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From: John Zottoli <john.zottoli@gmail.com>
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Subject: In Favor of Downzoning (Case 15-09)

My name is John Zottoli. I welcome growth in DC, particularly increased housing density around the District's Metro stations. However, even while DC promotes this kind of growth, prudent planning calls for us to protect neighborhoods like Lanier Heights.

I live in Lanier Heights within a block or two of the area to be re-zoned to R-4. I support my neighbors who would like to re-zone where they live:

I share my neighbors' interest in preserving the character of the neighborhood. Allowing popups to continue, they change the way the Lanier Heights looks and feels; and that change will be for the worse.

Furthermore, I have an environmental concern. When buildings pop-out (take up more of a lot's surface), there is less room for trees and other plants. I love walking along Lanier Place, for example, enjoying the landscaping that exists today. Please protect that landscaping.

Finally, and most importantly, DC must maintain its stock of family housing. As currently configured, most Lanier Heights homes are large enough for a family with two or three children. Even if there is a basement apartment, the rest of the building can house a family. However, when owners pop up or pop out a building, the end result is almost always a number of small apartments -- none of which are large enough for that family with two or three children. Please help to preserve Lanier Heights' family housing stock.

Thank you for your consideration,

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