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To Whom it may concern:

Please accept this letter in support
of the proposed Z.C. Case No. 14-11.

Initially I may have considered the
"pop up" grumbling just typical
complaint of "gentrifier's lament"

but as an alley neighbor to 42 W
Street NW, I've come to give the
issue a more considered thought.

Although I will say that having
heard stories of blooming

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in the drug-riddled days, developers as the "evil" in the neighborhood still rings as hyperbole. My neighbor Mr. Worthing, who passed away last year, told a story about watching crack dealers kick a man to death in front of his house. Mr. Worthing lived in his house for 48-50 years, raised a son. Had a long marriage. (The wife at maybe 60+ yrs old, just got her J.D.!) But long story short, she sold the house and it's being renovated now. Thankfully, it's not being papped-up or back. I hope another couple moves in, has a long and fast marriage,

raised a child or two and grows
old here. Like me. Developers
coming into the neighborhood,
taking history, money, cultural equity
out of the neighborhood is an-
gamy. I also don't believe that
the buyers of the resultant condos
have any particular interest beyond
the "experience" of "urban" life
before moving back to the suburbs.
And to argue that \$600-700K
housing is "affordable" is silly. So
is frankly, the whole "solar rights"
argument, but I digress. Pop-ups
and pop-backs reduce neighborhood
equity, empathy and diversity.
Please approve E.C. Case No. 14r11.

Thank you for your time.

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P.S. To note, the logical failure in my argument is that houses here in Bloomingdale have been renovated to condos for years w/o complaint or concern. Pop-ups and pop-backs are a "no turning back" point. What happens under someone's roof / behind closed doors is their business. The arrogance of pop-upr/backer is visible everyday.