

As a resident of Kemp Mill, I oppose the UBC plan and urge the council to do the same. Many people in this community as well as in surrounding communities oppose the UBC plan and yet many council members seem to want to go ahead and approve of this plan. Our region is plagued with terrible traffic. My husband works in Tysons Corner, and our children attend a private school in Aspen Hill. We chose to live in Kemp Mill because of the strong Jewish community. As Orthodox Jews we need to live within walking distance of a synagogue, which Kemp Mill is blessed to have many. We have a kosher supermarket and a few restaurants all within walking distance. My husband leaves for work by 7am and usually waits until after 7pm to return home to avoid the heaviest traffic. Taking public transportation would make my husband's commute even longer. Adding more housing density in our types of neighborhoods will make the congestion worse. There are times when one of the main artery roads out of Kemp Mill is blocked. Kemp Mill Road is an outlet to Randolph and Arcola leads to University Blvd. or Georgia Ave., depending on the direction. Since we've lived here, there have been numerous occasions when one of these artery roads is closed. There have been many times when a downed tree or wire cut off Kemp Mill Road in both directions thus preventing access to Randolph Road. An accident anywhere on Arcola will at times require both sides of the street to be closed. Dense housing will add more cars to these streets that have problems anytime there is a storm or accident. Supporting this plan is supporting developers and not the citizens who count on the council to represent them.

Thank you,

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