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Subject: letters re Old East Hill rezoning meeting

Hello Don and Ericka,

I wasn't sure where I should send these letters concerning the vote coming due Thursday re rezoning in Old East Hill. I sent a Word document to each council member. Should I have pasted each letter directly into the email?

Cheers,

Jerry Gill

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P.C. Wu  
City Council District 1  
222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, Florida 32502

Dear Council Member P.C. Wu,

This letter is about Dr. Laura Hall's request that the Council modify certain zones. I'm sure you've been inundated with information re this issue; as you know, a vote will be taken this Thursday, and I'm asking you to vote NO against the proposal.

I'm a native of Pensacola. I was born in Old Sacred Heart Hospital. Since then, for many years I worked for an advertising agency in that building. During that period of time, I have lived and still live in Old East Hill.

Dr. Laura Hall maintained a veterinary clinic (East Hill Animal Hospital) in the old hospital building for a long time. I don't remember exactly how long Dr. Hall's remained in that location, but I was still working there when she moved. I do recall that her personal reputation and her professional reputation grew rapidly. Apparently she needed more space and moved her business to Gadsden Street in *Old* East Hill. Her business continues to grow by leaps and bounds, so surely that's why she needs more space. I'm afraid that her changes will open the door to further intrusion into our neighborhood, ruining its present status as a historic district.

So I understand her needs. But I am not sure that she understands the needs of this small community — a Pensacola Historic Preservation District, I needn't have to remind you — the community that she has vectored herself into with a mind to change it to suit her purposes.

You've read the letters, looked through lists of signatures and observed their count, evaluated fairly the positions on both sides, realized that one of the main issues is rule of law, and whether the zoning laws should be respected (i.e., left alone). As attorney George Mead II said in a letter that was (I'm fairly sure) sent to you, "Uphold the principle that all citizens should comply with law as a duty, and not merely as an 'option.'" Many OEH residents as well as others have made it clear that it would be unlawful to change the code in this case.

In fact, I feel certain that you'll vote against the "change the code" issue that Dr. Hall is proposing because you speak with a voice of reason, insist on following the "rule of law," continue to nurture a deep love for Pensacola, and for keeping Pensacola's history as pristine as possible from this day on.

Sincerely,  
  
Jerry Gill

Sherri F. Myers  
City Council District 2  
222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, Florida 32502

Re: ***Your vote on Thursday 19 July concerning a code change***

Dear Council Member Sherri F. Myers,

I live in Old East Hill. I was born in the Old Sacred Heart Hospital. I care about its history — indeed — all of Pensacola's history (including UWF's alleged Luna Colony field excavation presently in progress). This letter is meant to encourage you to vote **NO** to the Old East Hill (OEH) proposed code change in Thursday's Council meeting. Why?

Dr. Laura Hall maintained a veterinary clinic (East Hill Animal Hospital) in the Old Sacred Heart Hospital for a long time. And for years, I worked in an advertising agency in the building, and was still working there when Dr. Hall moved her business. However, while she was located there, both her business reputation and personal reputation grew by leaps and bounds. Apparently she needed more space, for she moved her business to Gadsden Street in *Old* East Hill. Her business continues to grow by leaps and bounds, so surely that's why she needs more space.

I can understand her requirements. I don't know whether she considers the needs of this Historic Preservation District community important. If she thought OEH's heritage valuable, would she have vectored herself into the neighborhood with a mind to grow more businesses? I don't know.

At any rate, you've no doubt read letters, reviewed signatures (and the number) of people who want the code changed and those who don't, weighed the positions with the realization that a strong

issue in this matter is rule of law (and long-term effects of code changes), and whether the laws in question should be respected (i.e., left alone).

In fact, I'm sure you're weary of wading through all of it. You've no doubt seen enough, and with your education, knowledge, experience, and good sense, I trust you to understand that, taken together, a "no" vote will, in the long run, be of greater benefit to the city.

Sincerely,



Jerry Gill

Andy Terhaar  
City Council District 3  
222 Main Street  
Pensacola, Florida 32502

Dear Council Member Andy Terhaar,

I'm a Pensacola native. I was born in the Old Sacred Heart Hospital in East Hill, and I care about its history — indeed — all of Pensacola's history. I'm writing this letter to you hoping to help Old East Hill maintain its status quo as a part of our Pensacola heritage, which secures as much of its pristine quality as possible, before bulldozers raze another historic building down to sterile soil.

Dr. Laura Hall had a veterinary clinic in the building for a long time. Her business and her reputation grew by leaps and bounds. She must have needed more space because she moved her business to Gadsden Street in *Old* East Hill. The business continues to grow by leaps and bounds, so surely that's why she needs more space.

I understand the need for more space to house animals that require more room to remain healthy. But at what expense? Does Laura know the needs of this small community — a Pensacola Historic Preservation District, I needn't remind you — the community that she has vectored herself into?

You've no doubt read all the letters, observed the petitions' signature count, weighed fairly each position, realized that one of the main issues is rule of law, and whether, in this case, the zoning law should be changed. As our attorney, George Mead II, said in a letter to Brian Spenser, "Uphold the principle that all citizens should comply with law as a duty, and not merely as an 'option.'" Many OEH residents as well as others have made it clear that it would be unlawful to change the code in this case.

In fact, I feel certain, Andy, that you'll vote against the "change the code" issue that Dr. Hall is proposing, because I believe that you are reasonable, insist on following the "rule of law," and nurture a deep love for Pensacola, and for keeping Pensacola historically pristine.

Sincerely,



Jerry Gill

Larry B. Johnson  
City Council District 4  
222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, Florida 32502

Dear Council Member Larry B. Johnson,

By now you are familiar with the issues at stake regarding the change(s) Dr. Laura Hall wants to make in Old East Hill Zone 1.

Dr. Laura Hall maintained a veterinary clinic in the Old Sacred Heart Hospital for a period of time. I was working for an advertising agency in that building, so I was aware that she moved to her Gadsden Street premises. Her stellar personal reputation and professional reputation has grown fast. Looks like she needs more space. But not in OEH, please. Mr. Johnson, don't let that happen. Vote NO. Leave the zone as is.

Since her business continues to grow by leaps and bounds, surely that's why she needs more space. So I can understand the needs of her hospital. But I don't think that she fully understands the needs of this small community — a Pensacola Historic Preservation District, I needn't remind you — the community that she has vectored herself into with a mind to change it.

No doubt you've read all the letters, looked through lists of signatures and observed their count, weighed the positions fairly, realized that one of the main issues is rule of law, and whether the law should be respected. As Attorney George Mead II said in his letter to Brian Spenser, "Uphold the principle that all citizens should comply with law as a duty, and not merely as an 'option.'" Many OEH residents as well as others have made it clear that it would be unlawful to change the code *in this case*.

In fact, if you're on the fence, I feel certain that you'll vote against a change if only you read again the letter Mead wrote (attached).

Sincerely,



Jerry Gill

Gerald Wingate  
City Council District 5  
222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, Florida 32502

Dear Council President Gerald Wingate,

I was born in the Old Sacred Heart Hospital, so we're both Pensacola natives! That means you can see why I care about the hospital's history. *All* of Pensacola's history, including UWF's (alleged) Luna Colony field excavation currently in progress.

Why do I bring it up? Because I'm concerned about a vote you'll make Thursday July 19. (You know all about it. I want you to vote "no" if that means the code will remain the same.) The following is some of the "why."

I live in Old East Hill (OEH), a Historic Preservation District (as you know). I believe you're open-minded and I want you to know that there is one more person concerned that our little island community may one day all be businesses.

At this time, OEH's outer ring is composed of fishmongers, convenience stores, fast food restaurants, dining, salons, and other small businesses. A couple of businesses have been expanding, however, and the owner of one wants to thrust farther into the center of our island: A veterinary hospital "dog exercise run." (The terminology is controversial; it appears wording is going to be important.)

Dr. Laura Hall maintained a veterinary clinic (East Hill Animal Hospital) in the Old Sacred Heart Hospital building for a long time. Her reputation, personal and professional, grew by leaps and bounds. She needed more space and moved to Gadsden Street in *Old* East Hill.

I'm not sure that she considers the needs of this Historic Preservation District community as important as her requirements to care for animals. Would she have vectored herself into this shrinking community with a mind to change it? I wouldn't think so. At any rate, one person's viewpoint alone is not fair or lawful when it comes to something as important as rezoning the city's C-1.

In fact, I'm sure you're weary of wading through all of the paperwork. You've no doubt seen enough, and with your experience in these kinds of problems, I trust you to understand that, everything taken together, a "no" vote will, in the long run, be of greater benefit to the city than an expanding animal hospital.

Sincerely,



Jerry Gill

Brian Spencer  
City Council District 6  
Pensacola, Florida 32502

Dear Council Member Brian Spencer,

I see that you're running for mayor! Hard to miss — I even hear your ad on late-night radio. Most of the hosts have great voices. So do you. (A requisite for a mayor.) The first time I heard you speak in public was at Diana Barnes's house on La Rua. You were running for City Council and talking to citizens who live in Old East Hill (OEH). I'm one of them.

Like you, I'm a Pensacola native. I was born in the Old Sacred Heart Hospital, and I care about its history — indeed — I'm interested in all of Pensacola's history, including the current Luna Colony excavation (some would say "alleged" Luna Colony). The old hospital is considered part of that history and I believe the Ritz family has been doing a fine job maintaining its historical stance.

Dr. Laura Hall maintained a veterinary clinic (East Hill Animal Hospital) in Old Sacred Heart for a long time, and I was working there for Michael Kenney, whose advertising office was also in the building. Both her personal and professional reputation grew by leaps and bounds. But it appeared that she needed more space; at any rate, she moved her business to Gadsden Street in *Old* East Hill. (I was still working for Mike when she moved out.) Her business continues to grow.

So I can understand some of her needs. But I don't think that she understands the needs of this small community — a Pensacola Historic Preservation District, I needn't remind you — the community that she has vectored herself into with a mind to change the zoning to her advantage, regardless of the consequences.

You've read all the letters, looked through lists of signatures and observed their count, weighed fairly the positions of both sides, realized that one of the main issues is rule of law, and whether the law should be respected as is. Attorney George Mead II said in his letter that we must uphold the principle that all citizens should comply with law as a duty, and not merely as an "option." Many OEH residents as well as others have made it clear that it would be unlawful to change the code in this case. I see the code "as is" protecting our little zone of privacy and the city's past.

In fact, I feel certain that you'll vote NO to Dr. Hall's changes, because you speak with a voice of reason, insist on following the rule of law, nurture a deep love of Pensacola, and wanting to keep her history as pristine as possible.

Sincerely,



Jerry Gill

Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
City Council District 7  
222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, Florida 32502

Dear Council Member Jewel Cannada-Wynn,

The first time I heard you speak in public, I believe, was at one of the meetings of our neighborhood's Old East Hill Property Owners Association. If memory serves, you were running for City Council District 6, at that time and talking to citizens who lived in Old East Hill (OEH). I'm still one of them.

Like you, I'm a Florida native. I see by your bio that you were born in Century, whereas I was born in the Old Sacred Heart Hospital. I believe you were my Pensacola City Council representative when I was working for an advertising firm whose office was in the Old Sacred Heart Hospital.

Dr. Laura Hall had a veterinary clinic (East Hill Animal Hospital) in the building for a while. Her personal reputation and her professional reputation grew by leaps and bounds. She moved to Gadsden Street in the Old East Hill Historic Preservation District. Now she wants to change zoning laws to accommodate her wish to further grow her business. This letter is meant to encourage you to vote NO against such changes, for I believe they will invite more businesses to eventually overrun OEH's preservation status by swallowing up residential structures.

Does Dr. Hall understand how such growth (intrusion into) OEH will disturb the community that she has vectored herself into? I don't know. But with the experience you've absorbed over all these years in our schools, in the military, and as a member of the council, I think you might have more than an inkling of understanding how the preservation district will be affected, as well as other unfortunate changes that might occur were council members to allow it by voting yes, let's let Laura have her way; it's good for business, which is what makes the world go 'round. ***But by destroying our history?***

In fact, I feel certain that you'll vote NO! to the proposed changes. Why? Because of your spirit, your compassion, and understanding of what's at stake. Your deep love that nurtures a struggle to keep Pensacola pristine tops the list.

Sincerely,



Jerry Gill