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To: Schellin, Sharon (DCOZ)
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Hi Ms. Schellin,

I want to share my strong support for the proposed changes made in the "Text Amendments to Chapters 1, 3 4, 26, and 31, Maximum Height and Minimum Lot Dimension Requirements and Use Permissions in the R-4 District". I have lived for 10 years in the Pleasant Plains neighborhood of Ward 1 and bought my R-4 rowhouse – 749 Hobart Place, NW partly because of the beauty of the neighborhood and particular population density.

Over the last 10 years my wife and I have watched as developers from outside DC bought neighboring rowhouses and converted them from single family homes to rentals for college kids. The resulting parties, lack of civic engagement and parking troubles are all unwelcome. I do not like the idea that it is a given that DC should do everything it can to facilitate this increase in City population. Were told that without subdividing, popping up and otherwise deforming our neighborhoods, these new potential residents will have nowhere to live. I think it is better that they make due with the existing DC housing stock and regular development opportunities – or simply stay where they are.

I think it is wrong that some in DC government prioritize the interests of potential residents and their profit seeking developers over the legitimate wishes of existing DC homeowners. If that makes housing prices increase, so much the better for the existing DC homeowners who pay the overwhelming majority of City taxes and cast the majority of DC votes.

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