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Dear Planning Commission,

Hello! I'm writing as a former longtime renter and current longtime homeowner living in the Lower Burns Park neighborhood. Some (not necessarily representative) neighborhood residents (including myself) have been engaged in robust debate about the upzoning proposal, which has included a great deal of information sharing and the like. I myself strongly support the goals of increasing affordability, diversity of residents and housing options, and environmental sustainability, and believe that increasing density could play a valuable role in a larger vision for realizing these aspirations. However, I don't support the upzoning proposal in its current form, because I believe more guides/regulations are needed to ensure that increasing density does, in fact, deliver these social goods— and that, moreover, it does so in a way that minimizes unintended negative consequences. Given this, I respectfully request giving each neighborhood (with residents from across the support spectrum) an opportunity to find some common ground and customize what is now a kind of one-size-fits-all template to address some of the wishes and concerns particular to each community.

Thank you for your time, efforts, and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
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