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Dear Commissioners,

Our names are Michael Russotto and Angel Torres-Cabassa, and we own the townhouse at 1624 Argonne Place, NW. We would like to add our voices to the voices of other Concerned Citizens in Lanier Heights, to let you know that we wholeheartedly support the rezoning of Lanier Heights to R-4.

Over the past few years we've watched as, again and again, greedy developers have moved into our neighborhood turning beautiful single family homes into light-and-air swallowing pop-ups. They have already ruined the look of many formerly lovely blocks by pushing existing homes up and out to an absurd degree, without any consideration for the adjacent neighbors or the look of the street.

And it's all being done in an insultingly unscrupulous way. On our block alone, the developers of several properties have submitted misleading and erroneous plans and property descriptions in order to obtain building permits; to put it quite bluntly, they have sometimes just plain lied. Concerned Citizens of Argonne Place has been fighting these submissions.

Development without some limitations will make things ugly, unpleasant, and claustrophobic for long-time residents who have invested in the uniqueness of Lanier Heights, a wonderfully mixed neighborhood of single family homes and apartment buildings. Unchecked growth would be a huge mistake and would jeopardize the quality of life for existing residents.

We're not against growth, but it is imperative, for the good of the people who live here, that it be responsible, balanced growth. Please vote to rezone Lanier Heights to R4.

Very Sincerely,

Michael Russotto & Angel Torres-Cabassa

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