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Hello,

My parents received a pamphlet telling local residents in Ward 3 to oppose potential zoning changes regarding new development near the Tenleytown. As someone who grew up in Tenleytown, I want to give my input and say that I support these zoning changes and any and all new developments near the Tenleytown metro.

New dense housing is a boon to the neighborhood, our city, and the community. People will likely complain that the new apartments would not be “affordable” enough. Well, as a middle-class millennial, I am much more able to afford a unit in a new apartment building than the \$1.5 million homes in the neighborhood I grew up in. I also believe that dense housing near the metro is the only way to get more people riding the metro. People are more likely to take Metro if they live directly on top of it. More housing also means more people to support local businesses.

Rezoning for more housing near transit is a win for everybody. We have seen new developments in the Fannie Mae building being multiple new grocery stores and many successful restaurants. By contrast, Cleveland Park has successfully fought new development and has suffered the consequences, which many restaurant closures and the shuttering of the historic Uptown Theater. This is a major city, and the goal should growth rather than stagnation. I urge you to listen to the needs of the many rather than the voices of a few self-interested homeowners who oppose change for change’s sake and are concerned about their (already inflated) housing values.