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Zoning for 1800 Block Preuss Road

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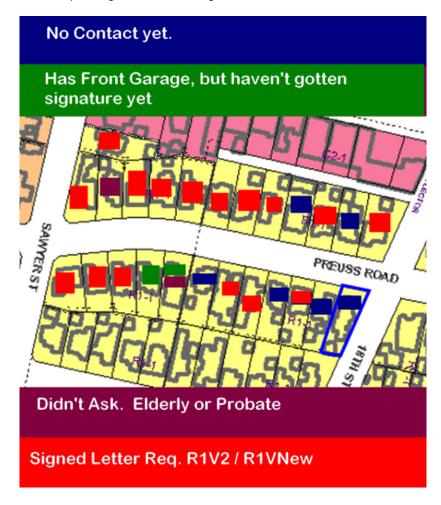
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HI Elizabeth,

I would like to chat before the Tuesday Plum meeting and confirm that we will have the support of Council President Wesson in recommending to PLUM that 1800 block of Preuss is zoned R1V2(formerly R1Vnew). As we have discussed, the topography and original design of the homes on our block make R1R2RG completely inappropriate for our block. As you can see from the attached letter and map, we have almost universal buyin from the residents of our block requesting the R1V2 zoning.

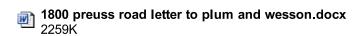


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RE: R1 RV2 zoning for 1800 Preuss and Crestview CD10

Dear Councilman,

We, Crestview CD10 residents and homeowners, are urging you, our councilman, to designate R1V2 (formerly R1 VNew) zoning for the 1800 Block of Preuss Road in Crestview CD10.

We are very strongly opposed to the proposed zoning of R1R2RG for our block and request R1V2 zoning instead.

We respectfully request that the city assign to our block the zoning designation most appropriate for the topography and the original design of our homes. Specifically we request that our block be designated R1V2 (formerly R1 VNew) which restricts homes to 55% of the lot size, but allows placement of the garage at front or rear.

We oppose the RG zoning which required rear garages/detached garages for our block. Our block was originally constructed with many front facing, attached garages. It is a prevalent style of homes here. I have attached pictures of 9 homes on my block of 1800 Preuss which were constructed in the 1920-1940s with front garages. This is 50% of the single family homes on our block.

We are very opposed to the R1R2RG zoning which limits homes to 35-45% size limitation which further penalizes us for having attached garages and decks. Our homes were constructed into the crest of the hill which gives Crestview its name. We are on narrow lots, with front garages and decks. Homes on our block are similar in scale to the Beverlywood homes a block west of us which is being recommended for R1-V2 zoning. The proposed zoning of R1R2RG is completely inappropriate for our lots and our homes. Many of our homes are already in violation of the R1R2RG limits and would be unfairly and severely constrained by the R1R2RG designation. Because our homes could never be brought to code, these designations would make refinancing or homes or selling our homes very difficult, and remodeling them close to impossible.

We understand, and fully support, the drive to put in place zoning rules to preserve the integrity of neighborhoods. In our case R1V-New is the designation that most clearly reflects the original design of homes on our block.

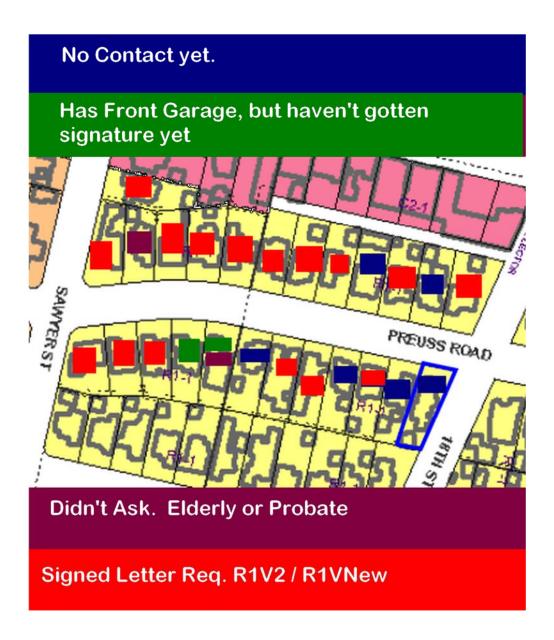
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The SORO neighborhood council agrees, and is recommending a specific line item requesting that 1800 Preuss specifically be zoned R1V2 rather than r1r2rg.

There are 24 homes on our block. Of those 24, 3 are rentals and one is unoccupied. Of the 20 owner occupied homes, 15 have signed letters requesting the R1V2 (Vnew) zoning.

We would request this courtesy for our block of 1800 Preuss and our neighbor Barry Polterak – the lone R1 zoned home at 8915 Sawyer adjoining our block. Our homes were designed with attached garages, and front facing garages, and our zoning should reflect that original design necessity.

We appeal to you and your team for help in this matter. Please don't abandon us. We are your neighbors, and your constituents.



Homes on 1800 block of Preuss Road in Crestview CD10 which were built with front facing attached garages and decks.

















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Name: Elgina Laver Address: 1826 Preuss Rd. LA 90035

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