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**To:** DCOZ - ZC Submissions (DCOZ)  
**Subject:** please support Lanier Heights Zoning Reform

Dear Commissioners,

I am a 15 year homeowner in Lanier Heights. I live on Ontario Road, NW, near the Lanier Place intersection. I love this neighborhood and have seen several beneficial changes take place in my time here (the business improvement district, the improvements in Walter Pierce park, for example). Yet I am worried about recent changes, which seem to be taking place with inadequate consideration for preserving the community values of my neighborhood. The rush to develop every available real estate option is alarming.

While I understand the need for density in the urban center, the permitting of haphazard and ill-designed units or "pop ups" has resulted in a tragic degradation of DC's famously beautiful architectural symmetry, It has also reduced the overall quality of life and property values of nearby residences. Lanier Heights is precious because it is a diverse, family friendly neighborhood in the middle of the city. It is full of trees and strolling sidewalks. The amount of cars racing through our streets is on the rise, and there is no more parking to be had (this on top of overflow zoo parking).

These rapid developments include three large apartment style buildings. They have altered the skyline for sure, making the area less open and light. There is one building on Columbia at 17th, one on Adams Mill at Calvert and one on Lanier Place. These new buildings are high end and very expensive--not contributing to the diversity of our neighborhood. Besides, a beautiful public artwork was destroyed to build one of them. (the painting of white parrots). Why is there no requirement for a developer to replace the artwork?

Moreover, a new hotel at the Christian Science Church and impending construction on Columbia Road next to Safeway makes me very worried that we're at a tipping point beyond which this neighborhood will lose its essential character and quality of life. This will not only be terrible for those of us who have invested many years here, it will be sad for all of Washington, DC.

Lanier Heights is a unique treasure inside the city. Please support the zoning reforms.

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**Thanks,**

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