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Re: Case No. 02-19 (Text Amendment-Forest Hills Tree
and Slope Overlay District) [the "Amendment"]

Dear Mr. Bastida:

I am opposed to the proposed zoning changes contained in the Amendment. The Amendment will greatly restrict new residents of Forest Hills from building custom homes in and along the slopes in the area, and may constrain existing residents from adding improvements to their homes. Past development has been attractive and sensitive to the environment.

The Amendment treats all trees in the same way, regardless of their value. It does not permit home owners to remove trees during construction, and replace them when construction is completed.

Homeowners should not have to go to the Board of Zoning Adjustment to seek a special exception every time they want to build on their lots. This is burdensome and expensive. I see no reason for new restrictions and for treating new residents differently than existing ones.

Sincerely,

Roberta F. Colton
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