Buckley Annex Letters Regarding Application 2014I-00012 (G-RH-3 w/waivers)

CB14-0524

From:

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Sent:

Tuesday, June 03, 2014 5:26 PM

To: Cc: Pyle, Michelle A.- Community Planning and Development Planningboard - CPD; Susman, Mary Beth - City Council

Subject:

lowry development

#### Re: Map Amendment 20141-00012

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[Your name and address]Bernie Michalek 6995 east bayaud ave denver , co 80230

Below is further information:

Zoning Application for 6801 E. 1st Avenue (NW Corner Buckley Annex site)

Zoning Application for Single Family Area (7000-7300 E. Archer Place, just north of Park Heights)

Zoning Application for 250 "Rowhouse" type units on Lowry Blvd. and Archer Place

(See page 5 of third application for map covering this zoning application. Goes from Lowry Blvd. down thru center of Buckley Annex to south end. Does not include apartments, Denver Housing Authority portion, mixed-use portions or any commercial, retail areas.)

Previous survey by LUN showed reliance on automobile on Lowry.

From: Sent:

Paul Voilleque [pgv@mindspring.com] Tuesday, June 03, 2014 10:35 PM

To:

Planningboard - CPD

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Subject:

Boulevard One Zoning

We reside in Park Heights and believe that it is crucial for the Board to consider the effects of its actions regarding Boulevard One Zoning on existing neighborhoods, ours and others. The application for 250 row house units on Lowry Boulevard and Archer Place is designated G-RH-3, which requires only one parking space per unit. A visit to Lowry East will demonstrate the inadequacy of 1.5 spaces per unit at the Legends facility and the consequences for the adjacent neighbors. A wavier for the G-RH-3 designation that requires two spaces per unit is needed. This need was recognized, after substantial community input, by the Lowry Redevelopment Authority in (LRA) its initial zoning application. The LRA Board subsequently removed the requested wavier, but it must be reinstated to avoid effectively zoning our Park Heights neighborhood into Parkinglot Heights. This is not guesswork; the example of what happens when adequate parking spaces are not provided is already present in Lowry East. That mistake should not be repeated when zoning Boulevard One.

Thank you for your consideration of the future quality of life in our neighborhood and others that could be affected.

Paul Voilleque 7085 East Bayaud Avenue Denver, CO 80230

From:

Rudy Bioletti [rudob1@yahoo.com] Thursday, May 29, 2014 11:14 AM

Sent: To:

Pyle, Michelle A.- Community Planning and Development

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From:

david dombeck [dombeckd@mac.com] Saturday, May 31, 2014 10:08 AM

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