



Bluemont Civic Association

Representing Neighborhoods in and around Arlington Traditional School, Lacey Woods Park, Bon Air, Fields Park, Balls Crossing, West Ballston, and all along the former Bluemont Division of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad

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Safeway Stores Inc.
Comprehensive Property Tax Service
1371 Oakland Blvd # 200
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

May 16, 2008

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are writing on behalf of the Bluemont Civic Association (a community of approximately 2,000 households in west central Arlington, VA) and Carlisle Park Homeowners Association (a townhouse community within Bluemont) regarding Safeway store # 1358 located at 5101 Wilson Boulevard in Arlington. This store is located within the boundaries of the Bluemont Civic Association and next to the Carlisle Park HOA. Most of our members shop at the Safeway, and Safeway is considered an important part of our community. You'll be proud to know that we consider the Safeway to be our neighborhood grocery store, and some neighbors even refer to it as their "pantry" because of its close proximity to their kitchens. The Safeway has always worked hard to respond to local needs and has had a number of long-time employees whom we all know well.

Another local business is the D&V Service Center next door to the Safeway, which is managed by Robbie Guenther, our neighbor and fellow Bluemont Civic Association member. D&V Service Center also rents Budget trucks to members of the community, and sometimes the parking for those trucks exceeds the capacity of the service station's lot. In the past, Safeway had agreed to allow D&V to park the rental trucks in Safeway's parking lot. The trucks were parked away from the store, so as not to interfere with Safeway customers and away from the road so as not to impair the view of the store from the street. In addition, D&V made charitable contributions to the favorite charities of Safeway in return for Safeway's assistance with the trucks.

We understand that Arlington County requires Safeway to obtain a use permit (free of charge) in order for the Safeway to continue to allow the rental trucks to be parked in its lot. Until the use permit is obtained, the rental trucks cannot be parked in the Safeway lot. Instead, D&V Service Center has been forced to park the trucks on residential streets, upsetting a number of residents. Mr. Guenther has noted that he may be forced to terminate his truck rental business because of lack of parking, and thus deprive Bluemont area residents of an important service. Bluemont Civic Association, the Carlisle Park Homeowners Association, and D&V Service Center would like to work together with Safeway to find a solution to this situation that is amenable to Safeway.

Mr. Guenther is happy to work with Safeway management and Budget truck management on the details for obtaining the use permit and protecting Safeway from any and all corporate liability involving the trucks.

We hope that Safeway will accede to the wishes of many of its customers and neighbors and allow D&V to return the Budget trucks to the empty spaces in the Safeway parking lot.

Sincerely,

Judah dal Cais
President
Bluemont Civic Association

Sincerely,

Annemarie Selvitelli
President
Carlisle Park HOA

Cc: Robbie Guenther