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Hello and thank you for your hard work on all issues that come before you. I am writing to ask that you please consider limiting multiple housing complexes, specifically high rises, as you develop this aspect of the plan. I purchased a home a year and a half ago in Reston and in one year's time, I experience traffic jams, insufficient parking, and a view that comprises tall multiple residence complexes. I have recently overheard people speaking (that do not live in this area) about how nice Reston was but it is turning into an area of congestion and high rises "like Tysons Corner". Very discouraging for a homeowner that values shopping locally (almost never shop at Reston Town Center anymore due to insufficient parking for the number of people in this area), and is always cognizant of resale value of their home. I purchased this home with the understanding that Reston is committed to green space and community. I believe you lose 'community' when multiple apartment/housing complexes continue to be built and thousands, upon thousands of more people jam into this specific area of land.

In the end, commerce is good, welcoming businesses is good, creating some extra housing (check that off your list, that is done!) for Metro is ok, however there is a line we encourage not to be crossed and that is a line into greed and money instead of the commitment to the people who bought into the Reston green and family philosophy and way of life, purchased homes, and want to make this a real gem of a place to live.

We rely on you all to stay committed to that philosophy as well-you are our decision makers and ultimately speak for us all.

Thank you again for your time and your dedication.

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Sent from my iPad