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Dear City Council Member,

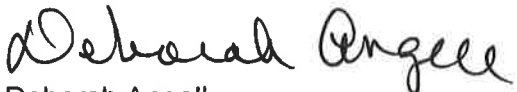
My husband, Chris Laverty, and I recently purchased the home which is next door to the Dairy Queen. Obviously, we knew it was there and have no problem with it whatsoever as it is.

Likewise, the owners of DQ knew at the time of their purchase that it was zoned Residential in this traditional historic area. The owners of DQ have applied to have their 3 parcels rezoned from R-1 Residential to B-1 Business so that they can tear down the existing DQ and build a much larger drive through DQ. This will increase the value of their property to the detriment of our property. This requires amending the Master Plan, the Zoning Ordinance, and contradicts your own appointed Planning Commission who has already voted on the issue (against the zoning change). Moving forward in favor of this rezoning creates a very unwise precedent.

I object to this spot zoning on the grounds that it will cause my home to depreciate in value immediately. We paid \$265,000 for our home. The mortgage company requires that it be insured for its "replacement" value which is \$1.3 million. Just like the owner of Dairy Queen we pay property taxes to the city. My investment should be just as important to the city of Charlotte as that of DQ.

There have been comments on social media that our neighborhood is anti-business. That is simply not true. On the contrary, I would never have moved back to Charlotte without the business amenities that we have locally. I've already found and used a new hair stylist, an electrician, an appliance repairman, an HVAC company, a drugstore, grocery store, lumberyard and hardware. Not to mention the several eateries. I also plan to join Alive.

I've been working on my flower garden in the front yard and have met so many nice people. Charlotte really is a friendly town and I'm glad to be back.


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