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TO: Mr. Frederick Hill, Chairman, Board of Zone Adjustment

Dear Mr. Hill:

I am writing to protest the Macklin application for a waiver from the requirement to provide parking for the residents of their proposed building and to eliminate current parking spaces.

Cleveland Park is a family-oriented neighborhood with many senior citizens and many families with small children. Newark Street is always somewhat hazardous for both groups, given the narrowness of the street and the absence of sidewalks on one side. Seniors who are walking to the shops or for exercise and families walking with young children are often endangered by cars and trucks trying to squeeze through the street which is already narrowed by the current parking arrangements. To add the cars associated with the additional proposed housing units would greatly increase the danger to both pedestrians and private properties. It simply makes no sense to allow the development of additional housing in this family neighborhood without providing the parking spaces for the cars that will inevitably accompany the residents of the new units. The city has regulations requiring that new housing include parking spaces for very good reasons, namely to preserve order, safety and quality of life for residents.

I have lived in this neighborhood for 60 years and have been distressed to witness the massive increase in the number of cars on our streets, as well as the speeding by drivers in what is clearly a residential area. To add dozens of additional residences on one block without provision for car parking simply makes no sense. We already have a problem with cars being parked in front of driveways, in spaces reserved for service vehicles and handicapped parking. The "no parking" area on my block (reserved for city services) is routinely occupied by delivery trucks, garden services, and other trucks related to commercial services. Drivers occasionally block our driveway, which serves six houses, and sometimes actually park there for prolonged periods. That situation will only get worse if cars of another several dozen households are added to the streets without designated parking provisions.

Sincerely yours,
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