

re: 294 Franklin Street

Alison Banks

From: Melissa Fisher <melissalynfisher@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 3:45 PM
To: Alison Banks
Cc: Daniel Thabo Fisher
Subject: Special Use Permit – 294 Franklin Street (Short-Term Rental)

Dear Alison,

My husband, Daniel Thabo Fisher (copied here) and I reside at 276 Franklin Street. We are writing to convey our full support for the petition for a Special Use Permit at 294 Franklin Street, proposed by our neighbors Deirdre and Sherwin Smeltzer.

We have had the opportunity to meet with the Smeltzer's and other neighbors regarding the request and are confident of the home owners' intentions to fully comply with the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission regarding the special use permit. We are pleased with the City's decision to consider this type of petition, as we hope that offering alternative short term rental accommodations to visitors will further bolster tourism and economic activity in and around Downtown Harrisonburg, also providing additional sources of revenue for the City.

We regret that we're unable to attend tomorrow evening's meeting of the Planning Commission but are hoping to convey our support for the petition. Please let us know if we should direct this correspondence to others on the Planning Commission as well.

Many thanks for your work,
Melissa & Thabo Fisher