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Anthony Hood, Chairman
Zoning Commission
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RE: ZRR Review Record
CASE NO. 08-06A

Dear Chairman Hood:

I am **extremely dismayed** by the efforts of a small group to close the door on a new generation of Lanier Heights residents by limiting the development of affordable homes in our neighborhood.

Many of the same people who **unsuccessfully** sought historic district designation for Lanier Heights a few years ago now are involved in an effort to impose new restrictions on homeowners. Although they lost the battle for a historic district due to **strong opposition from the neighborhood**, they are continuing their war through other means: down-zoning.

Under the slogan of "maintaining diversity" (of architecture, not people), this small group seeks a down-zoning of the Lanier Heights neighborhood to eliminate any new conversions of row houses to condominiums. This is the exact opposite of diversity: it is actually the imposition of uniformity.

All of us who so recently opposed the establishment of a Lanier Heights historic district stand to lose if this small group succeeds.

If this small group succeeds, only the very wealthy will enjoy the possibility of owning a home in Lanier Heights. **Everyone else will be locked out.** Those who are already homeowners will lose a significant amount of value and control over their property.

If this small group succeeds, **long time homeowners like myself will lose rights** we have under current zoning to convert our row houses to multi-unit residences.

I hope someday to convert my own row house so I may "age-in-place" in the neighborhood where I have lived the past 25 years. Other homeowners in Lanier Heights may have similar hopes.

If this small group succeeds, it will be the end of these hopes, for me and others like me and all those who follow after us.

Please, Mr. Hood: DO NOT close the door on the future of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,



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