

## Letters to the Editor

Regarding the proposed development for the Arden Wood property in the West Portal neighborhood. I am a resident of West Portal and am one of four generations of my family who have resided here.

As there is no mention that this is a paid advertisement, I must assume it is not, but throughout this article it reads as a flowing endorsement of this development.

On Thursday November 1, I attended a community meeting at St. Cecilia's Parish Hall. That evening there was a standing room only crowd in this large hall of neighbors from throughout West Portal. The comments rendered and the applause from this crowd in reaction to the statements of the neighbors were bolstered along with presentations made by an ad-hoc group of concerned neighborhood citizens. This suggested to me and I would say all there, that there is significant opposition throughout West Portal by neighborhood residents to this project.

On page six the author quotes developer Mendelsohn as saying that these will be "mid rise" towers and "only" 160 units. Facts stated by Mendelsohn on November 1 included the possibility that he would build up to 190 units and would have two towers; 13 and 6 stories respectively. Right now zoning is 40 feet. Thirteen stories verses 40 feet seems to overwhelm calling this a "mid rise" option.

There are options beyond cutting all the trees down and building hundreds of condos in buildings hundreds of feet tall though it sounds like Mr. Mendelshon does not want other options to be discussed.

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*Note from Editor - see the front page story, hope this provides the balance, sorry we could not find an opponent at the time we went to press.*