

Letter of Opposition to the Office of Zoning re. PUD 2704, CZ 21-18

I am an abutting neighbor and have lived in this neighborhood for 20 years. I completely oppose this development. Please take the following quiz which is followed by an answer key. Thank you.

1. In the past 12 months have you referred to anyone that disagreed with you in public as racist?
a. yes b. no c. maybe d. never
2. In the past 12 months have you threatened anyone that brought up valid concerns about a proposed development project with the phrase, “this is it, if not this, you were going to get a homeless shelter”?
a. yes b. no c. maybe d. never
3. In the last 12 months have you hosted anonymous virtual meetings with everyone muted and unable to see participants?
a. yes b. no c. maybe d. never
4. In the last 24 months have you counted the number and amount of affordable housing available or under construction in Ward 4?
a. yes b. no c. maybe d. always
5. Do you live along 14th street, or have you attended any activities at Dance Loft including weddings, raves, parties and performances?
a. Yes b. no c. maybe d. always
6. If a neighborhood group produced a scale model with topographical detail of a proposed development which was found to have correct scaling, would you disregard the finding and call it a fraud?
a. yes b. no c. maybe d. always
7. Have you ever received monies from city officials?
a. yes b. no c. maybe d. always
8. Does random graffiti applied to all the surfaces of alley and building walls raise or lower surrounding home values?
a. Yes b. no c. maybe d. always
9. The mayor has worked to reduce the lanes available to vehicular traffic and reduce parking at residential buildings to incentivize residents to not use cars. Given that traffic now moves more slowly through DC, the buses spew diesel exhaust, the metrorail system is dysfunctional and more people live in DC, does another large residential building contribute to the problem of city pollution levels?
A. yes b. no c. maybe d. always

Answer key:

1. Chris Van Arsdale and Diana Movius have called neighbors attending information sessions “racist” including me when I offered studies that demonstrate some of the problems encountered with urban planning and mixed income level developments.
2. Chris Van Arsdale and Diana Movius have both threatened the “homeless shelter” alternative at open meetings and in private meetings with neighbors.
3. All virtual meetings held by Chris Van Arsdale and Diana Movius have been muted and anonymous to participants.
4. There are 627 affordable units under construction or in the pipeline and 97 units available for rent right now.
5. Chris Van Arsdale lives in Maryland and Diana Movius works as an energy consultant and travels a lot. She lives in DC but not along 14th street. Dance Loft has hosted raves, served alcohol without a license and hasn’t been a good neighbor to the residents that surround the area. Further Dance Loft is a studio rental operation and doesn’t have a serious placement in the cultural arts community of Washington DC. The building is unkempt, not accessible and hasn’t been improved in the 10 years that Diana Movius has rented it for her studio rental business.
6. The scale model cost \$5000.00 to produce on a 3D printer. Chris Van Arsdale said that he’s not able to produce a model because it costs too much.
7. There appears to a very chummy relationship between Mr. Campbell(ANC) and Chris Van Arsdale and Diana Movius.
8. In my research, graffiti reduces the value of surrounding real estate.
9. I believe that one of the unforeseen consequences of the mayor’s extreme position on automobile restriction is higher levels of pollution in residential areas that become major thruways because of lack of road infrastructure. More residents equal more pollution.

Thank you for taking the quiz and reviewing the answer key.

I understand that you don’t usually receive this type of opposition letter. Well, I don’t usually look out my bedroom window and instead of seeing the dome of the Capitol, see multiple sets of eyes peering at me, my family, my home, my parking spaces while the sun is blocked from my garden and the air is full of pollution.

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