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From: Rachel Kaufman <rkaufman13@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 4:53 PM
To: DCOZ - ZC Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Comments in opposition to ZC14-18A

Hello,

I live down the street from Brookland Manor and oppose the proposed redevelopment.

The August Washington Post article lays out very clearly the indignities that residents have had to face: being sued for eviction for being late on a \$25 rent check, for having an unleashed dog, for having a family member who committed suicide(!). These lawsuits become part of a resident's record and make it harder for them to get housing elsewhere once they are evicted or leave "voluntarily" after months or years of harassment by management. Mid City's protestations, saying "HUD made me do it," ring hollow, and HUD has denied that their policies require a landlord to sue a tenant for \$25 in unpaid rent. The pace of lawsuits has steadily ratcheted up as tenants move out.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/sf/local/2016/08/08/as-the-nations-capital-booms-poor-tenants-face-eviction-over-as-little-as-25/?tid=a_inl

Further, I am concerned that the new, planned development is replacing many apartments appropriate for families with smaller units. Residents who are "temporarily" displaced for construction will have nowhere to return to. It also is part of a disturbing trend in the city that builds housing catering toward childless millennials (a group I proudly admit to being part of) but not spaces suitable for families.

In conclusion, I support development IN THEORY at this site, but not this project. I OPPOSE the proposed development at Brookland Manor.

Sincerely,

Rachel Kaufman