

1 they're listening a little bit to the people's
2 concerns who live around the block. They've
3 increased parking.

4 I mean, I've seen projects come up,
5 ten stories across from two-story buildings. So,
6 you know, I just want to say that I think it's a
7 reasonable project. I hear my neighbors'
8 concerns. I also hear the concerns of some of my
9 other neighbors. Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. KEANE: Ronald Thompson Jr.

12 MR. THOMPSON: My name is Ronald
13 Thompson Jr. My mother and I were here some time
14 a while ago. We spoke to you, a deputy director,
15 because we were concerned about changes made to
16 the terminology regarding a area, a family at the
17 time, family median income to area median income.

18 And at the time, we believed that AMI
19 and FMI, whichever one you described, it was
20 based on a ward level distinction. Come to find
21 out it's the entire city.

22 Keeping that in mind, you know, in

1 that period of time we've done the math. And the
2 math for working people, contrary to the comments
3 made here tonight, in this community, because
4 I've lived here longer than most of you who've
5 spoken already and likely those of you who will
6 speak after me.

7 Those of you who have opposed this
8 project, I've lived here longer than you. You
9 bought property here when the economy was crap.
10 And you bought housing on a discount. You bought
11 housing on the backs of my mother and my father,
12 my grandmother, my grandparents. You got your
13 homes on discount.

14 Now, for some of you, that may not be
15 the case. You may have bought before the
16 recession. You may have bought after when the
17 market recovered. But nonetheless, you bought on
18 a discount.

19 We don't get to buy on discount. And
20 your opposition to making this project
21 affordable, you take away from my right to do
22 what you did.

1 I lived on 7th Avenue for many years.
2 My mother worked. My father worked. They took
3 care of me. For my mother, she took care of
4 myself and my older brother. I wouldn't say by
5 herself, but she was a single parent in that
6 regard because my parents are not together. But
7 she took care of us.

8 We didn't have holes in our walls.
9 Our walls were white. And we never got a paint
10 job when we left that place after living there
11 for nearly a decade.

12 I lived on 1st Street, you know. We
13 never had holes in our walls. We left and that
14 apartment was in near pristine condition when we
15 left. We had never lived in an apartment where
16 we've destroyed it.

17 My mother makes less than the 50
18 percent AMI. She makes a little bit above the 30
19 percent AMI.

20 And you all have suggested that my
21 mother, myself, who, like I said, we've lived in
22 places for well over, you know, decades. I'm 20,

1 lived in a few places in my 20 years. But where
2 we've lived we know how to keep a property. And
3 we rent. We rented. So let's clarify that.

4 I have people that live in homes that
5 have questions about the Bozzuto project. And
6 they've come to find out that it's hard to
7 afford. And they live in houses.

8 And I walked into -- I had a
9 conversation with a person. They live in a home
10 and that home is beautiful. Carpets are nice.
11 Walls are freshly painted. I have neighbors that
12 have lived in a home 70 years. They're worried
13 about affordability.

14 You talk about affordability in Ward 1
15 and Ward 2 and Ward 3. I worked in Mary Cheh's
16 ward. I worked at Politics and Prose.

17 You talk about affordable housing. Do
18 you know the budget control, I mean, the housing,
19 the rental control law in the District? It only
20 restricts rents or homes built before 1970.

21 The majority, a large number of people
22 that live in Mary Cheh's, Jack Evans', Brianne

1 Nadeau's district live in rent controlled
2 housing. And it's very dense.

3 So I lived here before. I know this
4 city. But I've lived in Ward 8 longer than most
5 of you it seems like, maybe not everybody, but a
6 lot of you, at least the people who have spoken.

7 To sit -- and I'm very upset. But I
8 understand that you heard these voices. But the
9 people I've talked to, you know, they're going to
10 want to have -- this isn't subsidized housing.
11 This is something that you're going to pay a
12 mortgage on. This is something that is yours.
13 This is not rental property. These are condos.
14 It's basic knowledge of what it is and what it
15 isn't.

16 These are people that work every day
17 that have children that are equally concerned
18 when they go to buy a property about the safety
19 of their children. And I live in our community.
20 We have violence. We have the noise. And we
21 discuss it and we talk about it. We talk to our
22 neighbors. I live in Butler Gardens.

1 But I'm very upset that you all
2 reduced the number of units, because, what was
3 it, 52 units isn't that, is not that, it's not
4 that much. On my property we have way more
5 properties than that that aren't accessible like
6 this property that sits on a block that you can
7 walk through that don't have a private courtyard.

8 Have you seen some of the properties?
9 Are you aware of Marbury Plaza? Some of these
10 places you get in and there's one way in and one
11 way out where the police can't even walk the
12 block because of the architecture of the
13 structure.

14 Not only that, but the voices in this
15 room have worked hard to reduce the amount of
16 affordable housing at Reunion Square. But what
17 you didn't do, as you talk about the type of
18 people, low income, which if you replaced it with
19 black and if some of the faces that spoke were
20 white, we'd be telling a very different story.

21 But you didn't work. And I think DHCD
22 should do this when they go forward, to make sure

1 that the contractors that come into these areas -
2 - you talk about Bozzuto and people parking all
3 over the neighborhood. Well, if you made sure
4 that taxpayer dollars went to hiring people in
5 this community, which is again remarks that
6 people that I've spoken to is that they don't
7 want a handout, they want a job. And they want
8 training.

9 Had you all done that with that
10 project, you would have had community support
11 for. And some of this naysay, you wouldn't have
12 had our councilmember out there shutting down the
13 site for a day.

14 But if you had anything -- and what I
15 would agree what comes up with this group, a
16 community benefits agreement or whatever it is
17 that secures real jobs from the day the shovels
18 are put in the ground until the day it's
19 completed, but raising people from the
20 neighborhood. They have a stake. They've built
21 something there.

22 It's like when you go to a barbershop

1 and you're there at that barbershop and you know
2 the barber. You're going to make sure that
3 somebody run up in there if they find them,
4 because that's your barber. You know, if I had
5 that happen, then I'd be concerned. So I would
6 think about that going forward.

7 But the bottom line is this, that DHCD
8 moves in the right direction. Hearing what I
9 heard about this, and you all moved in the right
10 direction without me having to come up here and
11 be angry. I'm not angry at DHCD. I agree with
12 Mr. Theresa, because this is the first time I'm
13 not mad at DHCD. I'm happy with what originally
14 was proposed.

15 But please, please, please don't let a
16 control group of outsiders come in and tell you
17 something that is contrary to the truth. People
18 here want opportunity. A condo is an
19 opportunity. A two-bedroom for a mother with two
20 or three children, that's an opportunity.

21 PARTICIPANT: Three minutes.

22 MR. THOMPSON: And so my bottom line

1 is, you know, if you don't like it, you don't
2 like it. But you all had a lot of time to talk
3 about what it is. I'm the only person that's
4 saying to be in support of the project besides
5 Mr. Theresa.

6 PARTICIPANT: Three minutes.

7 MR. THOMPSON: You all had your time.
8 So the bottom line is is that I ask you please,
9 because I'm going to keep doing this. When you
10 all go down to the offices, I'm going to be there
11 going back to what you want to do, but build as
12 many stories as you want and to bring back the
13 density.

14 But this is not about outsiders. This
15 is not about property values. Nothing that has
16 been said could be further from the truth.

17 MS. LADD: And maybe you could just
18 wrap up.

19 MR. THOMPSON: I'm sorry. But I want
20 you all to consider that, because some of the
21 voices are not here, because usually the minority
22 are the loudest. The minority is always the

1 loudest. Remember that. Thank you.

2 MR. KEANE: Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 MR. KEANE: Levita Mondie.

5 MS. MONDIE: Good evening. I'm Levita
6 Mondie. And I live right at the top of Maple
7 View and High Street. So I'll be right beside
8 this property. And I have lived there for 16, 17
9 years. I don't know if that makes me an
10 outsider, insider. But I have a position on
11 this.

12 So a lot of what I'm going to say is
13 going to echo what my neighbors have said. But
14 I'm going to say it anyway.

15 So one of my concerns has to do with
16 zoning and the fact that the developers are
17 seeking to switch up the zoning. And because we
18 are a dense, the added density, whether it's 52
19 units or 44 units, we oppose DHCD changing the
20 zoning from R3 to RA2.

21 So I just want to say, because I had
22 to educate myself about what these zoning letters

1 and numbers meant, but currently the lot for the
2 proposed project is zoned for R3, which allows
3 for groups of three or more row dwellings mingled
4 with detached dwellings and semi-detached
5 dwellings. The R3 zone is intended to permit
6 attached row houses on small lots.

7 The site of the proposed project is
8 not zoned for RA2, the type of zoning needed for
9 the type of density of a project such as this one
10 being proposed.

11 RA2 zoning would allow for flexibility
12 of design by permitting all types of urban
13 residential development if they conform to the
14 height and density and area requirements
15 established for these districts and permit the
16 construction of those institutional and semi-
17 public buildings that would be compatible with
18 adjoining residential uses and that are excluded
19 from the more restrictive residential zones.

20 The RA2 zone provides for areas
21 developed with predominantly moderate density
22 residential. And again, because we are against

1 the added density of this 52 or 44 unit building,
2 we oppose DHCD changing the zoning from R3 to
3 RA2.

4 And to address the density and the
5 zoning issues that have been raised tonight,
6 several of us in this community would prefer that
7 houses that complement or fit into the fabric of
8 our historic district be entertained as the use
9 for this lot.

10 Another issue which has, again, is
11 density. And so the Department of Housing and
12 Community Development, again, they want to change
13 the zoning to allow for the density.

14 And we know that we have Maple View
15 Flats at the bottom of the hill on Martin Luther
16 King between Maple View and Morris Road. And
17 it's a high-density building. It's less than
18 three blocks down the hill from the proposed
19 project.

20 And many community members fought
21 against Maple View Flats. They wanted the city
22 to preserve and rehab the three historic houses

1 that were once there. And the community was even
2 presented with restoration plans for the houses
3 and the lot. But DHCD went against those plans
4 and built the high-density monstrosity Maple View
5 Flats.

6 And it's an example of housing that
7 disrupts the fabric and the character of the
8 neighborhood and also disrespects the voices of
9 the neighborhood.

10 The affordability issue, what I was
11 going to say about it, I had some stuff here
12 that, now that we've been provided with the
13 revision is not -- I'm not going to say that
14 part.

15 But I will say that the high
16 percentage of affordable units combined with the
17 high condo fees often times results, as Ms.
18 Barbara told us at the front end of this
19 testimony session, it often times results in
20 dysfunctional condo associations. And Ward 8 has
21 its share of those.

22 And condo developments or units that

1 sell for 50 to 75,000 often have bankrupt condo
2 associations behind them. And a dysfunctional
3 condo association will not be able to sustain a
4 building of this density.

5 And this agency is supposed to be
6 about housing and community development. And I
7 think what many of us are interested in is more
8 of the development part, like beyond the housing.

9 How do we balance our concerns or our
10 desire to continue to provide affordable housing
11 in the city but allow for some economic
12 development to happen here so that historic
13 Anacostia, for example, does not remain a food
14 desert? How do we attract a grocery store with
15 quality food? And, you know, how do we attract
16 jobs?

17 How do we attract amenities if we
18 don't balance affordability with market rate, if
19 we don't balance or we don't make the social, we
20 don't increase the diversity as far as social
21 economics are concerned?

22 And I live at the top of the street.

1 And I'm concerned about traffic, and I'm
2 concerned about parking. So Maple View is a
3 short street. It's a narrow street. It's an
4 intimate street. High Street is a one-way
5 street.

6 Several times a day I witness drivers
7 drive up Maple View. They make a U-turn at the
8 top. They go back down all range of speeds.
9 Also several times a day I see vehicles come up
10 the one-way street illegally, High Street. And
11 so we have issues with traffic. And we have
12 issues in terms of safety.

13 I was home on Columbus Day. As a
14 matter of fact, I had to call 9-1-1 about a
15 couple of issues that day. And one of them was
16 about a car that sped around the block multiple
17 times and around the third time actually slammed
18 into someone's car.

19 And so we do have issues around safety
20 as far as what the traffic will exacerbate if we
21 allow this property, this project to go forward.

22 And also, the issue of parking, and I

1 -- it excites us or excites some of us that
2 there's going to be, they revised the parking to
3 be one-to-one. But I, too, am aware of projects
4 where something like this might be said on the
5 front end. And on the back end people have to
6 pay for the parking, and people have other things
7 to do with their money. And so they don't opt to
8 pay for that.

9 So it's -- the parking issues, I don't
10 believe that that's going to necessarily be
11 alleviated by the proposal of one-to-one parking.

12 And I'll just leave it at that. So
13 thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 MR. VASSITER: I'd like to testify,
16 too.

17 MR. KEANE: Yes. What's your name?

18 (Simultaneous speaking.)

19 MR. KEANE: We have one more person
20 who will wish to testify. Please state your
21 name.

22 MR. VASSITER: My name is Dobromir

1 Vassiter. For some reason I don't make it on
2 that list.

3 I am an Anacostia resident. And I've
4 been here for six years. And I don't feel like
5 an outsider since the beginning. And the reason
6 is my wonderful neighbors and this wonderful
7 neighborhood.

8 I would like to thank DHCD for the
9 opportunity to testify. And I'm also glad the
10 developer, he's listened to some of our concerns.
11 I will modify what I wrote because some of the
12 members have changed.

13 I have concerns regarding the proposed
14 development. Firstly, I like that this lot is
15 going to be turned back to use. It's not going
16 to be a vacant lot anymore. Something is going
17 to happen over there. There's going to be a
18 building. I think that's wonderful.

19 And I like that DHCD, all the
20 buildings it owns and all the vacant lots that
21 DHCD has owned is put back to productive use.

22 But I think my concerns about this

1 development, the proposed development, is based
2 on the assumption that the zoning of the lots
3 will be changed. It hasn't changed already. But
4 all the plans and everything is done with the
5 assumption that the zoning could be changed.

6 My other concern is the size of the
7 condominium development and how sustainable this
8 can be. And my third concern is the negative
9 impact the proposed development would have on the
10 quality of life on the current residents and the
11 neighborhoods.

12 The proposed zone changing is based on
13 the comprehensive plan, though it's taken out of
14 context, the area topology existing of the
15 structure to sustain such size of a development,
16 and the current character the neighborhood
17 currently has.

18 For some history, the zoning in Ward 8
19 Anacostia was already changed in the '60s to
20 accommodate all the displaced low-income
21 residents from Southwest urban renewal
22 experiment. This changed the zoning in Ward 8.

1 What once was zoned for single-family house or
2 row houses changed to accommodate the apartment
3 buildings.

4 The comprehensive plan is recommending
5 high density. This has happened already here.
6 When the other neighborhoods fight against high
7 density to preserve the character of the
8 neighborhood, this has been done here already.
9 With the proposed zoning change, it looks like
10 this hasn't been enough and further damage to the
11 fabric of the community is in plan.

12 I would like to use the policy of the
13 comprehensive plan that the development and DHCD
14 is using to change the zoning to show how they're
15 taken completely out of context.

16 Policy LU 213 of the comprehensive
17 plan says conserving, enhancing, and revitalizing
18 neighborhoods.

19 The current development is
20 incompatible with, quote, to protect neighborhood
21 character, preserve historic resources, and
22 restore the environment.

1 Policy LU 141, in field development
2 encroach, in field development, a vacant lot
3 within the city, particularly in areas where
4 there are vacant lots that create gaps in the
5 urban fabric and distract from the character of
6 the commercial and residential street, such
7 developments should complement the established
8 character of the area and should not create sharp
9 changes in the physical development pattern,
10 307.5.

11 The current development creates sharp
12 changes and doesn't complement the established
13 character.

14 Policy LU 132, developments around
15 Metro stations, and Policy LU 133, housing around
16 Metro stations, development adjacent to Metro
17 stations given the reduced necessity of outer
18 ownership and related reduction in household
19 expenses in such locations.

20 And here again, the proposed
21 development is close to the Anacostia station
22 that a topology is not taken in consideration.

1 It's on a hill. I mean, are you going to bring
2 your grocery bags up that hill? Are you going to
3 bike up the hill with your grocery bags? Yes,
4 it's kind of close -- on the map, it looks really
5 close to the Metro station. But you need a car.
6 I mean, and it's not a choice what option. You
7 need a car.

8 So these are just some of the policies
9 that they are using to recommend, I'm sorry, to
10 change the zoning. And I quoted what the policy
11 is and what the reality is. And they're taken
12 completely out of context.

13 And this looks like a complete
14 manipulation to me. They're kind of taking the
15 comprehensive plan out of context, trying to look
16 good. No, this is a complete manipulation.

17 And I don't understand why the zoning
18 should be changed from R3 to RA2. What does it
19 do? One in four units to have parking instead of
20 one per principal unit. Currently, we hear from
21 developer that that's not the reality, so there
22 is no need to change the zoning.

1 The height goes from 40 feet, 3
2 stories to 50 feet, no limit. If you want to be
3 in line with the comprehensive plan, you've got
4 to think the character of the community.

5 I mean, the zoning shouldn't change.
6 And I don't understand how this whole thing is
7 like almost going to happen. It's like the
8 zoning change, it's a done deal.

9 Parking is difficult we all know that.
10 But part of that was taken out of context. We
11 have Good Hope and MLK. These are our commercial
12 corridors and major transportation
13 infrastructures.

14 They're two lanes, two lanes. And
15 part of the day one lane is reserved for parking.
16 That dictates how much development you can have.
17 You already have the PG County commuters. We
18 have the local residents that have to drive to go
19 to work or running errands.

20 You cannot put all the development you
21 want as it's for the street Northwest where you
22 have four lanes or the Navy Yard where you have

1 twice the size of the transportation
2 infrastructure.

3 My other concern is how sustainable
4 the condo association of this size can be.
5 Currently the --

6 MS. LADD: Excuse me, sir, if you
7 could wrap up, you're about seven minutes in.

8 MR. VASSITER: Ma'am, I apologize for
9 that. I've been very patient waiting for your
10 response for 15 houses for two years. Give me
11 two minutes.

12 (Off mic comments.)

13 MS. LADD: Sir, it's still at three
14 minutes, and you've had seven. And so has
15 everybody else. So I try --

16 MR. VASSITER: It's not two years.
17 Okay. I should be consistent.

18 Anyhow, there are currently 29
19 condominiums on the MLS (phonetic) server for
20 under 100,000 or around 50,000. And all of them
21 are in a condominium association that they're
22 either facing bankruptcy or haven't paid utility

1 bills.

2 I believe that it's a high risk if ten
3 percent of somebody's income is going out to HOA
4 fees. I mean, I don't think that's sustainable.

5 Twenty-five percent of the current
6 development is to the people making fifty percent
7 AMI. That means 10 percent of their income
8 before taxes is going to HOA fees, and although
9 we have 50 percent to people making 50 or under
10 or 30 and under.

11 I have serious concerns that this
12 might be one more condominium association facing
13 difficulties.

14 What I recommend is not to change the
15 zoning, scale down the development, and at least
16 50 percent market rate. Thank you, thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. KEANE: The next witness will
19 testify. Ms. Fuller.

20 MS. FULLER: Thank you, everyone for
21 coming out tonight. My name is Greta Fuller,
22 Commissioner ANC 8A06, of which this property

1 presides.

2 I've lived in this community for over
3 18 years. I live less than three doors away from
4 this property. And I think that I have a right
5 to say something about this property. I'm not an
6 outsider.

7 I've lived where there were three
8 buildings that were vacant. And the day that
9 they tore them down, they pulled out bags and
10 bags of illegal guns, shotguns, rifles, I don't
11 know, AK-47s, all kinds of things.

12 We lived with this building for many
13 years. One of my oldest neighbors in the
14 neighborhood still has a bullet hole in her
15 window. I am not saying that this property is
16 going to do the same thing that the three
17 buildings that existed there before would do.

18 I am for affordable housing. I am for
19 people who have low incomes to obtain housing and
20 to own housing. But I am against the
21 oversaturation of affordable and low income in
22 one area.

1 At the bottom of Maple View, we have a
2 building with over 116 units, all affordable. We
3 have 1360-1362 Morris Road, which is less than
4 100 feet from this, all affordable.

5 We have a new building coming and a
6 parking lot between 2100 Martin Luther King, 100
7 percent affordable with over 31 units. We have a
8 project that's earmarked for Chicago and Martin
9 Luther King across from Maple View Flats, 100
10 percent, or, no, I take that back, 85, 90 percent
11 affordable.

12 We have a project that is at the
13 corner of Valley and High Street, transitional
14 housing, all affordable to no income at all. We
15 have Frederick Douglass apartments less than a
16 block away, all affordable.

17 So I'm not against affordable housing.
18 I'm not against a project that has affordable.
19 I'm against the oversaturation.

20 And you can't tell me that every
21 project that has been brought to our community is
22 all affordable. We don't have any market rate.

1 Even the houses that are on vacant land are all
2 affordable. Not one of them is market rate. The
3 four houses taken by the L'Enfant Trust will all
4 be affordable.

5 The house at W and 16th Street,
6 affordable. The house of Mi Casa that will be on
7 15th and V Street will be affordable.

8 DHCD has lost sight of this community
9 and has, and is failing this community. I may be
10 speaking about a lot of things and they may be
11 out of turn because as I sat here and listened I
12 started writing down things.

13 And I want to correct something.
14 Bozzuto does not own the building at Maple View
15 Flats. That building is owned by Tim Chapman of
16 Chapman Development. Bozzuto is only managing
17 that building.

18 I do not want us to lose sight of who
19 the developer of that project is. I heard
20 someone say that we hear some things tonight. As
21 we've seen up here, we heard 52. But when we got
22 here tonight, there was 44 units.

1 I do not trust the government to
2 finish this project as they're presenting it to
3 us today. I find the government to be highly out
4 of line with even having this hearing when no one
5 from the District government even reached out to
6 the ANC to have a meeting about this project and
7 tell us. But instead, we had the developer come
8 and talk about this project.

9 I have a problem when we have a
10 process in the District of Columbia called Our
11 RFP, and which includes communities to come in
12 and talk about what that project should look like
13 in their community. And we were not afford the
14 chance to be a part of the Our RFP process.

15 I have a problem when people say that
16 this wasn't publicized. I walked around myself
17 to every constituent and house in my single
18 member district and put flyers in their mailboxes
19 or somewhere so that they can get it. I had a
20 meeting about a week ago that invited everyone
21 out to listen to all the development.

22 So it was well publicized. I had over

1 100 people come to that meeting. So it isn't
2 that this was not publicized.

3 I want to say that condos will not be
4 for Ward 8 residents. You cannot tell me that
5 the condos that you're building will be for Ward
6 8 residents, because it's against federal law to
7 earmark anything for any resident. These condos
8 could be for Maryland residents or Virginia
9 residents, anybody that qualifies.

10 I know for a fact because I'm number
11 700 on a list for Maple View Flats. When I
12 finally got to speak to someone to get an
13 apartment at Maple View Flats, they told me I was
14 number 700 on the list.

15 So these condos that they are talking
16 about is good for our community or good for our
17 ward or good for our city may not go to someone
18 from any of those. I could move from Texas and
19 meet the guidelines.

20 So all of this affordable is really
21 not for us. But it's being put on us.

22 DHCD has really lost sight. The

1 Department of Housing, the first part of their
2 name, DH, but where is the community development?
3 I think it's really community destruction,
4 because in no way of what they're doing is really
5 bringing us together.

6 The comprehensive plan, they want to
7 say that this is meeting the comprehensive plan.
8 But it has failed us. And you can see it only
9 fits the government when they want it to. It
10 failed us at 1401 22nd Street where a new storage
11 facility is coming. And then the government
12 didn't stand behind us.

13 If they really thought about the
14 comprehensive plan and it meant something, why
15 are we getting a storage facility that could put
16 three times the size of this project on empty
17 land at Anacostia Park to connect people to the
18 park? But they'd rather let a storage facility
19 go there by a private developer?

20 Don't tell me that this comprehensive
21 plan, government, or leadership means well for
22 our community because they don't. They are

1 trying to fit a square peg in a round hole.

2 MS. LADD: Ms. Fuller, we're at seven
3 minutes.

4 MS. FULLER: You are boarding a
5 lawsuit here with the oversaturation of
6 affordable housing in our community. There is a
7 lawsuit that went to the Supreme Court held by
8 Dallas, Texas that said -- and they won. And Mr.
9 Theresa knows this one. They won because there
10 was too much affordable housing in one portion of
11 the city. I will bring that lawsuit out. I will
12 fight for this community.

13 The other thing that I want to say
14 about DHCD, it feels like they've already passed
15 zoning. How dare you bring a project that does
16 not fit RA3? You are already telling us what
17 we're getting by the pictures that's being
18 proposed to us.

19 You haven't even gone through zoning
20 yet. This seems outlandish. And it actually is
21 very inappropriate. If it passes zoning, we know
22 that this is fixed. And we should take a class

1 action lawsuit against this city if zoning passes
2 this project. They should be showing us
3 something that fits into R3 not RA2.

4 And with that, I leave it. You are
5 out of line. And if Zoning passes this, I'm
6 telling you, they've already done it. And this
7 hearing is just something, a box to check that
8 they had a meeting with people in this community.
9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. KEANE: Thank you, everyone, for
12 coming out. Written statements may be submitted
13 this evening or until 4:45 p.m., November 9, 2018
14 and should be addressed to Polly Donaldson,
15 Director, D.C. Department of Housing and
16 Community Development, Attention: PADD, 1800
17 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, S.E., Washington,
18 D.C. 20020. Thank you.

19 MR. RASHAD: Oh, hold on. You haven't
20 answered questions. And you guys didn't -- you
21 haven't presented yourself to answer questions.
22 You only had testimony.

1 MS. LADD: Yes, so officially, this is
2 the point that we take testimony from you. And
3 then the project manager and the development team
4 will come back with any questions that they may
5 have --

6 MR. RASHAD: But, you know, I've been
7 to a couple of these meetings before where you've
8 had, supposedly you can come in and answer
9 questions. And this exact same thing happens all
10 the time.

11 While they're here, they should be
12 able to answer questions that we have. And
13 that's -- I know we can't be here all night. But
14 they should at least be able to answer five or
15 six questions that we have in the community,
16 particular us that live on the street.

17 MS. LADD: I understand. I think we
18 could stay a little bit. But I would like to
19 close the official record.

20 MR. RASHAD: Well, I'm sure. But we
21 still would like to have some questions answered.

22 PARTICIPANT: I have a question.

1 MS. LADD: So, just bear with me,
2 though. So, officially, the mechanism that we
3 have to use by law is that we hold the hearing.
4 We take testimony. And it's not a place for us
5 to respond to questions.

6 I can close the hearing. And then we
7 can answer some of your questions. But by law,
8 I'm actually trying to finish the public hearing
9 so that we can conclude the business on that,
10 with that formal respect.

11 So, Keishon, if you can officially
12 close it and then we can stop recording the
13 conversation. And then we can answer any
14 questions that you or the developers would like
15 to take down. But I leave that to both of you.

16 MR. KEANE: Wonderful. So this
17 concludes the hearing testimony this evening.
18 Thank you.

19 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
20 went off the record at 7:40 p.m.)
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