

I am a long-time resident of the Argay neighborhood. I've seen many changes in this area over the last 30 years...most of them NOT for the good. We've seen restaurants close, a movie theater shut down, and a big skating rink close.

The biggest and most disturbing change I've seen has been the proliferation of apartments in the area - most of them low income. The reality of this is that apartments create a "revolving door" of transient families that puts a strain on our public schools. All kids deserve access to a good education, but when there is such a high concentration of apartment dwellers vs. single family homes, it produces an impossible situation for educators.

This area does not need more apartments. It's a great area that needs to recover from neglect. I encourage you to come out and check out the neighborhood. Talk to the educators in our elementary schools about 60% classroom turnover and the impact it has on their jobs.

In addition, single family homes are more likely to stimulate economic growth in the area by attracting more retail stores, more restaurants and maybe even some entertainment stuff.

Please consider zoning the areas around the Argay neighborhood single family. We don't need more apartments anywhere near here.

Thank you,  
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