

PLEASE WITHDRAW OR TABLE ZTA-23-09!

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am a Darnestown resident and I stand with the agricultural groups, community associations, and other stakeholders who have clearly and firmly voiced opposition to ZTA 23-09. Myself and my family have treasured the Reserve for the 30+ years we have lived on its edge. We buy produce all summer, ride our bikes and visit the vineyards and breweries.

This ZTA demonstrates a stunning lack of understanding of the historic, current and future of the <u>Agricultural</u> Reserve. This is <u>not</u> the hotel/motel Reserve.

Allowing motels or hotels or large B&Bs in the Reserve is not going to help the farmers and landowners. The resulting increased land prices, and reduced areas for farming, will not help current or future farmers. These farmers have many challenges, but a motel next to their farm is not going to help.

For preservation of the Reserve, one of our county's most unique features, please work to withdraw this ZTA.

Thank you for your consideration.--Heather Reichardt, MRICS, CMI