

WHEREAS, there exists in Census Tract 16 a substantial number of well-built and well-maintained homes that establish the predominantly residential character of the area; and

WHEREAS, many of the residents of Census Tract 16 have resided in this community and the adjacent areas all of their lives and have made noteworthy contributions to the life and development of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Census Tract 16 have worked closely in recent years with the City Council, City departments and other public agencies in the planning and implementing of community improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria desires to continue its ongoing efforts in Census Tract 16 through the Potomac East Neighborhood Improvement program and other City actions; and

WHEREAS, it is the City's goal to eliminate blight and deterioration and to perpetuate a viable residential community through the improvement of public facilities by developing new active recreation areas, tot lots, passive parks, and street furniture, and by creating a new community service center; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has pledged its best efforts to bring about the relocation of U. S. Route 1 to relieve the traffic burdens presently afflicting the area; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Comprehensive Plan for the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1970-1980, specifically recommends the implementation of the following programs with respect to Census Tract 16:

1. Preserve and improve the residential character of the area.
2. Where redevelopment is appropriate, emphasize residential reuse and relocation of displaced families.
3. Channel through traffic away from residential streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it shall be the policy and objective of the City Council of the City of Alexandria to continue the City government's efforts to preserve and maintain Census Tract 16 as a predominantly residential community and to fulfill the recommendations embodied in the Proposed Comprehensive Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council will continue to encourage residents to participate in the planning and future development of their neighborhoods.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council calls upon the citizens of Alexandria the boards, agencies and departments of the City, neighborhood organizations, and the business community to join with the City Council in their continuing efforts to preserve and improve Census Tract 16 as a viable, predominantly residential community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this City Council meeting and that a copy of this Resolution be available to all interested Alexandrians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council will seek to preserve the opportunity for homeowners of all income levels to continue residing in the 16th Census Tract and to find effective ways to protect residents from the threat of rising land values and taxes resulting from speculation and development pressures.

Adopted January 8, 1974


Helen Vickers, City Clerk and
Clerk of Council