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To Whom it May Concern

This concerns Noonie Rettig's hardship request for parking relief but with NO RESTRICTIONS at 446-452 Ridge Street NW. I strongly agree with the Zoning Board's original ruling in January that the developer be granted relief BUT WITH THE SPECIFIED RESTRICTIONS, including that residents could not move in with cars, and that they would not be issued a Residential Parking Permit.

I understand that Ms Rettig has contracted with a parking engineer to report that there is plenty of available parking in the neighborhood. Apparently the report tells of more than 100 spaces in the area. I suspect that number is close to reality. But during prime parking times in the evening and weekends, THOSE SPACES ARE FULL. As it is, I must plan trip times carefully so that I don't find a lack of spaces within two blocks of my house on my return. The unprecedented waiver of restrictions on those properties would make matters that much worse.

The long-time residents of this great neighborhood are not asking for a special favor here. I ask that Ms Rettig not be granted special privileges in this case either.

Thank you.

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