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To Whom It May Concern:

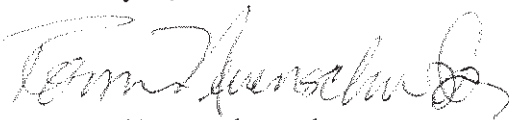
We are homeowners on the block of SE 14<sup>th</sup> and Oak directly North of the properties on SE Stark Street between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenues. I am against the proposal to change the zoning on these properties on Stark Street away from its R1 zoning. These properties and their activities have remained compatible as they are zoned. They abut directly to our zoned R2.5 property. Any change in their zoning will affect our neighborhood negatively.

As a family living in the Buckman neighborhood for over 25 years, we value the community that has grown with us. Our children went to Buckman School, where we continue to volunteer long after their departure. We know all of our neighbors. We mow each other's lawns, celebrate events together, and even weed the roundabouts together. We have a vital community that is getting overrun and squeezed out.

In a one block radius from these properties, I counted 128 apartments in apartment complexes and big buildings. That does not include rental units in official duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes. I think this speaks volumes in regard to the saturation point of transient residents in apartments in a neighborhood, before the neighborhood becomes unstable as a community.

If you value neighborhood communities, do not change the zoning on the Stark Street block between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Retain the R1 zoning on these Stark Street properties.

Thank you,



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