

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2014 3:07 PM
To: Floreen's Office, Councilmember
Subject: Bethesda zoning

Dear Councilmember Floreen

We are writing to express our views on the future of downtown Bethesda. We live on [REDACTED], near Wisconsin Avenue, in the Sacks subdevelopment; and we're seriously concerned about future traffic and parking problems. As you probably realize, already, long traffic delays are not too surprising; and as we look out on Bradley Boulevard, often not one vacant parking spot is in sight. We're fortunate enough to have a driveway, but getting out of it--or returning to it--is often a tense situation because of the oncoming traffic. Of course, with growth, traffic and parking problems will likely get worse--and eventually might even make the redevelopment of downtown Bethesda less than a success.

Therefore, we want you to know that we're against the proposed density transfer rights for property owners in Sacks. While we could certainly use the money from selling the rights, we don't want to contribute to growth that outpaces the building of supporting infrastructure. Within a few years of the beginning of our marriage, we bought our place here for living rather than for investment, and hope that the neighborhood will remain bearable for as long as possible.

As you may know, the Coalition of Bethesda Communities is also concerned about traffic congestion, as well as other adverse impacts of growth--I have seen their August 20 letter to the Chair of the County Planning Board. If you haven't received a copy, we can forward you one.

We would be pleased if you would reply to this message, and we thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bill Goodman and Barbara Cohn

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