



Pledge to Berkeley Residents: Opposing Crucible

To Berkeley Residents:

As a demonstration of my commitment to you and the issues facing our community, I formally write to pledge my opposition to the Crucible firing range development. Should I be elected your Supervisor, I will vote against this development, and I will use every available tool to ensure that it is never built in Berkeley.

There are many reasons why this irresponsibly conceived and hazardous range is not in the best interest of our community. First among them is the safety and quality of life of our residents. Spotsylvania citizens deserve to know that their children are safe from stray bullets, they can enjoy an outdoor event without the sound of gunfire, and their community is environmentally sound. Secondly, our homes are the most important asset we have. Citizens should know that elected representatives are here to protect their homes and families. Adding a private para-military range to our community is not the way to make our community a better place to live, work, and play. These reasons only scratch the surface.

In politics, we have seen countless individuals who are elected and immediately forget their principles and, most importantly, the people they serve. That is why we need new leadership in Berkeley. We need a candidate with real life business experience that will lead the fight to protect what matters most. We need accountability, transparency, and fiscal responsibility. That is why I also fought against a publicly funded baseball stadium, which was clearly not in the taxpayer's best interest either.

Over thirty years ago, I started my own business in the computer components industry from scratch. With years of dedicated effort and fiscally responsible management, the business successfully grew. What Berkeley needs is common sense community leadership. I know how to properly manage money and a bad deal for our community when I see one. I want to use this experience and knowledge to give back to and protect the community we love.

Pledged on this day of April 23, 2017 to the citizens of Berkeley District, I am

Deborah Curcie

Deborah Curcie
Candidate
Berkeley District Supervisor.

Please visit www.DebbieForBerkeley.com or call me at (540) 369-8731 with any questions or thoughts.

June 4, 2018

To: Mr. Hughes

From: Shirley Brady

It was a pleasure to speak with you on May 30, 2018. Thank you for answering my questions regarding Crucible.

When you said I could also send my concerns in writing, I felt you may not have been aware of my 2017 written correspondence. I have enclosed the following copies for you: letters to the Board of Supervisors + Planning Commission, letters to Virginia officials, petition from my subdivision, and "letters to the editor" published in The Washington Post and The Free Lance Star. No return correspondence was received from any county member.

Thank you again for your time and thoughtful consideration regarding this very important issue.

Shirley Brady

Thomas and Shirley Brady
6109 Taverneer Lane
Spotsylvania, Va 22551

May 12, 2017

Re: Team-Crucible Rezoning Request

To: ALL of the Spotsylvania County Board of
Supervisors and Planning Commission Members

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PLEASE Vote NO on this rezoning request. We live in Taverneer Subdivision, the danger zone area, and are at great risk from this proposed facility. This type of facility should never be near any residential housing.

We moved to this area over twenty-five (25) years ago and had our home built in Taverneer Subdivision over nineteen (19) years ago. I am a retired Spotsylvania County Public School teacher and my husband was retired from a Fredericksburg church. We felt this was a good area to raise our daughter and intended to stay in the home we had built through our lifetime. We were shocked to think that Spotsylvania County would even consider such a dangerous facility, so near any residential area. At this point, we feel Spotsylvania County Supervisors no longer care for our safety and well-being and fear the worst is yet to come.

Based on your own Code of Ethics, which puts citizen safety above revenue, we feel you have no other choice than to **DENY** the rezoning request made by Team-Crucible.

From: Very Supremely Concerned Citizens,

Thomas and Shirley Brady

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6109 Taverner Lane
Spotsylvania, Va 22551

May 12, 2017

Re: Team-Crucible Rezoning Request

To: *Jim Kaine, Terry McAuliffe, and "Buddy" Fowler, Jr.*

I am sending you a copy of the letter that I sent to ALL of the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission Members. If there is any way you could advise or help us, as well as our neighbors in Taverner Subdivision and surrounding subdivisions in the Berkeley District, we would appreciate it very much. Shown below is the letter sent and for your information, a note was added about this facility.

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NOTE: Team- Crucible is a private military training outfit currently located in Stafford, VA. They have requested Spotsylvania County Supervisors to rezone a 70 acre parcel just behind D'Marie's off Rt. 1, south of Morris Road, to allow them to build and operate a private military training center on the property. The approved plan would eventually include 6 outdoor shooting ranges, a simulated urban warfare area, a track to train vehicles using simulated improvised explosive devices (IED's), as well as other facilities. The facility would conduct training from 6am to 10pm, 7 days a week with NO noise level restrictions. There are over 800 houses down-range and 280 within the danger zone of this proposed facility presenting a real danger to our families and the noise levels would disrupt activities and drive down property values.

Residents of Taverneer Subdivision Spotsylvania County, VA to Vote NO on Team-Crucible, a private military training outfit that has requested the county supervisors to rezone a 70 + acre parcel located just behind D'Marie's off Rt. 1.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
1) Thomas Brady	<i>Thomas Brady</i>	6109 Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-25-2017
2) Shirley Harman	<i>Shirley Harman</i>	6109 Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-25-2017
3) Dorothy Johnson	<i>Dorothy Johnson</i>	6105 Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-25-2017
4) Elizabeth Vickers	<i>Elizabeth Vickers</i>	6100 Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-25-2017
5) LASTER VICKERS III	<i>Laster Vickers III</i>	6102 Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-25-2017
6) CHASE GRIMES	<i>Chase Grimes</i>	6106 Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-25-2017
7) JAMES EISON JR	<i>James Eison Jr</i>	6112 Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-25-2017
8) Joyce Minor	<i>Joyce Minor</i>	6116 Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-25-2017
9) Robert Kobes	<i>Robert Kobes</i>	6114 Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-25-2017
10) Wendy Foster	<i>Wendy Foster</i>	6114 Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-25-2017
11) Colleen O'Spangan	<i>Colleen O'Spangan</i>	6113 Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-25-2017
12) Lauren Paul	<i>Lauren Paul</i>	6118 Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-26-2017
13) Nicholas Lepell J.W. Jr.	<i>Nicholas Lepell J.W. Jr.</i>	6212 Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-26-2017
14) LARRY PHARELL	<i>Larry Pharell</i>	6215 Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-26-2017
15) SHARON REEDY	<i>Sharon Reedy</i>	6310 Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-26-2017
16) Carmen Kuciflo	<i>Carmen Kuciflo</i>	6301 Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-26-2017
17) FRANK AYLES	Frank Ayles	Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-26-2017
18) FRANK AYLES	<i>Frank Ayles</i>	Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-26-2017
19) JACQUEEN HARMAN	<i>Jacqueline Harman</i>	Taverneer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	6-2-2017

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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
24) David W Saunders	<i>David W Saunders</i>	608 Tavermeer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	6-2-2017
25) Michelle Spina	<i>Michelle Spina</i>	6101 Tavermeer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	6-8-2017
26) GARY SPINA	<i>Gary Spina</i>	6101 Tavermeer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	6-8-2017
27) Bryan Juniors	<i>Bryan Juniors</i>	6110 Tavermeer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	6-9-2017
28) JOEL LEWIS	<i>Joel Lewis</i>	6110 Tavermeer Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	6-9-2017
29) Deborah D. Armstrong	<i>Deborah D. Armstrong</i>	5108 East Point Ct., Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-26-2017
30) Debra Armstrong	<i>Debra Armstrong</i>	5108 East Point Ct., Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-26-2017
31) RAYMOND POSTON	<i>Raymond Poston</i>	5106 East Point Ct., Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-26-2017
32) Alicia Herrera	<i>Alicia Herrera</i>	5100 East Point Ct., Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-26-2017
Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
33) Daniel Newton	<i>Daniel Newton</i>	5103 South Ct, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	5-26-17 2017
34) Pamela Veira	<i>Pamela Veira</i>	5102 South Ct, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	6-2-2017
35) Mark Schultz	<i>Mark Schultz</i>	5202 South Ct, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	6-2-2017
36) Fred Allen IV	<i>Fred Allen IV</i>	5101 South Ct, Spotsylvania, VA 22551	6-2-2017

PLEASE Vote NO on this rezoning request

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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WMATA's legally acceptable guide-

oulos's advertisement aimed not viewpoint but to sell his book. o have rejected the advertisement its about Mr. Yiannopoulos's poli- cept ads for other creative works; e government's unconstitutional- ads to display on the basis of se, WMATA rejected Carafem's moting the clinic's services as the ad implicated the abortion makes a persuasive argument that label all abortion-related adver- -oriented constitutes viewpoint

increase abortion's social acceptability. A McDon- ald's ad might promote the consumption of meat.

Nevertheless, we can distinguish between adver- tisements that primarily promote products and those that promote only ideas. Legally, WMATA can prohibit the latter. But if it allows the former, it should approve advertisements for all products and services that meet WMATA's other guidelines, no matter how controversial the views behind those products may be. And while some ACLU supporters — even one of its own attorneys — have criticized the organization for representing Mr. Yiannopoulos, we should celebrate its willingness to remind us that the First Amendment also protects those voices we may find loathsome.

NIMBY to IEDs

What does it take to make a person take action? Is it the possibility of losing one's life or the life of a spouse or child? Or is it the possibility of losing one's home, livelihood, safety, or peace and quiet?

My family, friends and neighbors in the Thorn- burg area of Spotsylvania County have to ask ourselves this question. Why? Because we are under the threat of the possibility of stray bullets in our back yards, of feeling the impact of improvised explosive devices going off and of hearing gunfire all day long every day — because Crucible, a private security training facility, wants to move in. We are taking action against this threat, but we cannot stand alone.

No one in Spotsylvania should have to live in fear or move from a home they love.

Shirley Brady, Spotsylvania, Va.

National Frightened League

Hooray for John Feinstein's Aug. 11 op-ed, "The NFL's cowardly owners." Mr. Feinstein has been writing truth to power in the world of sports for many years. As he noted, the NFL owners have no trouble bringing onto the field players who have been accused or convicted of all manner of crimes. However, the owners balk at hiring Colin Kaepernick because he exercised his right to freedom of speech. How do the owners defend themselves? Disgracefully, by pointing to the bottom line.

Patricia S. Florestano, Annapolis

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Ellington challenge arose about I was establishing a scholarship on string players, I had specified ter's school of music. Sadly, the igan said its Ellington applicant o, and asked if I would expand irement. Scholarship recipients l from beyond the District.

Ellington's cost overruns would action by thinking beyond the d the high school years, perhaps ilanthropic efforts to support tive artists, whose work, talent l help to unite audiences for e.

Lee Rucker Keiser, Bethesda

G. Woodson — who carried the central Appalachian values of pa- triotism, family and pride on their backs wherever they went. Now, Clark said she has to walk with her "head held high and her

writer and professor at the Uni- versity of Kentucky, has offered some an identity: Appalachian. The native of Danville, Ky., created the word in a poem in the early 1990s. Although not meant

which he earned from Appala- chian State University. "Everything that you consider Appalachian that gets attributed to white folks, we did it, too," said Cabell who was raised in Mc-

Growing up, Shaylan Clark

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se. that. Sometimes, though, rules need
 ella bending to achieve justice. Henry
 een David Thoreau wrote: "Any fool can
 nty make a rule and any fool will mind it."

When two people come to the Unit-
 ed States legally and by invitation and
 are allowed to build lives here, raise a
 family and become welcome additions
 to their community, they should not
 be thrown out. There is no doubt that
 there is a native-born American out
 there somewhere who can do what Leo
 and Gaby are doing, although perhaps
 not quite as well. But is that reason
 enough to kick out two people who
 have followed all the rules and want
 more than anything to be part of this
 country?

We don't think so. We are a nation
 of immigrants. We are stronger be-
 cause of that. The United States is get-
 ting older. By 2030, 20 percent of us
 will be over 65. Also, we aren't making
 babies as fast as we used to. Without
 immigration, we could find ourselves
 in the same boat as Germany and Italy,
 where populations will drop over the
 next few decades. We need workers
 who do the jobs most Americans don't
 seem to want to do, and we need mid-
 dle-class immigrants like the Legoras
 who make our communities better.

The Legoras have written to their
 senators, Mark Warner and Tim
 Kaine, and to their representative,
 Dave Brat, in the hope that common
 sense will still carry the day. We wish
 them well, not just for them, but for
 us, too.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Crucible zoning request could be nightmare for some

Picture this: You are married with one child and you have worked hard to recover from financial difficulties. Now you are thinking about your future and the future of your child.

The search begins for a safe, quiet subdivision with good area schools. Finally, a lot is found and you build a home that suits your needs and that you will be able to retire in. Time goes by and you have been in your home about 20 years. Now you are retired and living on Social Security and a small retirement benefit. Life has been nice and you have been blessed with good family, friends and neighbors.

Everyone can picture this; it is pretty typical and describes the life of many people.

Now imagine this: You are greeted outside your home by a gentleman asking you to attend a meeting because your neighborhood is at risk. We attended that meeting in the spring. Our lives have

been changed and now we live in fear. A private military training facility is moving in behind our neighborhood. If the zoning request is approved by the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors, our neighborhood will hear guns shooting all day, every day, from morning till night. We will also experience improvised explosive device explosions and the possibility of stray bullets in our backyards.

Can you picture that? No Spotsylvania resident should have to live in fear or move from the home they love. Please put yourselves in our position and help us stand against Crucible. We never in our wildest dreams thought this would happen to us, but it has. If it can happen to us, it can happen to others. Contact the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors and tell them to vote NO on Crucible's rezoning request.

Shirley Brady
 Spotsylvania

Stafford thanked for and disabled children. These students and