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Planning Commission
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Dear Planning Commission,

When the change in density request first came to my attention I wrote to the city regarding my feelings on this issue. I am against any changes in the zoning or the density regulations currently in place, as I outlined in my letter (copy enclosed). That initial request was withdrawn. Now I learn that the issue is coming before your commission in a slightly changed format. I am against anything that will change the tenor of this neighborhood, which a large boarding house/ tenement/ apartment building—call it what you want—would do. This is a quiet, family-oriented neighborhood. Any housing, larger than a family home, or small boarding house that conforms to the current rules, would not be in the best interests of the city, or the current residents. Should the Planning Commission allow this it would be telling the residents that their neighborhood is not valued by the city, nor are they, as residents and voters, valued. That would be a shame.

I urge you to deny this request. Please consider us, value us. There are a myriad of avenues open to the group to develop housing for their temporary work staff, without changing the nature of our neighborhood.

Respectfully,

Cristina Staats