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Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 12:42 PM 2016 JAN 11 PM 2:51
To: DCOZ - ZC Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: New zoning for Lanier Heights

Dear commissioners — I want to thank you on behalf of the residents of my building at 2852 Ontario Rd in Lanier Heights for your actions to protect our neighborhood. We have all suffered from the huge amount of construction that has occurred in this area recently. While we realize some change is inevitable, we feel that the addition of major multi-unit buildings in the past year — on Colombia Rd, and Adams Mill and at the corner of Adams Mill and Lanier Place, not to mention the multi-unit building next to the fire station on Lanier Place — is already placing extreme pressure on our neighborhood. Allowing more row houses to be swallowed up by development would add more stress to already difficult situation. Parking in the neighborhood has become nearly impossible, the amount of green space has declined, and the noise level is increasing. People who have invested their life savings into row houses that they have lovingly restored are seeing the foundations damaged by construction, their windows and backyards darkened by buildings that squeeze up to the very limits of the sidewalk and alley, and their requests for consideration by these developers rudely dismissed. These new units are not affordable housing. Instead they are threatening the diversity of the neighborhood. If this development is allowed to continue without more restrictions, what was once a neighborhood of homes and apartments with a vibrant mix of cultures and incomes will be lost.

Thank you for your efforts on our behalf. I urge you to make the zoning changes you have put in place permanent.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Gille

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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CASE NO. 1529
EXHIBIT NO. 19