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Sent: June 7, 2024 7:58 AM
To: Legislative Services email
Subject: Proposed changes to 1011 Fort St

I am writing to formally express my opposition to the proposed zoning change for the property at 1011 Fort St, from the CA-42 Zone, Harris Green Commercial District, to the CA-96 Zone, Meares Street Residential District. The proposed amendment would permit residential use on a portion of the first storey.

As a resident and stakeholder in this community, I believe that this change would not be in the best interest of our neighborhood for several reasons:

1. ****Impact on Commercial Vitality****: The current zoning, which prioritizes commercial use, helps maintain the vibrancy and economic health of the Harris Green area. Introducing residential use on the first storey may reduce the commercial space available, negatively impacting local businesses and the overall commercial atmosphere.
2. ****Community Character****: The Harris Green Commercial District has a distinct character that could be compromised by this change. The mixed-use nature of the area is one of its strengths, providing a balance between residential and commercial activities. Changing the zoning to allow more residential use could disrupt this balance.
3. ****Precedent for Future Changes****: Approving this zoning change might set a precedent for similar requests in the future, potentially leading to a gradual erosion of the commercial district. It is crucial to consider the long-term implications and ensure that any changes support the strategic vision for our community.

In conclusion, I urge the city to reconsider this zoning change proposal. Maintaining the current CA-42 zoning is essential for preserving the commercial integrity and unique character of the Harris Green area. I appreciate your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

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