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Dear Commissioners,

As a Spring Valley resident, my wife and I are writing in support of the proposed Lady Bird development project. We've read the many arguments in dissent, and while some are thoughtful, others are simply disingenuous. While overcrowding and parking are always a concern, the significant public benefits of this project far outweigh the potential negative impacts. Others have argued that those who have a financial interest in entities along Massachusetts Avenue should have their voices muted because they have a conflict of interest due to financial gain. This argument is ridiculous. While we have no financial interest in any of those commercial entities, we have a significant financial interest in our own home!

Investing in and improving our community is the hallmark of increasing the quality of life. Do those who oppose this project also oppose the recent improvements made by the city? Replacing our waterlines has certainly been inconvenient with construction, noise, parking and chaos, but it increased the value of our homes and community and was not loudly opposed by those who fight this improvement project. Refurbishing the Greenway on 49th between Hillbrook and Quebec escaped scrutiny and complaint despite the fact that it also added to the throughput and parking woes, but will benefit all in our community. Repairing the roads and sidewalks also failed to raise the ire of those who adamantly decry the Lady Bird development.

Again, we certainly understand the concerns about volume and density, however, much of the opposition is selective and inconsistent. As a community we have put forward a united front that improvements executed by the city are welcome. Private capital has simply followed those public investments and should be welcome as it will further increase the resources available and improve our quality of life.

Sincerely,
Jenny and Willie Gaynor