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Dear City Council Member,

My wife, Deborah Angell, and I recently purchased the home which is next door to the Dairy Queen. Obviously, we knew it was there and have no problem with it whatsoever as it is. We and our grandchildren like the DQ.

The DQ property, as you know is zoned as a legal non-conforming use within a residential (R-1) traditional historic neighborhood. Our home was built in 1903.

The DQ owners seek a rezoning change to Business (B-1). We are strongly opposed to this change for several reasons.


- 1.) It is not consistent with Charlotte's Master Plan.
- 2.) It violates Charlotte's Zoning Ordinance (Spot Zoning).
- 3.) The City Council's appointed Planning Commission has already reviewed and voted 8-1 against the change.

A "red flag" should go up when a proposed rezoning is out-of-character with its surrounding uses. If the Council amends the above mentioned Plan or Ordinance in order to rezone these parcels as Business (B-1) it will be viewed as favoritism to provide benefit to a particular property owner to the detriment of the surrounding neighborhood and general land use and public goals. In other words, special treatment for the DQ property owner undermines the pre-existing rights and uses of adjacent property owners and is to their disadvantage.

"Piecemeal" rezoning decisions that are contrary to the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances create a serious and concerning precedence for Charlotte's future.

Sincerely,

Chris Laverty

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris A. Laverty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline.