



March 25, 2011

**LETTER OF OPPOSITION AND REQUEST FOR
PARTY STATUS REGARDING OFFICE OF
ZONING CASE NUMBERS 05-28B, 05-28C, AND 05-
28E**

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This letter serves to formally confirm that the Eastland Gardens Civic Association strongly opposes the proposed PUD modifications and amendments requested by Lano Parcel 12, LLC. We strongly concur with the formal opposition votes on all 3 cases by the majority of our ANC7D Commission on March 8, 2011. We strongly concur with the opposition votes on all 3 cases by our ANC Single Member District representative (7D02).

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

The Eastland Gardens Civic Association was founded in 1935 to unite residents and protect the collective interest of property owners, renters, and residents of this immediate geographical area (EG and Kenilworth). The formal civic boundaries of our association are: To the South, the Watts Branch Tributary; To the East, Interstate 295 (CSX Railroad Tracks); To the West, the Anacostia River, and to the North, Eastern Ave (DC/MD Border). Our association boundaries consist of approximately 4,000 residents.

The various Parkside parcels in question are within 1 block of the southern boundary for our civic area. The parcels in question are also within the boundaries of the same ANC Single Member District (7D02), as is most of Eastland Gardens. The entire area lies within Census Tracts 96.1 and 96.2 and we are all located within the boundaries of Commission ANC7D and within MPD PSA 601. Properties within the Eastland Gardens Civic boundaries:

ZONING COMMISSION

05-28C

EXHIBIT NO. 29

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- ✓ 350 Family Units within Eastland Gardens
- ✓ 424 Family Units within Kenilworth (Public Housing Apts and Privately owned Townhomes and Apartments)

WHY WE OPPOSE THESE LANO PARCEL 12, LLC PROPOSALS

It is our strong belief that the proposed modifications and amendments will negatively impact our property values, our quality of living, and our collective senses of peace and tranquility. Without publicly sharing their intent and a consistent set of plans, the developer proposes radically transitioning what has historically been a residential community into an area consisting of a "hodge-podge" of institutional structures which will severely overshadow the traditional residential setting of our historically designated African-American neighborhoods.

We are therefore requesting Party Status in the upcoming proceedings for case # 05-28E on April 4, 2011 and for case #'s 0528B and 05-28C on April 18, 2011.

We respectfully ask that the Commission allow our requested status for the April 4th hearing, even though this request comes later than current statutes allow. The filing date was missed due to the complexity of the various cases and their differing hearing dates. Our organization consists of volunteers who have separate professional obligations and personal lives. We do not have salaried administrative staff or legal counsel. So, we ask that you please forgive this administrative oversight of the actual filing deadline for the April 4th hearing.

We hope that this letter and attached Party Status Request Form are sufficient and addresses any related questions or concerns as to our position on the proposed modifications and amendments by Lano Parcel 12, LLC.

The appropriate ANC officials and officers of our civic association will receive copies of this letter via email transmission.

If anyone has additional questions or need additional information, please contact me at (202) 550-4612.

Sincerely,

Greg Rhett
President
Eastland Gardens Civic Association

1 Attachment (Party Status Request Form)

Form 140

(Revised 08/17/10)

No. 05-288, C, & E



PARTY STATUS REQUEST FORM



PLEASE NOTE: YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU SIMPLY WISH TO TESTIFY AT THE HEARING. COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU WISH TO BE A PARTY IN THIS CASE.

(Please see reverse side for more information about this distinction.)

NAME: Last

First

Middle I.

ADDRESS: Street

Apt. # (if any)

City

State

Zip Code

Phone No.

Fax No.

E-Mail

I, hereby request to appear and participate as a party.

Signature

Date

Will you appear as a(n)



Proponent



Opponent

Will you appear through legal counsel?



Yes



No

If yes, please enter the name and address of such legal counsel.

NAME: Last

First

Middle I.

ADDRESS: Street

Ste. # (if any)

City

State

Zip Code

Phone No.

Fax No.

E-Mail

Please answer all of the following questions referencing why the above person should be granted party status.

(If you require additional space, please attach an additional sheet.)

1). How will the property owned or occupied by such person, or in which the person has an interest be affected by the action requested of the Board?

AS PRESIDENT OF THE EASTLAND GARDENS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, I'D LIKE TO REPRESENT THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE PROPERTY VALUES, QUALITY OF LIVING, AND PEACE AND TRANQUILITY OF APPROX 4,000 RESIDENTS

2). What legal interest does the person have in the property? (i.e. owner, tenant, trustee, or mortgagee)

MORTGAGE VALUES OF HOMEOWNERS WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

3). What is the distance between the person's property and the property that is the subject of the appeal or application before the Board? (Preferably no farther than 200ft.)

EASTLAND GARDENS & PARKSIDE ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE SAME MPD PSA 601 AND ARE BOTH WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF ANCD. APPROX 1 BLOCK FROM BOUNDARY

4). What are the environmental, economic or social impacts that are likely to affect the person and/or the person's property if the action requested of the Board is approved or denied?

IF APPROVED, THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF OUR PROPERTIES WILL BE DECREASED. THE SOCIAL ASPECT OF THIS COMMUNITY WILL BE DRASTICALLY CHANGED FROM RESIDENTIAL TO INSTITUTIONAL. FOR MORE THAN 75 YRS THIS HAS BEEN A RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY.

5). Describe any other relevant matters that demonstrate how the person will likely be affected or aggrieved if the action requested of the Board is approved or denied.

IF APPROVED, THIS PROPOSAL WILL INCREASE TRAFFIC, SAFETY, AND PARKING CHALLENGES WITHIN AN ALREADY DENSELY POPULATED AREA. THUS IMPACT WILL NEGATIVELY AFFECT OUR QUALITY OF LIVING, PEACE AND TRANQUILITY, AND SAFETY.

6). Explain how the person's interest will be more significantly, distinctively, or uniquely affected in character or kind by the proposed zoning action than that of other person's in the general public.

WE WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY, DISTINCTIVELY AND UNIQUELY AFFECTED ECONOMICALLY BY THE IMPEDEMENT OF OUR PROPERTY VALUES, THIS NEGATIVELY IMPACTING OUR ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND LOAN FUNDS FROM BANKS. HOMEOWNERS, AUTO, AND RENTAL INSURANCE RATES MAY RISE. NEW FAMILIES WILL BE LESS INCLINED TO PURCHASE HOMES WITHIN THE AREA. CONSEQUENTLY IMPACTING OTHER RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

FAX COVER SHEET

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Case #'s: 05-28E, 05-28C, 05-28B

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