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Good morning,

We have received your email. A hearing examiner, not City Council, makes the determination. I am forwarding your email to the Community and Economic Development Planning Manager, Amy Rusko.

Thank you,

Wendy Van Der Meersche, CMC

City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Administrator
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**238 N Olympic Avenue
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Dear Members of the Arlington City Council,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed construction of a hot-dip galvanization facility near our residential area. As a resident of Arlington, I am deeply worried about the potential environmental and health impacts this facility may have on our community.

Hot-dip galvanization involves the use of various chemicals and produces emissions that can be harmful to both the environment and human health. The close proximity of such an industrial operation to residential homes raises several issues:

- 1. Health Risks: The emissions from galvanization processes can include hazardous substances such as zinc fumes, lead, and other heavy metals. These can pose serious health risks, particularly to children, the elderly, and those with preexisting health conditions.**
- 2. Environmental Impact: The facility could lead to soil and water contamination, affecting local wildlife and the overall ecosystem. The potential for accidental spills or leaks further exacerbates this concern.**
- 3. Property Values: The presence of an industrial facility can negatively impact property values in the surrounding area. Residents who have invested in their homes may see a decline in the value of their properties, which is unfair and financially detrimental.**
- 4. Quality of Life: The increased noise, traffic, and industrial activity associated with the facility will disrupt the peace and tranquility of our neighborhood. This deterioration in the quality of life is unacceptable for those who have chosen to live in a residential area.**

Given these significant concerns, I urge the Arlington City Council to reconsider the approval of this facility's construction near our residential area. I strongly recommend exploring alternative locations that are better suited for industrial activities and pose less risk to residential communities.

I trust that the Council will prioritize the health, safety, and well-being of its residents. I look forward to hearing about the steps you will take to address these concerns. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen Lawrence Foster