

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a homeowner and resident within 200 feet of the proposed project, I write to express concerns over two aspects of the plan. I appreciate your time and consideration and hope you take these concerns under advisement as you consider how the project at 716 Upshur should proceed.

Firstly, I'm concerned about the number of units proposed by the developers. Petworth is a neighborhood full of families living mostly in single family homes. My wife and I moved to Petworth to start and raise a family in a neighborhood of families. The historic rowhomes of Petworth are best cared for by preserving the character of the neighborhood and maintaining them as single family homes.

Secondly, the proposed project requests the expansion of the home both behind and above the current structure. I am strongly opposed to increasing the height of the building because it will negatively impact the appeal of our historic neighborhood. Not to mention the plans for rear expansion, which will likely set the tone for the entire block as houses are renovated and updated.

For these reasons, I oppose the project as proposed. While we welcome development within our neighborhood, apartment buildings belong on commercial corridors like nearby Georgia Avenue. They do not belong on our neighborhood streets.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Don Morton

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