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RE: SUB-ADJ19-02

Dear Ms. Glanz:

We strongly object to the Wren Heights development going forward in Salem Heights.

My family has lived at the above address for four years. Though we don't live directly on Salem Heights, 6th Ave. is a cul-de-sac street and Salem Heights is our only exit route. There are already safety concerns, even with existing traffic volume; such as single narrow lanes, poor sight-lines, inadequate lighting, and heavy pedestrian and bicycle use. And there is further congestion from the daily stop-and-start vehicles for mail delivery, garbage pickup, and school bus stops. You might remember there was a single vehicle accident at the corner of 6th and Salem Heights that knocked over a power pole, leaving our street without power on Labor Day 2017. If you approve the construction of 38 new homes, it will mean chaos for our community.

This project will also require the wholesale removal of many mature trees, including a significant number of protected white oaks. The trees contribute to a unique ambiance that attracted us to settle in this neighborhood. We walk our two large dogs on Salem Heights, and our 11-year old grandson (who lives with us) is an avid bike-rider. Effectively destroying this old growth zone in the middle of the city would be an acute personal loss for us.

We know we speak for all the residents of 6th Avenue, most of whom are longtime residents with deep roots in the community. Our house was built in 1978, and we have neighbors around us who are the original owners of their homes. Many are now elderly and cannot forcefully advocate for themselves. But I assure you, opposition to this development is unanimous.

Please preserve Salem Heights and move to deny the Wren Heights development project.

Sincerely,

Stephen Eichner
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