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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing because I'm concerned about proposed changes to RF rowhouse regulations that protect architectural elements and solar energy systems. The changes that the Office of Planning has proposed will make it possible to evade these protections.

I support allowing rooftop elements to be repaired or replaced if the replacements are indistinguishable from the original elements, but I am extremely concerned that the proposed language is imprecise and has the potential to lead to their destruction during construction.

I support extending solar energy system protections so that we can do our part to create a sustainable city. They should not be permitted to be waived by special exemption requests. The new special exemption language is vague and could lead to decisions that put these systems at risk.

I support retaining regulations U-320.3 (i) (j) and (k) to protect adjacent homes from special exemptions for apartment buildings.

It is my hope that the Office of Planning will come with up clear special exception review standards to keep these important protections in place.

Sincerely yours,

Julie Langsdorf