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Commission Members and General Public of Westwood:

Thank you for the opportunity to say something. I hope you will have time to consider this, as well as all the ideas you receive.

I must say, first and foremost, that my concerns are much broader than the projected plan of our nice neighbors behind us on 47th Street. It is very hard to talk about this, knowing that they are eager and ready to build a new home on their lot. I am out of town on your meeting date and cannot attend either in person or on the zoom site. My apologies for that.

Second, I have seen so many houses altered radically and/or torn down altogether with varying results in our community. Virtually all of them are larger, naturally, but many so large, they no longer fit the lot, and clearly impinge upon a neighbor or two, both horizontally and vertically.

Third, I am uncomfortable with the crowded feel of many of these lots. Privacy is decreasing, trees are getting cut down and airflow is minimized. This reminds me of bigger cities that have gotten crowded over many years. Perhaps these things do not perturb others but I am a bit saddened.

Fourth, while property values may go up due to the overall size and complexity of the interior, the overall effect may or may not be appropriate. Ballooning property values and thus taxes, may not always be the most desirable. Every house does not have to get bigger to be better. I have lived in this neighborhood since about 1990 and while I like to see all properties in good repair and rentals minimized, everything does not have to get "bigger and better."

In conclusion, I hope you will consider this in the vein in which it is meant. I have no wish to harm our neighbors' plans but certainly am asking the Commission to look at every case on how it affects the block it is on as well the one behind it, as well as Westwood in total.

Sincerely,

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