girls who will be starting at the Del Ray Montessorri School in March. I am writing to urge you to grant the Special Use Permit for the Del Ray Montessorri School. I have visited many preschool programs within the community and am so impressed with the Director, Sarah Fondriest

and the program she started with other Del Ray families. I can't begin to express how wonderful it is to have a Montessorri school in Del Ray! I love the community of Del Ray and know that my children's experience with the school will only increase the great community experience we have already had living here. We plan to walk, ride our bikes and drive to school and feel it is important to have a safe spot for drop off and pick up.

The

Del Ray Montessori School has been completely embraced and supported by the

local community. The proposed loading zone on Windsor Avenue was

researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and Environmental Service). Among other things, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. I understand that the school has a plan of action for arrival and dismissal that would allow parents to effectively, efficiently and SAFELY gather their children or drop them off at school. I truly believe the school is committed to the safety of my children, as well as the concerns of the community. Please vote to grant the school's application for the Special Use Permit.

Respectfully,

Julia Martin Eile

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Sarah Haut <hautsl@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2012 9:51 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2011-0062  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Mon Feb 13, 2012 21:50:30] Message ID: [37072]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Sarah  
**Last Name:** Haut  
**Street Address:** 228 E. Nelson Ave  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 202-447-5322  
**Email Address:** [hautsl@yahoo.com](mailto:hautsl@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2011-0062

Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

I'm writing to express my partial support for the referenced application which requests to operate a Montessori school at 100 E. Windsor Avenue. I attended a Montessori school and am a strong believer in the teaching methodology used at this type of school. I think every community can benefit from a montessori school and Del Ray is fortunate to have someone who wants to operate one in our neighborhood.

I have serious concerns about the solution that planning staff has recommended for the drop-off and pick-up of students. They have recommended establishing a drop-off and pick-up zone in the west-bound travel lane of Windsor Avenue. Windsor is a narrow street with parking on the east-bound side. When

cars are parked on the east side of the street, it is difficult, but possible for two average sized cars to pass. Windsor is also a route used by the ambulance. Ambulances are significantly wider than the average car. If there is an emergency during the pick-up or drop-off time and there is a car blocking the travel lane, an ambulance will not be able to pass. In many emergencies that require an ambulance, every minute is critical. Allowing cars to stop in the travel lane is not a good solution.

While we can't plan the time and place for our neighbors to have emergencies, we certainly can plan for a better solution to accommodate the pick-up and drop-off of students that doesn't pose a potential threat to emergency response times.

I respectfully request that you support the school, but work with city staff and the applicant to identify a solution for student drop off and pick up that does not block a travel lane.

Thank you,

Sarah

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Mindy Schlegel <mindy\_hoffert@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 11:54 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 11:53:32] Message ID: [37305]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

**First Name:** Mindy

**Last Name:** Schlegel

**Street Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Email Address:** [mindy\\_hoffert@yahoo.com](mailto:mindy_hoffert@yahoo.com)

**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori

**Comments:**

The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the community. The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and Environmental Service). Among other things, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. No one cares more about student safety than the school itself! Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. Thank you

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Nathan Randall  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 1:39 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Cc:** Barbara Ross  
**Subject:** FW: The Del Ray Montessori School comments

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**From:** J. Page Turney [<mailto:jpageturney@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 7:27 AM  
**To:** Nathan Randall  
**Subject:** FW: The Del Ray Montessori School comments

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Date: Tue, 7 Feb 2012 09:43:22 -0800  
From: [boncosky@sbcglobal.net](mailto:boncosky@sbcglobal.net)  
Subject: Re: The Del Ray Montessori School comments  
To: [nathan.randall@alexandriava.gov](mailto:nathan.randall@alexandriava.gov)

Dear Mr. Randall,

Decisions about my children's education path are perhaps the most important I will make on their behalf, and I believe it is critical to honor and support any effort to make quality educational options available. That we could finally have a true Montessori elementary program in Alexandria for parents seeking this wonderful method of teaching for their children is a gift to the community. I have heard nothing but wonderful reports regarding the reputation of the Del Ray Montessori School and the efforts made by Ms. Fondriest to foster positive community relationships. I trust you will support both the entrepreneurial endeavor and the expansion of educational opportunities in our community by voting to approve the Special Use Permit for Del Ray Montessori School.

Sincerely,

Lisa Boncosky

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Nathan Randall  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 1:39 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Cc:** Barbara Ross  
**Subject:** FW: Del Ray Montessori School

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**From:** J. Page Turney [<mailto:jpageturney@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 7:29 AM  
**To:** Nathan Randall  
**Subject:** FW: Del Ray Montessori School

> ----- Forwarded message -----  
> From: Katherine McCarron <[kemccarron@gmail.com](mailto:kemccarron@gmail.com)>  
> Date: Mon, Feb 6, 2012 at 9:32 PM  
> Subject: Del Ray Montessori School  
> To: [nathan.randall@alexandriava.gov](mailto:nathan.randall@alexandriava.gov)  
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>  
> Dear Mr. Randall:  
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> I write in support of the special use permit for the Del Ray  
> Montessori School.  
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> Del Ray is a thriving community with many families with young  
> children. However, until the Del Ray Montessori School opened in  
> September 2011, there was no Montessori-based education in walking  
> distance of our neighborhood. I was so pleased when the Del Ray  
> Montessori School opened in the heart of Del Ray, with a  
> highly-trained and well-loved teacher to guide the students in the  
> Montessori method.  
>  
> The special use permit you are considering would allow the school to  
> expand in order to serve a larger group of children. I have seen  
> first-hand the value of a Montessori education, especially in how my  
> neighbor's young children have thrived in this educational  
> environment.  
>  
> I urge you to grant the special use permit for the Del Ray Montessori School.  
>  
> Thank you for your consideration.  
>  
> Katherine McCarron  
> 119 East Walnut  
> Alexandria, VA 22301



## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Nathan Randall  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 1:39 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Cc:** Barbara Ross  
**Subject:** FW: Montessori School in Del Ray

Jackie- This is the first of three emails that should be forwarded to City Council in consideration of the 100 East Windsor (Del Ray Montessori School) SUP case.

Thank you,  
Nathan

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**From:** J. Page Turney [<mailto:jpageturney@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 7:26 AM  
**To:** Nathan Randall  
**Subject:** FW: Montessori School in Del Ray

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Date: Tue, 7 Feb 2012 08:59:24 -0800  
From: [catherinebrack@yahoo.com](mailto:catherinebrack@yahoo.com)  
Subject: Montessori School in Del Ray  
To: [nathan.randall@alexandriava.gov](mailto:nathan.randall@alexandriava.gov)

Please grant the application for a Special Use Permit for the Del Ray Montessori School. The school will benefit the community, and over time, the larger metro area.  
Thank you for your consideration.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** jennifer towsey <jentowsey@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 2:11 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit  
**Attachments:** ATT00002.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 14:10:31] Message ID: [37312]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

**First Name:** jennifer

**Last Name:** towsey

**Street Address:** 4981 Emerson Ave

**City:** Palatine

**State:** IL

**Zip:** 60067

**Phone:** 847.204.0746

**Email Address:** [jentowsey@yahoo.com](mailto:jentowsey@yahoo.com)

**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit

I am emailing about The Del Ray Montessori School. The school is and will

continue to be a great addition to the community, offering options to children who benefit from different learning styles. The loading zone on

Windsor Avenue has been a topic of conversation lately - it was researched

and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as

well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and Environmental Service).

**Comments:** The City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough and it is, so this should put the issue to rest.

The school

would not pursue the loading zone if it thought student safety was at risk!

In fact, having a loading zone helps make it more safe so the area is

clearly marked for the children. So please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit for the sake of the community and children's

safety. Thank you for your consideration.

Jen Towsey

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Ryan LaSalle <rlasalle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 3:06 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: In Support of the Del Ray Montessori Special Use Permit  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 15:06:05] Message ID: [37314]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

**First Name:** Ryan

**Last Name:** LaSalle

**Street Address:** 13 W. Mount Ida Ave

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22305

**Phone:**

**Email Address:** [rlasalle@gmail.com](mailto:rlasalle@gmail.com)

**Subject:** In Support of the Del Ray Montessori Special Use Permit

I am writing in support of the special use permit applied for by the Del Ray Montessori School. My son is currently enrolled in the school, and as an interested parent, I see great potential for the contributions this school will have on the local community.

The key issue within the

Special Use Permit seems to be the area designed for pick-up/drop-off of students along East Windsor Avenue right in front of the school entrance.

The city's own Planning and Zoning Commission and Traffic Department

**Comments:** endorsed the permit and found minimal impact by the loading zone on the thoroughfare of East Windsor.

The School draws from and serves mainly

a population within a several block radius - from the heart of Del Ray and

Rosemont - with a predominantly pedestrian commute. If the school is able

to expand through this SUP, the network it will expand through looks to be this very same one.

In addition, this school has embraced the Del Ray

and Old Town Alexandria communities, supporting the local library branch and local businesses like Mind the Mat and Hooray for Books with events that engage the students, their families and the local business community.

The Del Ray Montessori School is a net benefit to living in the community of Del Ray and helps attract engaged and committed families to the neighborhood. Approving the Special Use Permit is in the best interest of the community. Doing otherwise sends a clear message that the city of Alexandria would prefer the school to move elsewhere that is more friendly to the kind of community-driven support the school engenders.

I hope you are able to take time to consider both sides of this issue and do what is in the best interest of the community: please grant the exception and give this school a chance to succeed.

Thank you,  
Ryan LaSalle

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Suzanne Kovalsky <sue@jenwalker.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 3:22 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Montessori School SUP  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

**Time:** [Thu Feb 23, 2012 15:21:36] **Message ID:** [37315]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
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**Subject:** Montessori School SUP  
The Del Ray Montessori School is an incredible addition to the community.  
  
The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and Environmental Service). Among other things,  
  
the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. No one cares more about student safety than the school itself! Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit.  
Thank you.  
  
Sue Kovalsky  
Active Community Member

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Jennifer Walker <Jen@Jenwalker.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 3:23 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 15:22:58] Message ID: [37316]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
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**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori  
"The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful  
**Comments:** addition to the community.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Patrick Weber <pweberVT@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2012 5:40 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori School  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Fri Feb 24, 2012 05:40:02] Message ID: [37331]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

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**Last Name:** Weber

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**State:** Virginia [VA]

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**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori School

"The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful

addition to the community. The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was

researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning

Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and

**Comments:** Environmental Service). Among other things, the City conducted on-site

visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. No one

cares more about student safety than the school itself! Please approve

the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. Thank you."



## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Julie Brooke <jimjulieb@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 5:49 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori School Special Use Permit  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 17:49:29] Message ID: [37322]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
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**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori School Special Use Permit  
Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit.

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Del Ray Montessori School has been a wonderful addition to our Del Ray community. The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was investigated and sanctioned by Alexandria's Planning and Zoning Commission and

**Comments:** Transportation and Environmental Service Department. As a result of on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, the city of Alexandria found that it was, indeed, wide enough. The Del Ray Montessori School's first priority is student safety. Thank you for giving this request your serious consideration.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Kimberly Stone <kimberlyjstone@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 4:56 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori School  
**Attachments:** ATT00002.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Thu Feb 23, 2012 16:56:18] Message ID: [37320]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

**First Name:** Kimberly

**Last Name:** Stone

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**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone:**

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**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori School

The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the community. The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and

**Comments:** Environmental Service). Among other things, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. No one cares more about student safety than the school itself! Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. Thank you

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Nancy Turney <propax40@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2012 8:14 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Montessori School's Special Use Permit  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Fri Feb 24, 2012 08:14:00] Message ID: [37334]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
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**Subject:** Montessori School's Special Use Permit  
The Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the community. The loading zone on Windsor Ave. was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission as  
**Comments:** well as the Dept. of Transportation and Environmental Service. Also, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. Student safety is of utmost importance to the school. Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. Thank you.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Jennifer Wills <riverfarm100@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2012 9:37 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori School SUP  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Fri Feb 24, 2012 09:36:42] Message ID: [37336]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

**First Name:** Jennifer

**Last Name:** Wills

**Street Address:** Cliff St.

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22301

**Phone:**

**Email Address:** [riverfarm100@gmail.com](mailto:riverfarm100@gmail.com)

**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori School SUP

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to support the plans

for expansion and the proposed Special Use Permit for the DelRay Montessori

School at 100 East Windsor Avenue. As the parent of child who will be

attending this school and as a resident of the Del Ray neighborhood, I

think it is critically important to allow quality education facilities to

locate in Del Ray. The Montessori program is well-known for developing

**Comments:** confidence in children, even very young children, and teaching children to

love learning. Children have a natural interest in learning and the

Montessori program fosters that interest. I believe that numerous families

have benefited and will benefit from this school and we are lucky to have

it located in our neighborhood.

The main issue with the Special Use

Permit seems to be pick up/drop off on Windsor Avenue. I live less than

four blocks from the church and will walk my child to and from school each

day. Also, it is my understanding that only a few families currently drive

to school and that perhaps with the expansion, a few more may drive. This should not cause an abundance of traffic on Windsor or create an unsafe situation. Therefore, I am writing in support of the Special Use Permit, including the pick up/drop off parking in the mornings and afternoons.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Wills

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Katie Dolan <katiedolan@att.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2012 1:04 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori School  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Fri Feb 24, 2012 13:04:13] Message ID: [37344]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
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**Zip:** 46220  
**Phone:** 317 726-1474  
**Email Address:** [katiedolan@att.net](mailto:katiedolan@att.net)  
**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori School  
I believe the Del Ray Montessori School is and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the community. The loading zone on Windsor Avenue was researched and endorsed by the City of Alexandria Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Traffic Department (Transportation and  
**Comments:** Environmental Service). Among other things, the City conducted on-site visits to determine if the street was wide enough, which it is. No one cares more about student safety than the school itself! Please approve the Del Ray Montessori School's Special Use Permit. Thank you so much!

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Gayle Reuter <gtrdelray@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2012 1:44 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Supporting the Del Ray Montessori School & Windsor Drop Off Site  
**Attachments:** f5cde33d072a2bbaf3b1089db13b817c.JPG; ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri Feb 24, 2012 13:43:45] Message ID: [37351]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**Last Name:** Reuter  
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**State:** VA  
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**Phone:** 703-684-3535  
**Email Address:** [gtrdelray@yahoo.com](mailto:gtrdelray@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Supporting the Del Ray Montessori School & Windsor Drop Off Site  
I am writing in strong support of the SUP request for expansion of the Del Ray Montessori School and especially of the City's recommendation of the drop off location to be on Windsor Avenue.  
I disagree with DRCA request to move the drop off site to Clyde Avenue. I live less then 2 blocks from this location and walk in this area most mornings. I see first hand the traffic on Clyde, with parking on both sides of the street and with cars often having to either back up or pull over to wait for a car to go past.  
**Comments:** DRCA also recommends taking away 3-4 parking spaces in an area where every space is already heavily used. DRCA believes that Windsor will be unsafe as it is an emergency route but city officials do not believe this will be the case and neither do I.  
Windsor Avenue is supported by the City, the Planning Commission, the church, the school and by the parents. Windsor only has parking on one side as opposed to parking on both sides that Clyde. The school will have 4 staff members who will be greeting the

expected 10 cars which will be dropping off children in a 1/2 hour time frame since most parents will be walking their children so no back up is expected.

I've attached a photo which I hope you will be able to open which shows Clyde Avenue at 7:45 am with parking full on both sides and a car driving down the street and which demonstrates how crowded this street already is.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our City.

With regards,  
Gayle

**Attachment:** f5cde33d072a2bbaf3b1089db13b817c.JPG



## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** April Scripps <namaste.april@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2012 9:39 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Support of Expansion and SUP for DelRay Montessori School  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Fri Feb 24, 2012 21:38:59] Message ID: [37368]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
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**Last Name:** Scripps  
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**State:** VA  
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**Subject:** Support of Expansion and SUP for DelRay Montessori School  
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to support the plans  
for expansion and the proposed Special Use Permit for the DelRay Montessori  
School at 100 East Windsor Avenue. As the parent of child attending this  
school, I can speak first hand to the value of the Montessori method of  
education. In less than a month of attending this school, we noticed  
improvements in my daughter's vocabulary, confidence and  
independence. It  
**Comments:**  
is clear that she is getting the foundation to be a life long learner. I  
realize that neither the school nor the methodology is the issue at hand,  
but I felt it important to mention the impact that it has had simply  
because there is nothing else like it in DelRay and losing "the little  
school around the corner" would be a great loss to the community at large.  
It is my understanding that issues of traffic congestion and safety have  
been brought to the table. I have read the recent listserv posts that have

raised awareness and concern within the community and my personal belief is

that they contain quite a bit of misinformation and over dramatization. I

am one of the parents who walks her child to school rain or shine and I am

definitely in the majority. In fact, of the 16 students currently enrolled

only about two to four students drive each day. While the expansion could

potentially add more drivers, it is unlikely that this would be a very

large number. I live on Custis Avenue and I work on Windsor Avenue, so I

am very familiar with traffic patterns on both streets. In fact I lived

through the Custis Avenue "cut through" fiasco a few years ago before

Monroe Avenue opened back up. Even at that time, I never witnessed traffic

so heavy (on Custis or Windsor) that a handful of cars unloading children

over a 30-minute time period would have majorly inconvenienced anyone. In

In

regard to the issue of safety and the fear that emergency vehicles would be

delayed, I think that common sense needs to be taken into consideration.

Once the alarm sounds at the fire station, there is a gap of time during

which the three adults supervising the loading zone would be able to take

action and make sure that first responders can get through without

interruption. Because parents will not need to get out of their cars or

park their vehicles at any time during the loading and unloading process,

their response will be no different than the response of another driver in

the path of a rescue vehicle on the narrow streets of DelRay.

I think is

very reasonable to expect that the school have a plan in place to address

occasional traffic congestion and emergency situations; however, it is

unreasonable to thwart the expansion of a much needed community based

school in DelRay. Please consider the facts and continue to support the

proposed expansion and Special Use Permit for the DelRay Montessori

School.

Sincerely,  
April L. Scripps

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Sarah Soulliere <rsoulliere@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2012 4:58 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Rob Krupicka; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Del Ray Montessori School SUP  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Time: [Fri Feb 24, 2012 16:58:11] Message ID: [37362]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members  
**First Name:** Sarah  
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**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 7033505003  
**Email Address:** [rsoulliere@comcast.net](mailto:rsoulliere@comcast.net)

**Subject:** Del Ray Montessori School SUP  
To Whom It May Concern,  
I am writing to express my support of the Del Ray

Montessori School and Special Use Permit they are applying for.

My

daughter, Lucy, was a student in Sarah Fondriest class at Old Town

Montessori for three years. She is an outstanding teacher who brings a

tremendous amount of dedication and compassion to her job and her students.

**Comments:** We feel very fortunate that Lucy could be in her class. I also substitute taught at Old Town Montessori for two years and was able to see up close how much love she brought to each and every student. I am now looking forward to helping as a substitute teacher at Del Ray Montessori.

I am

also Del Ray resident living only one block from the school. When I found out Sarah was going to be opening a school here I was thrilled. After my daughter 'graduated' from Old Town Montessori we continued at another

Montessori school in Annandale as there wasn't a Montessori school in the

immediate area that had an elementary school. If Montessori has existed when my kids were ready to start attending I would have had them there in a

skinny minute. Having both primary and elementary Montessori in the Del Ray

neighborhood is, I feel, another way of further enriching our great neighborhood.

As a former Montessori parent, friend of Sarah

Fondriest's, neighbor to the school I fully support the Special Use Permit.

Many thanks,  
Sarah Soulliere

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Sean Crumley <president@delraycitizen.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2012 4:02 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: SUP #2011-0062 (Del Ray Montessori School)  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri Feb 24, 2012 16:02:13] Message ID: [37360]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Sean  
**Last Name:** Crumley  
**Street Address:** 209A East Nelson Ave  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
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**Phone:** 703.521.0977  
**Email Address:** [president@delraycitizen.net](mailto:president@delraycitizen.net)  
**Subject:** SUP #2011-0062 (Del Ray Montessori School)  
The DRCA membership considered the matter of the special use permit application #2011-0062 (100 East Windsor Avenue - Del Ray Montessori School) at our February meeting.  
The membership voted unanimously in support of the school's expansion at the Del Ray Methodist Church and in favor of the requested parking reduction.  
There was concern expressed  
**Comments:** about the use of the west-bound travel lane on Windsor Avenue twice/day for a drop-off/pick-up zone.  
The membership voted overwhelmingly to oppose this provision, chiefly on ground of public safety. Windsor Avenue is designated as an Emergency Medical Vehicle route and school bus route.  
City Charter & Code, Part II, Title 10-4-4 states:

Vehicles shall

not be stopped in such manner as to block and obstruct the orderly and

lawful passage of  
other traffic, nor upon any crossing. (Code 1963, Sec.

22-101)

Cross Reference: Taxicabs or for-hire vehicles stopping at

intersections to load or unload so as to  
interfere with traffic, Sec.

9-12-75.

With the west-bound travel lane effectively blocked when used

as a school loading zone, Windsor Avenue  
no longer can effectively serve

as an Emergency Medical Vehicle route.

One alternative proposed by DRCA

is to create an area on Clyde Avenue between the intersection with

Windsor and the entrance to the United Methodist parking lot. If the

narrow width of Clyde prevents this  
from being a workable school loading

zone, the membership appeals to the tenants at the DR Methodist  
Church to

find a way to share the church parking lot.

Mayor Euille and members of City Council,

My name is David Fromm and I live at 2307 E Randolph Ave.

First off, I support the intensification of the commercial use on this site for the purpose of the Montessori school, but I am concerned about the proposed drop-off location on Windsor Avenue and its impact on the general safety and welfare not only of the parents and children using the drop-off but of all that use Windsor Avenue for what it is – a public street.

I am also concerned about the process that is giving an exception to a ticket-able offense in the City code that I've been told does not exist anywhere else in the City. That this is a precedent setting case is not well described in the staff report. Quoting staff, "Staff acknowledges that the Windsor Avenue location is now designated a no-parking zone." This is not the same as saying "The proposed drop-off location is in a through travel lane of a street that provides a neighborhood connection from Route 1 all the way to Braddock Road." The staff report mentions emergency vehicles, but does not acknowledge that Windsor Avenue is an emergency response route for equipment that originates at Station 202, which is one block away from the drop-off location.

Perhaps the understating of what is proposed is why the comments from T&ES seem to be their standard boilerplate, that no comments were received from the police department, and the fire department is not even mentioned.

Much has been made about how only a few parents currently drive. How could so few cause problems? But it would seem that so few should not be a problem for the current drop-off location in the parking lot. In fact, the problem is the potential increase in number of parents dropping off their children with the proposed and future intensifications of the use at this site. Then imagine a day with bad weather. More parents decide to drive. Parents unfamiliar with the protocol of the drop-off location. Combine unloading children in the rain, a distracted or impatient driver, and bad conditions. We should not be dealing with the drop-off location on the nice problem free days, but the potential for a bad situation that could prove fatal.

It would seem that alternative solutions have not been vigorously explored. At the DRCA membership meeting, several were suggested: If the church wants to intensify the use on site, then perhaps they should do more by creating an additional drop-off location on their property or providing better management of the existing drop-off at the parking lot. Move the current parking on Windsor next to the church – this would increase the amount of parking and would allow a drop-off/loading zone to be created in the parking zone. Perhaps the school should not provide this service – thus parents that drive would have to park legally, unload their own children, and walk their child to the school entrance. In support of this last idea, and given the support that the DRBA has indicated, perhaps a shared short-term parking arrangement with the Mt Vernon businesses that are close to the school could be arranged.

So I have to ask, why isn't this precedent setting case which is giving an exception to a ticket-able offense in the City code and creating an admittedly rare but potentially disastrous situation not being referred to the Traffic and Parking Board or the Transportation Commission so the best solution could be found.

Sincerely,  
David Fromm  
703-540-3412  
alsdmf@earthlink.net

Gayle Kuehn  
Clyde 8  
2-25-12





Clyde



Windsor



## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Amy Slack <alsdmf@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2012 3:44 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones; Princetta Williams  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Hearing 02-25-12, di 8  
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### COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri Feb 24, 2012 15:44:14] Message ID: [37358]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**Last Name:** Slack  
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**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
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**Subject:** Hearing 02-25-12, di 8  
**Comments:** Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Slack  
**Attachment:** d6525b60f6cf62fd4f966869dcd9329c.doc

Mr. Mayor and Honorable Members of City Council,

IF you were to look at my bedside table you'd see what I'm reading just now: 'The Invisible Gorilla - How Our Intuitions Deceive Us' by psychology professors Christopher Chambris and Daniel Simons; 'Traffic - Why We Drive The Way We Do. And What It Says About Us' by Tom Vanderbilt; Traffic Engineering, Theory and Practice by Louis J. Pignataro (Rich Baier tells me this is the traffic engineer's Bible).

Waiting to be cracked open is 'Thinking Fast And Slow' by winner of the Nobel Prize in economic, Daniel Kahneman and 'Parking Management Best Practices' by Todd Litman. Recently consumed books are a couple mystery novels (Jacqueline Winspear's 'Maise Dobbs' series or a Dick Francis) and 'Creating Walkable Places' from the Urban Land Institute.

You may be asking, 'What has this got to do with the Del Ray Montessori School at 100 E. Windsor Avenue?'

Well, inquiring minds want to know.

I want to know how the proposal compares to similar cases - a similarity may warrant a similar solution.

Question: where does a school, daycare or even valet parking typically designate a drop off/pick up area?

Answer: a parking lot, a private street or an area on a public street otherwise used for parking. Even taxicab drivers run afoul of the law by dropping a passenger off in the travel lane.<sup>1</sup>

DRM's<sup>2</sup> solution sets precedent<sup>3</sup>. It may be a bold stroke or an unequaled blunder. Whichever, the proposed solution calls for extra consideration before making a final decision.

I want to know what the staff report does not tell me - both physical attributes of the site and the process used to reach the recommendation.

Question: why didn't the applicant procure adequate drop off/pick up arrangements on-site as part of their lease with the United Methodist Church?

Question: why won't the church consider creating a safe alternative drop off/pick up site?

Solution 1: The church and Parsonage is set a considerable distance back from the street so there is physical room to create a 'lay by'.

Solution 2: Two curb cuts exist on Windsor; one along the east property line and another used as part of the Parsonage driveway. Can't these be connected to create an off-street drop off point?

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<sup>1</sup> City Charter and Code, Part II, Title 10-4-4 prohibits obstruction of a travel lane and taxi cabs ordinance specifically prohibited taxis from passenger drop off in a travel lane.

<sup>2</sup> Del Ray Montessori School and day care center

<sup>3</sup> DRMS' proposed drop off/pick up zone in a travel lane occurs nowhere else in the City of Alexandria.

I want to know why if so few parents drive to DRMS, why then can't those few students continue to be dropped off in the church parking lot?

Most parents testified they are thrilled to have a Montessori school so close by and say they plan to walk their children each day. With 16 students enrolled and only 3 parents who drive their children, a fifteen-minute (15) drop off window in the morning and a fifteen-minute (15) pick up window in the afternoon is a minimum amount of time to block the travel lane.

The DRMS parents don't see potential problems for a very few students dropped off/picked up on E. Windsor Avenue but Creative Play School sees a problem with those same few students and wish to discontinue an established shared arrangement.

In 2001 did Creative Play School state that there is currently no problem providing parking for all the church activities and groups, "and based on his experience operating the day care center for the last 18 years, that after staff increases from nine (9) to fourteen (14) and children increases from sixty (60), parking will continue to be adequate for all of the uses at the church", but now claim inadequacy.

Question: Where is data to support their claim given staff observations?

Question: Hasn't the church changed how the rooms are used by leasing spaces to groups who do not sue those rooms in the same manner the church did? If yes then why doesn't the Zoning Ordinance that covers changes in use activate?

I want to know why did staff change their position between early December and early January.

Staff visited the site at peak a.m. and p.m. hours over several days in mid-October and saw no conflicts. I spent a day in December observing<sup>4</sup> the site and found no conflicts. Either there were empty spaces in the church parking lot or there were empty spaces within reasonable walking distance<sup>5</sup>.

Question: Why can't parents who drive park in the church lot or on Mount Vernon Avenue and walk a block or less to DRMS?

Question: In a neighborhood touted for its 'walkability', why do parents have need to drop their children as close to DRMS' entrance as possible.

I want to know what lies in store for the future.

If the school enrollment increases as projected to forty-one (41) students, then DRMS has stated the projected window increases to thirty-minutes (30) twice/day next year.

According to their application, DRMS fully plans to grow beyond forty-one (41) students.

It is neither feasible to enforce a limit on the number of parents allowed to drive their child or require the pool of students to live within reasonable walking distance of DRMS.

Question: why isn't a suitable, long-term solution under consideration that addresses the likelihood of growth for when the church loses tenants and/or leases additional room to DRMS?

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<sup>4</sup> Street parking observations were recorded for three approximate periods, 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., 3:20 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. See attachment.

<sup>5</sup> The Del Ray Parking Study Final Draft includes weekday occupancy data from the 100 block E. Windsor Avenue showing 53% occupancy (noon - 1 p.m.) and 73% occupancy (1 p.m. - 2p.m.) Managing the supply of parking occurs with 85% or greater.

I would like to know what if.

Question: what if the City recommended moving parking currently E. Windsor Avenue from the south side to the north side?

Solution: If the parking was moved next to the church, a drop off/pick up zone could be created in the new parking lane.

Solution: Since there are fewer curb cuts on the north side, then there would be more parking available in an area.

Some claim more parking is needed convenient to the church and convenient to Mount Vernon Avenue.

Shouldn't we be looking for solutions that create the best and biggest long-term results?

Sincerely,  
Amy Slack

"We live within a heritage beyond our computation.  
Will we tilt the cup until it runs dry or build for a day beyond our day"

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**Jackie Henderson**

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**Subject:** COA Contact Us: SUP #2011-0062 (Del Ray Montessori School)  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

**COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members**

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The DRCA membership considered the matter of the special use permit application #2011-0062 (100 East Windsor Avenue - Del Ray Montessori School) at our February meeting.  
The membership voted unanimously in support of the school's expansion at the Del Ray Methodist Church and in favor of the requested parking reduction.  
There was concern expressed  
**Comments:** about the use of the west-bound travel lane on Windsor Avenue twice/day for a drop-off/pick-up zone.  
The membership voted overwhelmingly to oppose this provision, chiefly on ground of public safety. Windsor Avenue is designated as an Emergency Medical Vehicle route and school bus route.  
City Charter & Code, Part II, Title 10-4-4 states:

Vehicles shall

not be stopped in such manner as to block and obstruct the orderly and lawful passage of other traffic, nor upon any crossing. (Code 1963, Sec.

22-101)

Cross Reference: Taxicabs or for-hire vehicles stopping at

intersections to load or unload so as to interfere with traffic, Sec.

9-12-75.

With the west-bound travel lane effectively blocked when used

as a school loading zone, Windsor Avenue no longer can effectively serve

as an Emergency Medical Vehicle route.

One alternative proposed by DRCA

is to create an area on Clyde Avenue between the intersection with

Windsor and the entrance to the United Methodist parking lot. If the

narrow width of Clyde prevents this from being a workable school loading

zone, the membership appeals to the tenants at the DR Methodist Church to

find a way to share the church parking lot.



## Jackie Henderson

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To Whom It May Concern,  
I am writing to express my support of the Del Ray  
Montessori School and Special Use Permit they are applying for.  
My  
daughter, Lucy, was a student in Sarah Fondriest class at Old Town  
Montessori for three years. She is an outstanding teacher who brings a  
tremendous amount of dedication and compassion to her job and her  
students.  
We feel very fortunate that Lucy could be in her class. i also substitute  
**Comments:** taught at Old Town Montessori for two years and was able to see up close  
how much love she brought to each and every student. I am now looking  
forward to helping as a substitute teacher at Del Ray Montessori.  
I am  
also Del Ray resident living only one block from the school. When I found  
out Sarah was going to be opening a school here I was thrilled. After my  
daughter 'graduated' from Old Town Montessori we continued at another  
Montessori school in Annandale as there wasn't a Montessori school in the

immediate area that had an elementary school. If Montessori has existed when my kids were ready to start attending I would have had them there in a

skinny minute. Having both primary and elementary Montessori in the Del Ray

neighborhood is, I feel, another way of further enriching our great neighborhood.

As a former Montessori parent, friend of Sarah

Fondriest's, neighbor to the school I fully support the Special Use Permit.

Many thanks,  
Sarah Soulliere