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Honorable Mayor and City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission,

Pride and love for our neighborhood are characteristics that we share as residents whose homes immediately surround the Killian/RCG Development Group (Boston) proposal for Charlotte Street. Many of us purchased properties deeply in need of repair, renovation and ongoing maintenance. We have respectfully made significant investment of time and resources in reviving, nurturing, and maintaining these historic structures and their grounds.

Many of us have participated in formulating the vision and implementation of City zoning to guide and protect the future of our Charlotte Street corridor and surrounding neighborhoods. We understood that this blueprint for our neighborhood's future was and continues to be mutually agreed upon by Asheville City government and the affected local residents.

We support development along the Charlotte Street corridor consistent with these plans, such as the recent Charlotte Street "road diet", which has been met with resounding enthusiasm.

The Killian/RCG proposal does NOT fit the scale, size, scope or density of the existing zoning/vision/development plan. It has been met with growing concern and opposition throughout the entire city.

We do not support the demolition of 13 historic homes, removal of mature trees, loss of green space between houses, addition of hundreds of motor vehicles, construction of five-story commercial and residential buildings and towering parking garage that would be severely dissonant with our neighborhood.

Granting conditional zoning to demolish an existing neighborhood, as the Killian/RCG project would require, is wrong and nullifies many years of collaboration between our neighborhood and the city. We have an agreement— let's honor it.

The City of Asheville leadership has committed to balancing development, affordable housing and historic preservation as the cornerstone to successful growth of our unique and historically relevant city. The Killian group has for many years willfully neglected the upkeep of the historic properties that they now claim it necessary to demolish. To be rewarded with approval for an out-of-scale development project is inconsistent with this commitment to our community and sets an alarming precedent for our city's future.

Please honor and value our neighborhood by declining this project.

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