# HEIGHT IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT STAKEHOLDERS' FEEDBACK SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

## **Stakeholder Participants Feedback**

\*#'s in parentheses denotes the number of dots placed next to a particular topic.

- (15) Currently There Is No Maximum Heights and/or No Maximum Heights Needed
- (15) Scale Should Be Relative To Neighborhood
  - Be Aware Of Nearby Zoning
- (10) Factor In All Ordinances
- (6) The Character Of A Neighborhoods Should Be Taken Into Account
- (5) Buildings Shadow Regulations Should Be Strengthen
- (5) For Major Corridors There Should Be Different Height Regulations
- (4) Density Needs To Be Balanced With Height
- (3) Institutional Uses Should Have Different Requirements
- (3) The Ratios Need Revising
  - Setback-Proportional To Height
- (1) Should Not Just Consider Adjacent/Abutting Properties But Also Proximity To Other Residences.
- (2) The Exceptions To Heights Regulations Should Be Revised
- (2) Street Widths Should Be Taken Into Consideration
- (2) There Should Be Different Heights For Multi-Family & Single-Family
- (2) The Value Of A Property Should Not Be Considered
- (1) Affordability Of A Property Should Not Be Considered
- (1) Light And Air Health Effects Should Be Considered
- (1) There Should Be Some Transitions For Different Uses and Districts
  - Higher Heights Allowed
- (1) Development Near Transit Corridors Should Have Different Regulations
- (1) Need to Considered Sustainability And Carbon Footprint

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#### **ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

#### Group #1

Too Much Height For Some Residential

MUDD Zoning (Selwyn Avenue)

Living Next To Commercial Should Expect Greater Heights

Shouldn't Allow Anything to Exceed Regulate Elevator Shafts and Mechanicals Equipment

Consider Scale Of Neighbor When Looking At Height Regulations

Consider Street Width

Study Building Heights For Older Developments

City Has Grown And Is Changing – New Population

"Human Scale"

**Wedding Cake** 

Might Want To Combine With Shadow Casting

Need To More Strongly Consider Shadows and Strengthening Ordinance

Need To Make Sure Regulations Allow Some Developments To Occur

Factor In All Ordinances Post Construction Control Ordinance (PCCO), Urban Street Design

(USDG)Guidelines, Tree Ordinance

Need Balance Between All Interests

Change In Interpretation of Height/Yards Is Good (Especially For McMansions)Some Not So Sure

Want Pictures Of Plans Of What "Caused" Process

#### Group #2

Proximity Of The Buildings To Single Family (Not Abutting Or Adjacent)

No Cap On Height

Character Of Neighborhood (Established Based On Criteria To Define Neighborhood)

Setback Distance Proportional To Height Of Building

Height Restrictions May Affect Affordability By Reducing Density

Light And Air, Health Effects

1' To 1' And 1' To 2' Increase Is Not Adequate Abutting Or Adjacent To Single Family

Step Back (TOD) Between Different Residential Districts

Institutional Uses?

### Group #3

**Greater Good Vs Individual Rights** 

To What Extent Should The "Greater Good" Be Considered Regarding Traffic, Carbon Footprint

Will Increased Heights Be Paired With Increased Buffering

Measure In Stories, Total Feet In Building

Different Type Of Height Limits For Multifamily Districts And Single Family Districts

Ok Major Corridors - Height Requirements Different

**Transitions From Different Uses And Zonings** 

Should There Be Allowance For Different Zoning

When Abutting Single Family Residential Uses Greater Height Exceptions May Not Apply

Reducing The Height May Create Existing Non-Conforming Structures

Size Of Roads Makes A Difference In Districts

Transit – Consider Ok To Increase Height Requirements

Sustainability Takes In Consideration Density And Carbon Footprint

"One Size Fit" All Solution

The Use Of The Building Should Be Considered When Adjacent Or Abutting