

10-11-2023 - Reno City Council Meeting - Item #I.1

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Public Comment &lt;publiccomment@reno.gov&gt;

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**306 East Taylor Street Multi-family LDC23-00065**

1 message

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Fri, Oct 6, 2023 at 3:44 PM

To: "publiccomment@reno.gov" &lt;publiccomment@reno.gov&gt;, elizabeth delafield spurgeon &lt;edelafielDSPURGEON@gmail.com&gt;

Dear Reno City Council,

I own the property directly across the street, at 303 East Taylor at the corner of Wheeler. I have owned it for over 10 years. I value this neighborhood highly for its charming vintage houses with ample yards, in walking distance of retail. Yes, there are some apartments and some condos, but they do not dominate at present.

I am against making an exception to the law for these investors, for these reasons.

1. If an exception is made to alter the zoning requirements for one, to suit their individual needs, it sets a precedent for others to follow suit, thus changing the fabric of the existing low rise streetscape.
2. The folks from surrounding apartments park in front of my property because they need more space. Zoning regulations are in place precisely to control parking issues, density, quiet and space for neighbors. It seems disrespectful to the other neighbors to allow this infringement.
3. This appeal is not in response to a hardship, but simply to allow these investors to raise the value of their holdings. This comes at a quality of life "expense" to the other neighbors.

As my city council, I ask please, that you simply uphold the law as our Planning and Zoning wrote it, with their thorough knowledge and wisdom of the situation.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Delafield Spurgeon



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| <b>Your Name (First and Last)</b>   | Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins  |
| <b>Council Meeting Date</b>   | Oct 11, 2023   |
| <b>Agenda Item</b>  | I.1  |
| <b>Do you wish to speak in person at the meeting?</b>   | No, written comment only (please submit your comments in the field below)  |
| <b>Your Comment (if you are speaking, it is not necessary to complete this field)</b>   | <p>Given that nowhere in the staff report or the minutes of the planning commission meeting mention any concern about fire safety (or any other safety concern) and that this 8th unit has apparently been in use for the last 20 plus years, it is beyond absurd that the council is even considering denying a variance that would allow for this apartment to continue to be used at a time when Reno is experiencing a housing shortage that City leadership has described as a crisis. Of all the reasons to evict a tenant during a housing shortage, a clerical oversight from the first year of George W. Bush's presidency ranks pretty high on the list of absurd reasons. The council should at the least be open to approving a variance conditional on the fire marshal confirming that this unit does not pose a fire risk. The housing crisis in Reno is too severe to be evicting people over something as petty as zoning mandates.</p> |
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