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Members of the Reno city council:

While I usually make an effort to attend city council meetings that have some bearing on my home at 1200 Riverside Drive, at this point I see no reason to continue doing so. I fully expect you to rubber-stamp the decision you have already made, i.e., to rezone a small vacant lot at 0 Riverside Drive to allow for the construction of a monster-sized building that overfills the property, fails to provide adequate parking for the number of units, adds to the traffic and parking problems in surrounding streets and alleys, and greatly reduces the livability of our neighborhood.

It's clear that the majority of you made up your minds a long time ago. Why should I sit in that meeting all day only to watch you go through the motions?

Furthermore, the behavior of certain city council members at the meeting I attended on June 12 was deplorable. My city council representative for Ward 1 is Jenny Brekhus, and every time she spoke, she was treated contemptuously by everyone at that table except Ms. Duerr, Ms. Ebert, and Ms. Bryant. The eyerolls, the smirks, the telling glances back and forth, the interruptions while she was trying to speak brought back memories of rude and unruly behavior I have observed in junior high school classes. Ms. Brekhus may have different ideas from your own, and you might not like the way she expresses them; but I have not seen her treat any of you the way you treated her that day and at other times in the past. It is incumbent upon you, as public officials, to behave like grownup people, not spiteful children. And it should not be necessary for a member of the citizenry to remind you of this.

Ms. Brekhus is my elected representative, and when you disrespect her in a city council meeting, you disrespect me. By not allowing her to consult with officials in other city departments, you have already robbed her of the tools she needs to fully represent the citizens of Ward 1. But to add insult to injury by continuing to humiliate her in public goes beyond the pale.

Your very truly,

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