

PETITION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND'S DRAFT DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN

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- Creation of a state-level Architect of the Commonwealth to offer expertise to the Governor, his Cabinet and Agencies, and Virginia's legislators concerning best practices for the future uses of state-owned buildings and property.
- Creation of safe, inviting, human-scale streetscapes to encourage walking and bicycling; conversion of Richmond's unwieldy system of one-way streets back to two-way; additional on-street parking; replacing unsightly surface parking lots with parking decks featuring ground-floor retail on the exterior; and improving signage to better serve residents and tourists.
- Addition of *Form-Based Code* -- zoning that focuses on the relationship of buildings to each other and the street -- to the City's Zoning Ordinance to reflect the design of Richmond's historic districts, streets, and buildings.
- Development of a model for a trolley or Downtown circulator to connect our historic Downtown neighborhoods, with a plan to expand beyond Downtown in the future.

We urge our public officials to support this vision for a beautiful, vibrant and historic capital city -- "Virginia's Downtown."

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