

My name is Michael Boone and I own the house at 1760 Lanier PI NW. I am writing to you because I am NOT in favor of the development plans to turn the townhouse at 1766 Lanier PI NW into 6 condos. I was born and raised on this street. In the last decade I have watched developers turn nice single family homes and other buildings in the neighborhood into condos and apartment buildings that don't match the building style of our neighborhood and steal things such as sunlight, air space and general privacy from their neighboring residents. The plans to drastically change the property at 1766 Lanier PI is another example of this. At 1768 Lanier PI, directly next to the development site, you have a woman who purchased her home in the early 90s that will be trapped in between this new development and the Lanier Muse which is the apartment complex on the other side of her. On the other side of new development site, at 1764 Lanier PI, you have a couple who purchased their home in the early 80s. They use the back of their property to grow food. They have two large persimmon trees, tomatos, corn and even a banana plant. This new development would absolutely block the sunlight from hitting their property, especially during the afternoon when their property receives the most sunlight coming from the west. One house over, at 1762 Lanier PI, you have a woman who purchased her house is the early 80s who has invested in solar panels on her roof. The new development would definitely block some of the sun that she receives to provide her home with electricity. Then one house over from that, at 1760 Lanier PI, you have my house. Directly behind my house, I have a 6 story apartment building completely blocking any rear view that I have. Two doors down from that, they are currently in the process of building a brand new 6 story apartment building (1773 Columbia Rd NW) which is blocking most of the remaining view from the rear of the four residences that I just mentioned. Aside from the major inconveniences that this proposed development will cause to its neighboring residents, there are asthetic issues that the new structure will also cause. I noticed in the application, the applicant noted that there are many different styles of buildings on our block. Yes, the apartment buildings on our block were all designed differently, however they were oricginally designed to be apartemnt buildings. They were not townhouses that were converted into condos such as this one is trying to accomplish. The applicant conveniently omits the fact that four houses in a row (1760, 1762, 1764 & 1766) all have the exact same facade and layout, so this project would absolutely disrupt the visual flow of this section of our block. This property was designed to be a single family townhouse, not 6 condos. In addition to the asthetic and community issues that this new development will clearly cause, I have noticed many mistakes and false details in this the aplication. The zoning was changed for this exact reason and it would be extremely unfortunate if this project were allowed to continue. In conclusion, myself, aswell as the neighboring residents see MANY more cons than pros in this equation. Please dont allow this transformation to take place. Thank you.

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