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October 17, 2001

Ms. Rosemary I. Waldorf
Mayor
City of Chapel Hill
306 N. Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dear Ms. Waldorf:

This letter is to express my support for continuing bus service, specifically the V-Bus, or a viable alternative from Southern Village, to campus and downtown Chapel Hill. It has made it possible for our family not to use two cars, a considerable savings to us and some help to lesson traffic in Chapel Hill.

I also believe that some of my fellow citizens are under some wrong impressions, regarding the present V-bus service. Specifically, I have heard, admittedly second-hand, that the opponents of the V-bus argue:

- Non-residents are parking near the Southern Village swimming pool to catch the V-bus.
- Bus service decreases property values.
- Number of V-bus riders is very low.
- Buses are operated in an unsafe manner.

The cars parked across from the swimming pool are mostly residents' cars or car-ride sharers. Bus commuters are parking either in the large lot behind the Methodist Church or in the Southern Village town square. Regarding property values, it has been my experience in Washington, DC and the Denver metro area that public transportation increased property value rather than lowering it. Granted that this is a complex question but it deserves more considered judgment than mere speculation. Number of V-bus riders, again, is a more complex question than the speculative nature of the evaluation of the V-bus by its opponents.

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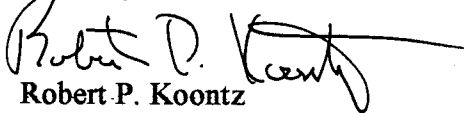
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I have ridden the bus with as many as 15 fellow passengers and as few as four. Again, expert judgment and statistics from transit officials would be a better judgment source than the speculation, I've encountered so far, by the non-riders. As to unsafe driving procedures, I make two points. In Southern Village, vehicles are allowed to be parked on both sides of the street and in either direction. That is, one can park either against traffic or with traffic. It has been my observation that the V-buses, that I have ridden, navigate the Southern Village streets better than many of the cars I've seen being driven or presumably the ones that the bus replaces.

I ask that you give my letter and the petitions supporting the V-bus your careful consideration. Obviously, there are number of sensible alternatives besides eliminating the only public transportation that runs from northern Southern Village to and from the downtown/UNC campus.

Thank you for your public service to the greater community of Chapel Hill and your service, in particular, to the residents of Southern Village.

Sincerely,


Robert P. Koontz

To: Transportation Board / TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

Dept. of Transportation
cc: Mr. John Lewton, Homeowners Association Representative*

Please keep ✓ (66) Bus.

Name	Address	Phone (optional)
① Robert P. Kowitz Robert P. Kowitz	106 Nolen Lane Chapel Hill, NC	967-0302
② Susan Floyd	106 Nolen Lane Chapel Hill, NC	967-0302
③ HEATHBLIFE	303 Smith Level Rd. Apt. E-21 Chapel Hill, NC 27516	
④ Dan Heaper	100 Rock Haven Rd Apt N-106 Carrboro, NC 27510	
⑤ Dana Koonce	100 Rock Haven Rd Apt J101 Carrboro, NC 27510	
⑥ Mark D. Dorman Mark D. Dorman	Southern Village	
⑦ Nicholas Davis	Southern Village	
⑧ Eddie Clifton	Kildaire Road	
⑨ Zama Taboriti	Southern Village	
⑩ Mark Schoe	108 Nolen Lane	
⑪ Harold Jay Hefner	115 Nolen Lane	
⑫ W. D. Dorman	105 Westside Dr	
⑬ Edrick Phillips	114 Nolen Lane	
⑭ Erin Phillips MA	114 Nolen Lane	
⑮ Kubushevich	118 Nolen Lane	
⑯ Neil Apt	118 Nolen Lane	

* See my note on page 3.

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(18) Jamie and P.J. Null 107 Westside Drive
Chapel Hill, NC
James, PJ Null - P.J. Null 27516

(19) Raymond D Coakley 112 Nolen Lane
Chapel Hill 27516 Please Leave Route as
it currently is. Blankly.

(20) Karen Haynes 120 Nolen Lane
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

(21) Sharan Singh 121 Nolen Lane
Please bring smaller bus
Chapel Hill

(22) Calvin Powers 123 Nolen Lane
Smaller bvs would be
good to; But please
Keep the bvs.
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

(23) Elizabeth Paddy 119 Nolen Lane
Chapel Hill 27516
~~class~~ signed the original
petition but would be amenable
to a smaller bus or less complex route

(24) ALEXIS H. GARVIN 117 NOLEN LANE
~~signed the original~~ CHAPEL HILL, 27516

(25) Please keep V bus, ~~at this address~~
Theresa Frank ~~at this address~~ 111 nolen Ln Chapel Hill
27516

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Please Keep V Bus

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26 Timothy Sartin 101 Nolen Lane

Signed original, but want the bus to slow down



27 Allya Charles Allen York 918-910 Highgrove Drive 215-4318



28 Valeria D. Mace 918 Highgrove Dr. Chapel Hill

29 Audie D. Radice 1000 Highgrove Dr. Chapel Hill, NC

30 Marina Yuravi 1000 Highgrove Dr. Chapel Hill, NC

Twenty-nine (29) Signatures gathered by Robert Kootz, Robert Kootz, 919-967-0302 106 Nolen Lane

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Dear Mr. Lantony

I would hope some agreeable arrangement could be made to have some bus service for North Southern Village.

Thanks for your service to CH and SU and your consideration. S. Robt Kootz 26 Sept 01