

June 6, 2020

Mr. Joel Dock
Louisville Planning Commission
444 S. 5th Street, Suite 300
Louisville, Ky 40202

Re: Case# 19-Zone-0032

Dear Mr. Dock:

I am writing to request that the rezoning request for the property at 1316 Bellwood Avenue 40204 be denied. I am the property owner/occupant of the adjacent property at 1314 Bellwood Avenue 40204.

The property was advertised for sale as a single family dwelling with an in-law suite. This suite was never rented out. It was used by the former owner's sister and later by her son.

The new owner converted the property to a two-family within ten days of closing by adding a separate entrance, utility meters and having a tenant in place.

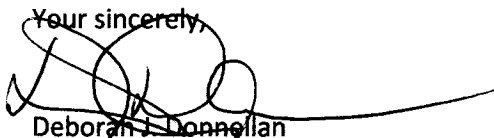
The new owner is a lawyer with other rental properties in Louisville, and her late mother was a real estate agent. They knew precisely what they were doing. They were operating on the 'better to ask forgiveness than permission' principle. There was no lack of 'due diligence', as the new owner has claimed.

The new owner also says that there are not enough rental properties for senior citizens in this neighborhood. Even if this were true, something for which she has provided no evidence, this property is not and could not be accessible to seniors using wheelchairs, walkers, or even canes. The stairs are too high and the yard too small to add a ramp (which I have at my house). You would need to add an elevator. And the second floor 'unit' is even less accessible.

At the end of the last meeting on February 24, 2020, Mr. Joel Dock stopped to speak to the new owner and asked her to wait while he pushed my son's wheelchair down the ramp. At the bottom of the ramp, he told me that I should accept progress and stop fighting this. He then went back upstairs to talk to the new owner.

Forgive my cynicism, but I am 73 years old, and have seen a lot of politics in my life, so I am sure that this letter will be put aside and ignored, and the zoning change will go through. That's politics, and I get it, but it still makes me angry when people get away with breaking the law.

Your sincerely,



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