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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to reject the tempting quick fix of eliminating R1 & R2 zoning as a means to achieve more affordable housing. The math just does not add up.

If developers are allowed to buy up single family homes and replace them with high-rises (more units = more \$ in their pockets) this will inevitably drive up the cost of the land, and these costs will trickle down to current and future homeowners. Property taxes will soar and this will have the unintended consequence of driving those on fixed incomes and non wealthy retirees from our community. Be careful what you wish for.

This is a de facto give away to large landlords and developers. We have more than enough of that running down on us from DC. Please not here.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lauren Sargent