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Dear Planning Commission Members:

I first walked into the Oregon Hill in 2014 and was stunned by the unique character of the neighborhood. This fascination drove me to rent here in 2016 and purchase a home here in the fall of last year.

When I made the purchase, I had hope that its designation as a historic neighborhood would protect it from large changes to its makeup. My hope was that any new buildings/additions would be styled in a way that reflected the home before it or other constructions in the neighborhood.

It has come to my attention that the Richmond300 plan wants to change the density of my neighborhood by labelling the land as mixed use. This would allow large apartment complexes to be built in the heart of the neighborhood, destroying its character and charm. The recent apartments constructed in Oregon Hill on the corner of Cary and Laurel show me this is not just paranoia and developers have no respect for the uniqueness of the area. Changing the land designation will only allow more abominations like this to be built here, destroying a hidden gem of Richmond.

I kindly request that you reject the Richmond300 plan until Oregon Hill is labeled as residential use.

Best regards,

James Askegren

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