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To the City Council and Planning Committee

I am submitting my support to the rezoning of Dunfell, Duncliffe and Garry Street. There are several reasons this application should be approved.

The first reason is for neighborhood consistency. Rezoning has occurred all around my house while leaving some homes out. I have lived in the Duncliffe area for 11 years and during this time rezoning has occurred behind me on Railway, ahead of me on Dunford and beside me on Duncliffe and Dunfell. Although I was apprehensive at first of this development, it has significantly improved the entire area. The old, run down homes have been replaced with two new, well kept homes. These new homes are well suited to the character of the area.

On Garry Street, the same can be said for the new homes on the corner of Garry and Railway. The house that was torn down was an eye sore. There are still some older, run down houses on Garry that when replaced with newer homes will improve the look of the entire area. I also feel that the residents of Garry Street have had huge changes to the traffic flow from the Windjammer area, McMath high school and the Dunford development and to not afford them the opportunity to subdivide would be extremely unfair.

It was disturbing to me that the residents of the Windjammer area would sign a petition to oppose this development because I am sure had the Garry street residents caused a fuss when their subdivision was being planned they might not have the community they currently have. Also, I did notice that no one from this area was concerned enough to come to the Planning Committee meeting and therefore was shocked when the committee did not even recommend that this be forwarded to Public Hearing. At the very least these issues should be dealt with in a public forum.

Because I have a young family I am concerned about the traffic speed along Garry Street. I think speed countermeasures should be changed to be made more effective. This, however, is no reason to deny this application. The speed problem has been apparent since McMath school opened.

Yesterday I talked to most of the residents that live on Dunfell backing onto Garry and all of them also support the application to subdivide both areas. Again these will be the people most affected by the change.

Yours truly,

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