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To: DCOZ - ZC Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Lanier Heights resident writing to support R4 downzoning

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Jennifer Barger, and I am a resident of Lanier Heights. I live at 1626 Argonne Place NW.

I would like to state my support for rezoning Lanier Heights to R-4. I'm part of what I believe to be an overwhelming majority of residents who are in favor of smart growth as opposed to the rampant speculation, and in many cases, illegal building and flouting of zoning laws.

My own block of tiny, historic rowhouses has been torn apart by bad pop up building. At 1636 Argonne Place, there's a pop up where the developer blocked the street illegally numerous times to deliver materials, bullied neighbors and then built an over-legal-limit tower that has yet to get a certificate of occupancy. He blocked in the front porch of his property, blocking light, views and historic charm for the entire block. I also worry that my property value is in trouble due to this. There are three additional properties owned by another developer that are currently abandoned and full of rats. I worry constantly that I poured my life savings into a historic neighborhood that DCRA has hung out to dry.

I feel that Lanier Heights already has an appropriate balance of apartments and rowhouses. Additional housing, when it means adding light-blocking, property endangering buildings to existing old rowhouses, is a bad idea.

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