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Re: Oppose RM1/RM2 zoning to all RM2 medium-density multiple family residential at 1428 7th St E, Parcel Identification Number (PIN) 27.29.22.34.0123

Dear Mike Richardson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the rezoning of 1428 7th St E, Parcel Identification Number (PIN) 27.29.22.34.0123.

I am writing on behalf of Judith Kavanagh and the Estate of John Kavanagh who have owned both a home and land in the community for more than 55+ years.

The Kavanagh's own 6.76 acres of land, more specifically located at 1460 7th St E. with one of parcel identification number 272922340124 adjacent to the proposed rezoning site at 1425 7th St E. Through the years, they have experienced many challenging moments in the community with dumping from local business owners, homeowners and tenants in the same vicinity of the proposed property to rezone.

With these concerns in the community from dumping by business owners, homeowners and tenants of the surrounding properties, I was concerned not to see a Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessments proposal to evaluate environmental issues prior to rezoning. To protect our community, it is important that this information be proposed by our key leaders in the community or included in the document for rezoning.

Another concern was no green space or tree canopy coverage proposal was included with the overall site plan to support rezoning, only open space. It is known that "residential, single-family parcels offer the greatest area for increased canopy cover" and other studies show the inequality in tree coverage for certain lower income communities. Community leaders are the advocate and voice for those who lack the knowledge or understanding of the importance of tree canopy in the community.

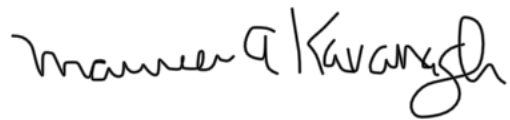
Being part of the community for over 55+ years, the city is struggling to help community homeowners and landowners such as ourselves with dumping by the community on our land, tenants starting fires on our land, adjacent land owners building structures on our property or removing trees without permission, no help with removal of squatters and no community engagement for homeless shelter removal from our private land. Part of building affordable living, is also building the infrastructure to support the community,

and we have not seen an overall redevelopment plan of the entire area to continue to support a one-off development. This poses a bigger loss of property value for the Kavanagh's with no city support to help with trespassing by tenants.

The Kavanagh's are very supportive of affordable housing and understand the shortage in housing for the community. With that being said, the Kavanagh's have already suffered serious property value loss from the surrounding community dumping and without the city infrastructure to support more units in the community, the Kavanagh's oppose rezoning of 272922340123.

Thank you for your consideration and appreciate your review. We are in support of NO CHANGES to the current zoning of 1428 7th St E (272922340123).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maureen A. Kavanagh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maureen Kavanagh