From: Bill Hunter

To: <u>Planningboard - CPD</u>

Subject: Buckley Annex parking - Map Amendment 20141-00012

**Date:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 8:26:31 AM

#### Hello,

i live in the East Park neighborhood of Lowry and understand there will be a vote regarding parking for the rowhouses that are planned, and that currently the direction is to dismiss the recommendation to increase the requirement of two parking spaces per unit.

I urge you to keep this requirement in place. The LRA and zoning have already acted to blight our community in East Park by their actions at The Legends, and we now have unsafe, overly narrow streets with ~50-80 cars daily parking on our streets in front of single-family homes, as the high density units at The Legends do not have enough parking for their tenants.

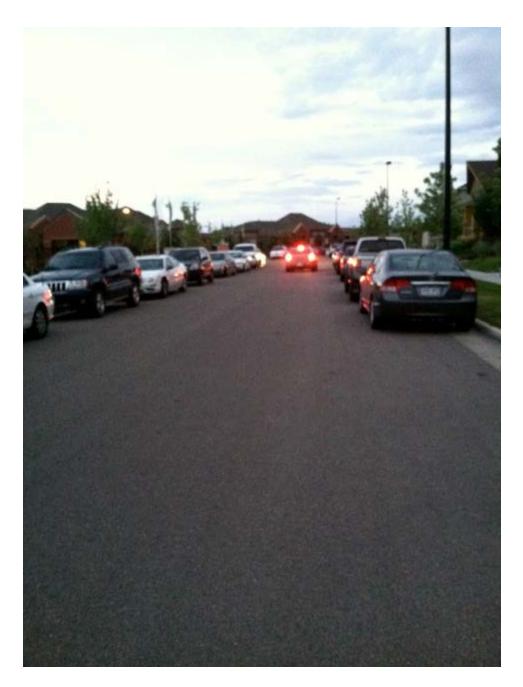
it is an absolute myth to believe that Lowry is a "transit oriented development", bus routes and light rail are not convenient here, and people are not getting rid of their cars, they are parking them all over our neighborhood, making it look congested and cluttered, when it was deliberately designed to be the opposite.

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Please do not allow this again, there is no remedy for residents once the damage is done by your decisions. I urge you to drive through our neighborhood during the early morning and evenings and experience how congested it becomes, and tell me that you really think the parking is adequate, and you hope to see the same in the Buckley Annex.

If you do go forward with minimal parking, then I further urge you to redesign your lovely artist drawings on the <a href="http://lowryredevelopment.org/annex/">http://lowryredevelopment.org/annex/</a> page to look more like the reality you are creating, since this is what you will be doing when you require so little parking.

Just to be clear, not one single car on this street belongs to a single-family home, homes that were designed with alley-loaded garages, but without a care at all, LRA and Denver Zoning have created a mess in East Park they have no intention of remedying. I would hate to see it done a second time at the Buckley Annex.



Bill Hunter
wfhunter@gmail.com

9577 E. 4th Ave. Denver, CO 80230 From: Leslie Stewart

To: Planningboard - CPD

Subject: Lowry Parking Issues

**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 7:35:41 PM

#### To the Planning Board:

## Re: Map Amendment 20141-00012

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Leslie Stewart, M.D. 185 South Poplar Street Denver, CO 80230

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From: Brad

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

 Subject:
 Map Amendment 20141-00012

 Date:
 Wednesday, May 28, 2014 7:50:31 AM

# To the planning board:

I am writing to comment on the three proposed changes in zoning for the Buckley Annex property in the Lowry neighborhood that will come before you on June 4th. Specifically, I request that the Planning Board not adopt Proposed Zone District G-RH-3 in one of the zoning applications unless a condition is put back into the application requiring an increase in required parking spaces to two spaces per unit for anything built in this location.

- The applicable section of the Zoning Code for G-RH-3 only requires one (1) parking space per unit.
- The larger community has spoken out on the need to avoid a repeat of the situation in East Lowry where requiring 1.5 spaces per unit was insufficient at Legends, and continues to cause havoc in the surrounding area due to insufficient parking and possibly illegal concessions granted by the Lowry Redevelopment Authority (LRA).
- The Board of the LRA previously heard parking concerns and voted to include in its initial zoning application a request for this additional parking requirement.
- The LRA Board has now voted to remove this request from the above referenced zoning application because it believed City staff would not support this waiver.
- The LRA Board decided to include a "recommendation" that developers provide two
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transport services are simply insufficient for the neighborhood for this to be a reasonable expectation.

Since this area in the heart of the new development could include up to 250 rowhouses or similar living units, the difference between requiring 500 parking spaces versus 250 (with the overflow going to the street) is significant. **250 potential cars being parked on approximately 12 blocks of residential streets will completely destroy the character and livability of the new and existing surrounding neighborhoods.** 

I ask that the Planning Board listen to the existing community that surrounds Boulevard One. All three applications before you each contain at least three other waivers or conditions requested by the LRA. If the Board determines to apply <u>some</u> requested waivers/conditions, this additional parking condition can be included as well. We are also dismayed that the Board decided to remove this condition after previously voting to include the condition. The LRA has previously overstepped its authority to provide concessions to developers in the neighborhood, greatly diminishing the quality of life in the neighborhood. The neighborhood is justifiably concerned with the Board's fidelity to the neighborhood. The Board's actions continue to indicate that it feels that the developers' desires are more important than the neighborhood's quality of life.

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Thank you for considering the needs of the existing neighborhood while listening to the requested zoning changes.

Thank you, Brad Wellens 7015 E Bayaud Ave Denver, CO 80230 From: Matt Whitcomb

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

 Subject:
 Map Amendment 20141-00012

 Date:
 Tuesday, May 27, 2014 9:56:16 PM

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Matthew Whitcomb - Yes I vote, and have a long memory 7406 East 10th Avenue 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: <u>Don Esstman</u>

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

 Subject:
 Map Amendment 20141-00012

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From: Michelle Sisk

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

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Michelle Sisk 116 S. Poplar Street Denver, CO 80230 720-841-5388 From: Steve Adams

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

 Subject:
 Map Amendment 20141-00012

 Date:
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Steve Adams 110 S. Oneida Street Denver, CO 80230 From: <u>Irit Bean</u>

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Sincerely, Irit Bean 184 S Pontiac St, Denver CO 80230 From: <u>Catherine Esstman</u>

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

Subject: Urgent -- Parking issue to Denver Planning Board

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Catherine and Donald Esstman 225 S Poplar St. Denver, CO 80230 From: <u>Chris Boller</u>

To: <u>Planningboard - CPD</u>

 Subject:
 map amendment 20141-00012

 Date:
 Wednesday, May 28, 2014 4:51:54 AM

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Virginia Boller 210 Yosemite Way Denver, CO 80230 From: <u>Marte Pendley</u>
To: <u>Planningboard - CPD</u>

Subject: Boulevard One Development Parking

Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 11:50:10 AM

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Marte Pendley, Ph.D. 234 Oneida Court Denver, CO 80220 From: <u>Jim Kelly</u>

To: Pyle, Michelle A.- Community Planning and Development
Cc: Susman, Mary Beth - City Council; Planningboard - CPD
Subject: Buckley Annex Proposed Zone District of G-RH-3

**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 3:16:47 PM

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Jim Kelly 7482 E 8th Place Denver, CO 80230 From: French, Jason
To: Planningboard - CPD
Subject: Buckley Annex Rezoning

**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 1:40:20 PM

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## Jason French

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From: <u>Marilee Hegarty</u>
To: <u>Planningboard - CPD</u>

Subject: Fwd: parking issue Denver Planning Board

Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 1:10:45 PM

# Begin forwarded message:

From: Marilee Hegarty < marileekh@comcast.net >

Date: May 27, 2014 12:57:50 PM MDT

To: Michelle.Pyle@denvergov.org, planningboard@denvergov.org

Cc: MaryBeth.Susman@denvergov.org

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

 Subject:
 Map Amendment 20141-00012

 Date:
 Tuesday, May 27, 2014 1:45:15 PM

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Erin Woodruff 453 Alton Way Denver, CO 80230 From: Pat Horgan

To: <a href="mailto:lowryunitedneighborhoods@gmail.com">lowryunitedneighborhoods@gmail.com</a>

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

Subject: RE: Urgent -- Send email on parking issue to Denver Planning Board

**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 12:26:07 PM

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

Importance: High

I sold my townhome in Lowry last year because of the lack of concern and disregard of public input regarding IRG and Buckley by LRA, Denver City Council and Denver zoning. I was concerned if I waited much longer that I would not be able to sell my house once all the redevelopment started! I went to meetings where Marcia Johnson was present and boohooed what the residents had to say What is happening to our local government is sad. They have their own agenda. You deserve an award for taking action as I would be really upset if I still lived in Lowry but you are letting everyone know what is going on and the repercussions if they don't respond. Traffic had gotten so back in Denver and with the addition of IRG and the Buckley Annex development, it is only going to get worse. Monaco and Colorado Boulevard are particularly bad; every day it feels more and more like LA. The fact they are not even taking into account all of the past input from Lowry residents is inexcusable. I worked for Frontier until January and when I went to work in the early mornings around 7am, traffic going west on Alameda was bumper to bumper. Has Michelle ever driven along that corridor or anyone else from the planning board? I don't think so. Traffic is so backed up on Monaco and Florida some days it takes 4 light changes to turn onto Monaco. I can't even begin to imagine what Monaco and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave will look like with 250 townhomes and 1 parking space per unit. Even with 2 parking spaces traffic flow is going to be congested. So, good luck. I hope you get this included in the third zoning application. Regards, Pat Horgan. Address: 1465 S. Kearney St., Denver, CO 80224.

## Pat Horgan Hegge

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"GLOW FROM WITHIN"\_



From: Lowry United Neighborhoods [mailto:lowryunitedneighborhoods@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 10:31 AM

To: Christine O'Connor

Subject: Urgent -- Send email on parking issue to Denver Planning Board

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This email is lengthy so if you only have two minutes, please copy and paste either the entire letter or the last two paragraphs of the letter below, and send your email off to:

Michelle.Pyle@denvergov.org planning.board@denvergov.org MaryBeth.Susman@denvergov.org

<u>Background</u>: There are three separate zoning applications (links at end of email, which include maps embedded in links). These applications do not involve the town center areas of Buckley Annex with five story zoning. The first two applications submitted include two for the single family areas on the NW corner of the site and the SE corner of the site. While not perfect, there is no parking issue involved in these two applications since these are single family homes presumably with onsite parking.

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The hearing at Planning Board will be at **3 pm on Wed. June 4th**, although the agenda is not posted yet. Click <u>here</u> over the next few days to see the agenda when it is posted. Some suggested language follows. Your own words are always preferable, but at this point, what matters most is that you submit something that relates specifically to this application. You can also contact City Planner Michelle Pyle at (720) 865-2934.

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[Your name and address]

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: <u>Linda Mayer</u>

To: <a href="Pyle">Pyle</a>, Michelle A.- Community Planning and Development; Planningboard - CPD; Susman, Mary Beth - City

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Subject: Re-zoning in Boulevard One Developmentt.

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211 Oneida St.

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From: <u>Stephanie L. Creen</u>

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

Subject: Rezoning in Buckley Annex

**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 11:50:41 AM

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Sincerely, Stephanie Creen 470 Yosemite Way (East Park) Denver, CO 80230 From: Gail Hageman

To: Planningboard - CPD

Subject: Zoning Boulevard One

**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 2:46:53 PM

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Fax: 1 866-231-2237

From: <u>Pat and Ron Blumenthal/LaFollette</u>

To: <u>Planningboard - CPD</u>
Subject: Buckley Annex Parking

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950 Niagara St.

Denver, CO 80220

From: Wendy Macklin

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

Subject: Lowry Rezoning

**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 10:45:09 AM

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

Subject: Parking Issues in Lowry | Map Amendment 20141-00012

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Debby Kaufman 180 Roslyn St Unit 1203 Denver CO 80230 303.587.7909 From: Andy Glockner

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

**Subject:** Parking zoning for Buckley Annex/Boulevard One in Lowry

**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 11:13:45 AM

Ms. Susman, Ms. Pyle and others voting on these zoning applications,

I am writing you to strongly encourage the board members to require more parking spaces than are budgeted for the rowhouse portion of the planned development at Buckley Annex.

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Ms. Susman and the LRA board are well aware of what has happened (and remains happening) in East Park. Making the same mistakes again, with foresight available, would be even more inexcusable.

Regards,

Andy Glockner 9600 E. 5th Ave.

From: <u>J Evans</u>

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

Subject: Parking

**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 10:47:27 AM

I am sending this letter partly because I am appalled that all the previous input, meetings, calls and emails will be ignored on this new application

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From: <u>Jo Snell</u>

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

Cc: lowryunitedneighborhoods@gmail.com; dgilboa@mindspring.com

Subject: Proposed Zone District of G-RH-3 Buckley Annex

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To: Planningboard - CPD

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

Cc: <a href="mailto:lowryunitedneighborhoods@gmail.com">lowryunitedneighborhoods@gmail.com</a>; <a href="mailto:Joan Troy">Joan Troy</a>

**Subject:** Zoning for Boulevard One

**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 10:49:17 AM

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Diane Gilboa President, Friends of Lowry East Park Lowry resident From: <u>JoanTroy</u>

To: Pyle, Michelle A.- Community Planning and Development

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Subject: zoning @ LRA

**Date:** Monday, May 26, 2014 9:29:02 PM

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From: Michelle Ku

To: Planningboard - CPD

Subject: Boulevard 1 zoning

**Date:** Saturday, May 31, 2014 5:26:51 PM

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To: <u>Planningboard - CPD</u>
Subject: Boulevard One @ Lowry

**Date:** Saturday, May 31, 2014 12:57:14 PM

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Joan Troy 183 So. Pontiac St From: <u>slgrm@comcast.net</u>

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

Subject: Lowry Amendments

**Date:** Monday, June 02, 2014 6:43:15 PM

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Sherry Graham 303-332-5126 Promenade at Lowry Resident From: Ceuleers Lynn

To: Planningboard - CPD

Subject: Lowry Annex Parking

**Date:** Friday, May 30, 2014 7:25:37 PM

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Sincerely, Lynn Ceuleers 433 Alton Way Denver, CO 80230 From: The Pardos

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

 Subject:
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 Sunday, June 01, 2014 7:55:11 PM

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Mateo and Lisa Pardo 6130 E. Cedar Ave., Denver, CO 80224 From: <u>Kathy Stollar</u>
To: <u>Planningboard - CPD</u>

 Subject:
 Map Amendment 20141-00012

 Date:
 Tuesday, June 03, 2014 11:16:44 AM

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Kathleen Stollar 9660 E. 5th Avenue Denver, CO 80230 From: Kerstin Froyd

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

 Subject:
 Map amendment 20141-00012

 Date:
 Monday, June 02, 2014 4:16:45 PM

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Sincerely, Kerstin and John Froyd 102 S Ulster St Denver,CO 80230 From: Helene Martin

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

Subject: Parking at Buckley Annex

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

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Kristina Hasselkus 9320 E. 4th Place Denver 80230 Sent from my iPhone From: j.breese@comcast.net

To: <a href="Pyle">Pyle</a>, Michelle A.- Community Planning and Development; Planningboard - CPD

Subject: Buckley Annex zoning issues

Date: Friday, May 30, 2014 3:11:23 PM

Attachments: Defects in Buckley Annex GDP.docx
buckley letter blueprint den8.doc

James B. Breese

225 Kearney Street

**Denver, CO 80220** 

May 30, 2014

Dear Members of the Planning Board

I am a resident of Crestmoor Park and am knowledgeable about the entire Buckley Annex project

and its history and development. I have read and studied the letter sent to you by Lowry United

Neighborhoods about the issues now before you and I am in full agreement with it. You should

be aware that residents of surrounding neighborhoods have consistently expressed significant

opposition to this project since it is at odds with the surrounding neighborhoods, which are

valuable areas of stability. There are literally thousands of pages of letters of opposition to this

entire proposal. I urge you, or at least one staff members, to study the history of this project and

read every comment submitted by surrounding neighbors.

According to Denver Traffic studies, Buckley Annex will generate 10,000 **new** daily traffic trips

through our neighborhoods. Its density is a multiple of 3 to 4 times that of surrounding neighborhoods.

A majority of its units will be rental apartments totally at odds with the surrounding area. Its density

is in direct opposition to almost every aspect of Blueprint Denver since it is not located near any

transportation hub. Its proposed 65 foot tall buildings adjacent to Crestmoor Park will degrade

the Park in violation of sound planning principles. I have attached several previous letters I have

written in protest to the Annex. I am frankly appalled at the way our Denver citizens have been

repeatedly ignored throughout this process. We have been told time after time, "Don't worry,

your voice will be heard" at his stage or that, but we have been ignored. I hope you will take

steps to alleviate these impacts through appropriate zoning protections.

Thank you for considering these comments and the attachments.

James B. Breese

# James B. Breese 225 Kearney Street Denver, Colorado 80220

December 28, 2012

Lowry Redevelopment Authority 7290 East First Avenue Denver, CO 80230

Dear Lowry Redevelopment Authority:

I am a resident of Crestmoor Park. While I am a lawyer, I have no expertise in redevelopment projects. I have tried to learn about the GDP process, the purpose of a GDP, and what it should contain. I have found many glaring deficiencies in the GDP for Buckley Annex. I am respectfully asking that it either be withdrawn entirely or that a second GDP that complies with basic requirements be done. At the outset, I want to make it clear that I am appreciative of steps Councilwoman Susman has recently taken to improve the GDP. I am commenting on its present format.

It is very important to recognize that the Buckley Annex GDP is unique in several respects. Therefore there should be different requirements of it than of a typical GDP. First, unlike most GDP's there have been years of planning before the GDP's submission. Second, the developer is now known. Third, the developer has actually been the originator of these plans.

I understand a GDP provides a conceptual plan for integrating the anticipated land uses for a project. It must consider the effect the site will have on "adjacent properties" GDP R 1.2. (I have used this citation for the Rules that apply to a GDP.) It must ensure that public facilities and services such as roads "will have sufficient capacity to serve the proposed development" GPD R 1.2. Most importantly, I also understand that a final GDP "shall be binding upon he applicants . . . and approving City agencies, and shall limit and control the issuance of all zoning permits. . . " GDP rules, (zoning section, page 12, GDPR)

#### The Buckley Annex GDP is deficient in these ways:

1. The GDP lacks sufficient specificity and detail. Although there are many technical defects in the GDP for Buckley Annex, its biggest fault is an utter lack of specificity and detail. For example, eight large parcels such as those across from Crestmoor Park describe extremely broad proposed land uses ranges from "commercial/SF attached/condo/apartment". This would permit construction of anything from a townhome to a 65 foot high (or higher) commercial building anywhere within the parcel and we could do nothing about it.

GDPR 4.2.B. Chart 1 at page 17 states a GDP is required to include a "preliminary concept of uses and ranges of square footage and general locational distribution" and a "parking concept". It should contain a diagram with "density ranges by total square feet, units per acre, people per acre (human density) and floor area ratios, "locations of shared parking, if any" among other things. The Buckley Annex GDP lacks each of these requirements.

GDPR 4.2.B. Chart 2 states a GDP may require inclusion of "proposed development standards (e. g. density, height, bulk, setbacks, open space) etc. This requirement is "triggered" (I assume

required) "if the GDP or a subarea within the GDP is adjacent to an Area of Stability (all surrounding adjacent neighborhoods are areas of stability). The GDP lacks this important requirement.

GDPR 4.2.B. Chart 4 at p. 21, states additional submittal requirements may include zone lots and building pad sites, building locations including setbacks, building area (gross floor area in square feet and floor area ratio), building elevations and materials, building orientation including entries, site parking location, and layout and many other aspects. Again, despite much planning for Buckley Annex, the GDP is silent in these areas.

In reading over the Buckley Annex Redevelopment Plan I noticed that there was initially reluctance to set forth detail within the GDP:

"If a GDP is to be initiated prior to a developer selection, the LRA believes the parameters such as unit count or density are better determined during the zoning process and should not be included in the GDP..." BARD, I.5.

This made some sense, since at the time, the developer was unknown and a new developer would need some flexibility in crafting its own plan. But the developer is now known. It is the LRA. Since the LRA has already thought through and created a plan, there is no reason to omit detail within the GDP. LRA has more knowledge, familiarity, and experience with this plan than any outside developer could rapidly acquire. (Also, there is no danger in including such details within the GDP since minor amendments can easily be made by the developer and only major amendments require a new public review process. GDPR 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

Buckley Annex is a significant and substantial development of over 70 acres being inserted into midst of long established East Denver neighborhoods. Crestmoor Park, Marfair Park, George Washington, and Historic Montclair neighborhoods either adjoin, or are very close to, this proposed development. They will each be affected, as will the new residents of Lowry who were promised a certain product. There is no justification for having a GDP that lacks details and substance. GDP's submitted for other projects have contained details such as those requested above, including estimates of the maximum number of square feet for commercial uses, density of residential units in each parcel, etc.

2. The GDP is not constrained by the Buckley Annex Redevelopment Plan (BARD). At public meetings the LRA sets out its future plans by portraying and describing the Buckley Annex Redevelopment Plan. The GDP states it has

"been created within the guiding principles and framework of the 2008 Buckley Annex Redevelopment Plan . . . Many of the notes . . . [in the GDP}. ..come directly from the Buckley Redevelopment Plan".

While the Buckley plan provides a "guiding principle" for the GDP, it has not been incorporated into the GDP (and cannot be viewed on the GDP website). Most important, because the Buckley Redevelopment plan is merely a "guiding principle", its terms are not legally binding and cannot be enforced. The GDP should expressly incorporate the Buckley Annex Redevelopment Plan if that is intended. Then, and only then, can there can be meaningful public comment. Right now the GDP document is a 12 sheet document that lacks any detail. Approving a GDP without details is akin to signing a blank check.

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Prior to the application, the applicant should include information about "previously approved design guidelines" GDPR 3.2.1.C.4, page 7. Sheet 4 of the GDP states

"Individual parcels will be designed in accordance with the Lowry Design Guidelines and applicable zoning regulations"

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Evidence that public meetings have occurred on the redevelopment proposal must be presented with the application. GDP Rule 3.2.2.A. Until December 11<sup>th</sup>, there had been no public meeting specifically designed to get broad public input for over 5 years. At the last public meeting exclusively held for such a purpose, hundreds of neighbors appeared and there was 90% opposition to the plan. Although major (and many favorable) amendments were thereafter made to heights, mix of uses and density in that plan and there have been significant changes in its character, there have been no broad public meetings held to solicit public comment *on the proposed GDP* until December 11th.

While it is true that there have been numerous Buckley Annex committee meetings on specific topics which the public could attend, these were not held for the purpose of discussing the overall plan *or the GDP*. Most meetings were held on weeknights from 5-6:30 and on weekday mornings from 8:30-10:00, making it difficult for working people to attend.

Finally, regular citizens were also very distressed and suspicious at the timing of the release of the GDP. The 45 day comment period encompassed Thanksgiving, Chanukah, and Christmas, the most distracting time of the year. Again, we are pleased that this comment period has been extended and there will be further public hearings.

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In summary, I urge you to insist upon a GDP that meets legal requirements. I urge LRA to either incorporate, or not incorporate, the Buckley Annex Redevelopment Plan into the GDP. I urge the LRA to either adopt or not adopt the LRA Design Guidelines into the GDP. I urge the LRA to release more results from its traffic study prior to its next draft of the GDP. Then, and only then, can there be meaningful public discussion on the future of Buckley Annex. Only then will there be a document that the LRA, the City and the public can confidently rely upon. Once this is done, there should be other "rounds" held in the GDP process.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

James B. Breese

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December 28, 2012

Lowry Redevelopment Authority 7290 East First Avenue; Denver, CO 80230

Denver Zoning Plan Administrator

Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman

Lowry Redevelopment Authority Board

Re: Buckley Annex GDP

Dear LRA, LRA Board, Denver Zoning Plan Administrator, Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman:

My wife and I have been residents of the neighborhoods surrounding Lowry for twenty five years. We searched for many years to find a suitable home in Crestmoor, seeing it as an area of great stability and quality. We spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to tastefully remodel the home we bought in a manner consistent with the neighborhood's existing architecture. We invested our resources in reliance upon this stability. Others in surrounding neighborhoods, including new Lowry residents, made the same reasoned decision to live in this stable area.

This letter and comment will primarily assert that the Buckley Annex plan is at odds with the overall intent and purpose of Blueprint Denver. As you know, compliance with Blueprint Denver is a prerequisite for any GDP that promotes new development. Blueprint Denver is a document to guide Denver's future redevelopment. Blueprint Denver repeatedly states that areas of stability like our neighborhoods, are to be respected and preserved, and that any development nearby should be consistent with current housing and use patterns. Likewise, the stated goals of the redevelopment Task Force of Buckley Annex state that it should "respect adjacent land uses by mirroring existing land uses." The plan mirrors no existing land use on three of its four sides.

Buckley Annex is surrounded by three neighborhoods that consist almost entirely with detached single family homes. Each of these neighborhoods has densities less than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> the density of that proposed for Buckley Annex. The fourth neighborhood, now Berkshires, has higher

density, but contains no businesses at all. Buckley Annex, with its proposed commercial activity is inconsistent even with the character of Berkshires.

I realize that the Buckley Annex is shown as an "area of change" under Blueprint Denver. Areas of change are generally described as areas of stagnant commercial centers and other "areas where all would agree that the redevelopment would become an asset to and supportive of the surrounding community". But Buckley Annex is atypical of most areas of change, like Stapleton. It is a small area, with little capability to gradually transition from single family homes into dense areas with tall buildings. It is nestled in the midst of areas of stability.

Blueprint Denver encourages "areas of change" to be located to shift development to areas near transportation corridors and to land around major transportation hubs like light rail stations. Unlike many other "areas of change" this area is *not* on a major transportation corridor and is *not* suitable for intensive densities. This redevelopment will increase transportation problems that are already of great concern. Blueprint Denver states that "adding density to areas that are single use, far from transit with a low density street pattern simply adds an equal number of auto trips."

Blueprint Denver states that "forecasted growth is to occur in areas of change where it will be most beneficial and away from areas of stability where it may have negative consequences". Buckley Annex is no such place. This redevelopment is surrounded by areas of stability and will have huge negative consequences to the neighborhoods around it. Areas of change are those "where most people would agree that development or redevelopment would be beneficial." The people in surrounding neighborhoods do not agree the type of development proposed for Buckley Annex would be beneficial.

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Throughout the Buckley Annex planning process those who differed with the plan have repeatedly been reassured that their objections can be raised and will be heard during the GDP process. That is the purpose of public involvement. Many cynically believe this is a "done deal" and the public will have no say in the outcome. I urge you to heed the concerns of the citizens who live nearby and make appropriate changes to the current plans.

Thank you for carefully considering these comments.

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From: <u>Julie P</u>

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

Subject: Boulevard One Parking

**Date:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 9:19:27 PM

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Re: Map Amendment 20141-00012

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Julie Pellet 8082 E. 6th Place Denver 80230 From: danielt.powell@comcast.net
To: Planningboard - CPD
Subject: Buckley Annex zoning

**Date:** Friday, May 30, 2014 12:24:27 PM

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Sincerely, Daniel T. Powell 132 So. Olive Street Denver, CO 80230 From: <u>Brad Nieder M.D.</u>

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

Subject: Buckley Annex

**Date:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 9:56:20 PM

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From: Radleigh@aol.com

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

Subject: Buckley Parking - Imminent Disaster

Date: Thursday, May 29, 2014 10:47:15 AM

To the Planning Board:

Re: Map Amendment 20141-00012

Below you will find specific wording regarding the parking situation currently being debated for the Buckley addition to Lowry. I've included it in order to be assured that I said all the "technically correct" things.

However, here's my laymen's comments regarding this situation: this is a disaster waiting to happen driven solely by greed to build as much living space as possible, without concern for the quality of life in the area. The purpose is to maximize profit without concern for the long term property values of the people who innocently buy a home there without knowing the mess that will eventually fill their streets.

As a past resident of Stapleton, and a current resident of East Park in Lowry I can tell you that I purchased in East Park without knowledge of the parking problems caused by this same sort of shenanigans played with the parking codes. The quality of residency here in East Park is a distinct drop from what I experienced in Stapleton and it's purely due to the parking mess we have here.

As public servants, I am asking you to PLEASE do not repeat this fiasco. It's simply wrong.

Radleigh Valentine 9596 E. 4th Avenue Denver, CO 80230

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From: Kent Lund

To: <u>Planningboard - CPD</u>

Cc: <u>Elizabeth Lund</u>; <u>lowryunitedneighborhoods@gmail.com</u>

Subject: Lowry Boulevard One: "Notices of Rezoning"; Map Amendment 20141-00012; Public Hearing before the Planning

Board on June 4, 2014 @ 3PM

**Date:** Thursday, May 29, 2014 5:05:06 PM

# Ladies and Gentlemen of the Planning Board:

My wife and I own a home, and since 1990 we have been full time residents, in the Lowry Park Heights neighborhood immediately south of the proposed Boulevard One development.

#### I will be brief:

- I urge you to require that each housing/residential unit of whatever kind or type in Boulevard One (i.e., single family home, town home, condominium, apartment, whatever) be required to have at least two parking spaces.
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Respectfully submitted,

Kent J. Lund 203 S. Pontiac Street Denver, CO 80230 From: <u>MacDonald, Elizabeth A.</u>

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

Cc: <u>MacDonald, Elizabeth A.</u>

Subject: Lowry Parking

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Cc: <u>MaryBeth.susman@dnever.org</u>

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From: pgyvgs@aol.com

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

 Subject:
 Map Amendment 20141-00012

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Lee & Peggy McGill 146 S. Poplar Denver, CO From: <u>Larry Halpern</u>

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

 Subject:
 Re: Map Amendment 20141-00012

 Date:
 Thursday, May 29, 2014 2:10:05 PM

# Dear Planning Board:

I am new to the Lowry area and am concerned about the redevelopment happening near our home. It is my understanding that there are three separate applications in place right now. I am concerned on how this will affect the quality of our neighborhood. I would ask that you separate these applications and look at them individually. My concern is related to one of these applications.

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Thank you,

Larry Halpern 210 S. Oneida St.

From: Sarah Arbess

To: Pyle, Michelle A.- Community Planning and Development; marybeth.sussman@denvergov.org; Planningboard -

**CPD** 

**Subject:** parking in lowry

**Date:** Thursday, May 29, 2014 2:09:34 PM

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Re: Map Amendment 20141-00012

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sincerely, Sarah Arbess From: Betchey, Mark Christopher [mailto:mbetchey@informatica.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 5:06 PM **To:** michelle.pyle@denvergov.org

Cc: Monty Force; MaryBeth.Susman@denvergov.org; lowryunitedneighborhoods@gmail.com

Subject: Boulevard One hearing June 4th

Ms. Pyle-

This is an email to express my full support of the zoning before the Planning Board on June 4<sup>th</sup>, unfortunately I will be out of town on business or would be there to offer comments in person.

As a longtime Lowry resident and longtime member of the LRA Board, I am especially proud of the plan that will be in front of you on June 4<sup>th</sup>. It represents the best of what can happen when neighbors and representatives of all the local communities come together in the spirit of compromise and offer comments in good faith. The plan before you represents one of the most exhaustive, comprehensive and thoughtful plans I have seen in my 12 years in Lowry. Quite frankly, I was skeptical that we could create a plan that would blend the concerns of Mayfair, Park Heights, Legacy Lowry and Crestmoor – but this plan does so beautifully.

We, as a board, understand the intent of the relatively new zoning and this plan respects those parameters. We do have some citizens who have concerns over parking and density. We have listened to their concerns very carefully and they are reflected in our plans and indeed will be fully appreciated and incorporated into the final products with more than adequate parking and far less density then some would have wanted. We also have set backs and densities confined to the central core of the project to respect the neighboring views – literally and figuratively!

All my best and thank you for the ongoing support of this wonderful project.

Mark Betchey
Regional Alliance Director
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June 4, 2014

Ms. Julie Underdahl, Chair Denver Planning Board 201 W Colfax, Dept. 205 Denver, CO 80202

RE: Map Amendments #2013I-00051 #2014I-00012 #2014I-00052

Ms. Underdahl:

My family and I have lived in the northwest neighborhood of Lowry for nearly ten years. I served on the Lowry Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors from 2003-2008. I also served as chair of the Buckley Annex Planning Task Force which led the initial community collaboration efforts to prepare and offer a plan to the Air Force which required their approval prior to transfer to the LRA. Over the past 6 years, LRA has worked collaboratively with the Lowry neighbors and surrounding neighborhoods in building on the original plan we presented to the Air Force. The plan as envisioned in 2008 has evolved, the plan has improved, has taken into account considerations and concerns of existing residents and has resulted in the basis by which these map amendments, rezoning applications are being advanced for your consideration today. The applications in many ways mirror the zoning of the surrounding Lowry development, using the updated nomenclature of the 2010 Zoning Code rewrite. The applications have also been able to improve upon the limitations of the previous zoning classification options by providing for the needs and desires of the citizens of Denver in the environments that best suit their lifestyle.

I have had a unique opportunity to watch each quadrant of Lowry develop. I worked for Denver City Council before the base was closed and worked then with the Air Force and the LRA in developing the community outreach process and plan which has made Lowry an example for not only base redevelopment but infill and city development in general.

I marvel when I hear that Lowry is too dense, or life at Lowry has become so onerous because of development. Those arguments were the same arguments made 20 years ago, by the neighborhoods surrounding Lowry, of which have grown and flourished right along with the masterful redevelopment at Lowry. I urge your support along with the support of your colleagues.

Sincerely,

Phil Workman (7523 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Place)

Denver Planning Board 201 W. Colfax Avenue Denver, CO 80202

### To Whom It May Concern:

In 1972, I bought my Crestmoor home at 475 Kearney St. and have continued to live there ever since. At that time the Crestmoor hub was 3rd & Holly. Big Wheel fixed every kid's bike; Aylard's drug store provided ice cream sodas and filled prescriptions; the Texaco station filled our gas tanks; Super Saver fed us; Bob's barber shop cut our hair; and, the book store kept us reading. The Crestmoor hub has been reinvented, however, it does not hold the magic it once had for some of we older Crestmoor natives. Imagine, my delight upon reviewing Lowry's development plan for Boulevard One! At long last, there will be a mixed use development on the edge of Crestmoor Park that has the potential to become a destination for young and old. Like many others I will be able to ride my bike or walk my dog to a hub that provides convenience, necessities, and pleasant interactions. In addition, the design of this project appears to be consistent with the character found in the bordering neighborhoods.

I strongly support the proposed rezoning of Boulevard One and I encourage you to do so as well. The time has come for Denver to expand the urban core in an intelligent and insightful manner.

Sharon Walsh 475 Kearney St. Denver, CO 80220 ----Original Message----

From: Elliott Simonberg [mailto:esimonberg@icloud.com]

Sent: Friday, May 30, 2014 1:24 PM

To: Michelle.Pyle@dengov.org

Cc: Monty Force

Subject: Rezoning at Boulevard One

I am writing this letter in support of the rezoning proposed for the Boulevard One development. As a 12 year resident of Officers' Row Lofts in the Lowry Town Center, I am strongly in favor of creating a vibrant, urban infill community on the site of the former Defense Department accounting center. Mixed uses will create a walkable community in which residential uses will fit well with commercial and other uses. The additional park and other green spaces enhance Lowry's recently developed open spaces. Overall Boulevard One will compliment and expand Lowry's multi use footprint.

The rezoning requested will allow for a mix of well designed single family and multi family residences in keeping with the existing zoning efforts at Lowry. The plan calls for moderate density and a range of dwelling units that will appeal to various urban lifestyles.

Sincerely, Elliott Simonberg Lowry resident and CAC Committee member

Sent from my new iPad

June 1, 2014

Denver Planning Board 201 W Colfax Ave. Denver, CO 80202

Dear Planning Board Members:

I am a business owner and resident in East Denver. I live at 415 Monaco Parkway in the Crestmoor neighborhood. Although I live just outside of Lowry, almost our entire life is spent at Lowry, our children go to school here, our business is here, and we very much enjoy shopping and recreating in Lowry.

On a business level the plan for the Boulevard One is exactly what is needed for this area of the City and Lowry. Density drives activity and amenities for its residents and more opportunities for the surrounding neighborhoods. On a personal level, the proposed mixes, densities and combinations of uses make the value of our lifestyle and property worth more. In my opinion, they saved the best for last as this is the best piece of real estate at Lowry.

I would also like to note that I received an email blast about concern over parking for the proposed single family and townhome development. Just like at my house, I am certain that each of these single-family homes will have at least a two car garage. Further, the townhomes will meet code and Lowry has already said that they will require more parking with their own requirements. There is not a parking problem in Lowry….

Please support of the rezoning applications submitted by LRA which are reflective of the GDP and future sustainability of Lowry and the surrounding neighborhoods. I have attended LRA neighborhood meetings on multiple occasions and fully understand the development plans. I support all three rezoning applications and ask that the Planning Board support as well.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hambrick

415 Monaco Parkway

Denver, CO 80220

From: Chuck Woodward [mailto:chuck.woodward@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2014 2:13 PM **To:** michelle.pyle@denvergov.org

Subject: Letter to the Denver Planning Board regarding the June 4 meeting and the Boulevard One

development

Michelle, would you please share this with the Planning Board members before the meeting on

Wednesday? Sincere thanks, Chuck Woodward

To the members of the Denver Planning Board:

As a Lowry resident since 1998 (at the very beginning of the redevelopment) and as a member of the Design Review committee since 1997, I would like to write in support of the plans for the development of Boulevard One and to this request for waivers on some of the areas. I feel these waivers are necessary to help implement the overall project in these specific locations.

It has been a good learning experience to see the plans and the reality for the residential and commercial areas as the earlier parts of Lowry developed. I believe this final area will be even better for the community and for Denver. The plans have gone through many meetings and modifications including lessening the density and the heights. The final design guidelines will achieve an excellent mix of multi-use for residential and commercial and show consideration for all the adjoining neighborhoods, including housing styles, open space, sustainability, parking concerns and traffic issues. As each new neighborhood developed in Lowry homes have become more energy efficient and achieved greater water conservation. This will be even more apparent at Boulevard One. As a member of the Building and Grounds committee of the Lowry Master Association, I know this is something the community has demonstrated they want. Waivers have been requested as needed and to reflect specific building issues. This has allowed Lowry to develop into an top mixed use community and one that melds well with the surrounding neighborhoods. The current request to the Planning Board fits with earlier waivers that helped make Lowry the cohesive redevelopment it is. I am in complete support for these waivers as they meet the needs of Boulevard One and of the city in those specific areas.

The meetings that have gone on about Boulevard One to this point have been many and varied but there have been good discussions and responses to the concerns and suggestions. This area is an urban, infill community and I think it will prove to be one of the best developments in Denver and the state. As someone that has enjoyed the many parks and walkability at Lowry, I am also very impressed with the plans for this area regarding green space and sustainability. I think Boulevard One will be a top achievement for Denver and a fitting project for this area.

Chuck Woodward

May 31, 2014

Denver Community Planning and Development 201 W Colfax Avenue Denver, Colorado 80202

RE: Rezoning Application(s): 2013I-0051 2013I-00052 2014I-00012

Dear Ms. Pyle, Senior City Planner and Denver Planning Board

I am writing in support of the rezoning applications for the last remaining major parcel at Lowry, known as Boulevard One or formerly known as Buckley Annex. I have followed the redevelopment keenly as a resident of the Lowry Northwest neighborhood and a landlord of another Lowry property.

The redevelopment of Lowry has been a nationwide example and the plans for this final Denver phase is no exception. As a father of 3 small children, it is imperative that the community we choose to live in, Lowry is a sustainable community. The plan being offered by the Lowry Redevelopment Authority for approval by the Denver Planning Board is exactly what is needed to complement on the existing development at Lowry and the surrounding neighborhoods.

I have lived in Mayfair, Montclair and Hilltop as well as Park Hill and have appreciated the uniqueness of each neighborhood. I appreciate the uniqueness of Lowry and the differences offered by the Lowry lifestyle. Lowry is not a suburban neighborhood nor is its goal to be a neighborhood exactly like its surrounding neighbors. I am not the type of person that wants to close the door to prevent others from experiencing Lowry as my family does. I know that each successive neighborhood has learned lessons from what worked and what didn't and will create in Boulevard One the crowning jewel of what Lowry has to offer.

Please add my name to a list of supporters for this rezoning applications identified above.

Sincerely,

Steve Ziegler 803 Uinta Way Denver Planning Board 201 W. Colfax Dept. 2015 Denver, Colorado

#### Planning Board Members:

I am the property owner at 136 Magnolia Street which lies immediately north of the proposed Boulevard One development. I fully support the three proposed rezoning applications being proposed by the Lowry Redevelopment Authority.

I support these applications for a variety of reasons but primarily because of the 13 plus acres of open space and parks that will provide my family with a nearby oasis to enjoy our beautiful Colorado climate. Further, this neighborhood will be providing restaurants, retail and a mix of uses that my family will utilize. I look forward to walking the pedestrian trails, viewing the public art and boutique shopping. Further, I applaud Lowry's commitment to practice green building and energy efficiency standards and their focus on building a development that is consistent with the surrounding neighborhoods. There are numerous examples of sprawling growth and poorly thought out density in Denver, however, Boulevard One is all about smart growth with smart density. I live in a single family home just across 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue from this development. I appreciate how LRA has matched the edges of their site to the neighborhoods surrounding Boulevard One.

Far too often I hear about new developments and projects in Denver that do not reflect the character of the surrounding neighborhood. I strongly believe these three applications not only reflect the character but substantially enhance our neighborhood. Please support the LRA applications (Application 51 and 52 of 2013 & Application 12 of 2014) and help bring this development to fruition.

Thanks very much.

Jason Hansen

136 Magnolia Street

Denver, CO 80220

June 4, 2014

Denver Planning Board Denver Community Planning and Development 201 W Colfax Avenue Denver, Colorado 80202

## Dear Planning Board:

I have been a resident of Lowry for over 8 years and have chosen Lowry as home for my family and the location for my business. I urge your support this afternoon of the rezoning proposals submitted by the Lowry Redevelopment Authority.

I have been impressed by the significant community outreach and careful planning that has gone into making Lowry a model redevelopment project. The underlying zoning will provide the foundation by which the development on the property will occur. These applications are a mere reflection of the GDP, which was a product of the significant community collaboration and a continuation of a great community where we choose to live, learn work and play.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sheryl Gonzalez Lowry Business Owner and Resident Denver Planning Board 201 W Colfax Ave. Denver, CO 80202

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in the Lowry neighborhood with my family for over ten years. First living in Officers Row, and now residing in the NW neighborhood. Our son attends school at Lowry, we enjoy living in Lowry and taking advantage of the all the amenities of a carefully planned community.

Our initial interest in Lowry was sparked when the former base was closed and we watched the Southeast neighborhood being built. Our initial hope was to move into the Southeast neighborhood but those lots were sold out, literally over night. We are fortunate to call the Northwest neighborhood our home as each successive neighborhood has built on the successes of the past and we are anxious to see the development of the last parcel, formerly known as Buckley Annex and now known as Boulevard One.

Previously, this property was occupied by a very large very unattractive government building with a mass of asphalt parking. It will be a great addition to have this land developed and added to the already successful mix of residential, commercial and recreational uses.

My family has chosen to live at Lowry because of its proximity to the center core of the city and the relatively low maintenance lifestyle. We like living in a city and not a suburb and our planning should reflect that preference.

I request your support of the 3 rezoning applications presented to you today and supported by city staff. It is time to finish Lowry with the best of the best.

Thank you for your sincere consideration.

Sincerely,

Elaine Torres

7523 E 8th PL

Denver, CO 80230

Denver Planning Board 201 W Colfax, Dept. 205 Denver, CO 80202

To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I recently purchased a home at 464 Poplar Street. We are located in what is called the Mayfair Park neighborhood; however, we refer to it as Lowry Far West Park. Our kids attend school in Lowry, we frequent the area businesses and we are fully entrenched in our wonderful neighborhood. We have chosen to live in this area because our mature neighborhood has emerged and increased in desirability along with and because of the Lowry redevelopment.

I sell residential real estate and I have watched each area of Lowry develop. Lowry is remarkably unique and has its own individual intrinsic quality not often found in infill development. The LRA in conjunction with an extensive neighborhood process has provided the overall planning that has created this quality— and I fully support the 3 rezonings submitted for your consideration.

Boulevard One provides an opportunity to "finish" Lowry. The plan has a great mix of residential and commercial uses. I hear so often in my work, that more density as well as commercial and retail is needed on Lowry. I look forward to supporting the new businesses. Although we live in a single-family home, we have chosen to live in the city and want density in our city rather than sprawl in our neighboring cities. In previous life, I lived in Henderson, Colorado and there is no comparison to the quality of life offered in a truly thoughtful residential community with urban commercial amenities.

For all the foregoing reasons, I would urge the Denver Planning Board to support the rezoning applications. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Maria Patabendi

(464 Poplar Street Denver, CO 80220)

### Pyle, Michelle A.- Community Planning and Development

From: Michalek Patty 720 933 9241 [pattymichalek@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 03, 2014 5:26 PM

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

**Subject:** lowry development

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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.

### Pyle, Michelle A.- Community Planning and Development

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

To: Planningboard - CPD

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

**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