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Mr. Alberto Bastida
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Dear Mr. Bastida,

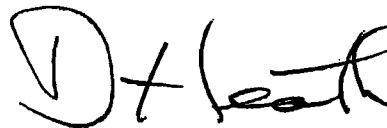
I am writing to urge you and the Zoning Commission to support the Tree and Slope Overlay proposed for Forest Hills. As long-time residents of this neighborhood, my wife and I are concerned about the pressures that threaten our residential landscape. Development that exploits our lenient zoning requirements for the financial gain of a few individuals hurts the large majority of residents of Forest Hills. Our zoning needs updating in light of changed circumstances.

My wife and I strongly support a larger minimum lot size than the current 7,500 square feet. The Owl's Nest property at 3031 and 3017 Gates Road must remain in the Overlay to protect the trees and topography that are central and prominent to our neighborhood. These properties anchor the neighborhood and must be protected.

We feel strongly about our neighborhood, and hope that you and the Commission will approve the Overlay in order to help us maintain Forest Hills.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Daniel Heath

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