

**McKownville Improvement Association  
Founded 1924**

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To preserve our neighborhood McKownville neighbors testified at two recent Albany City Common Council meetings. We asked that Loughlin Street-Sandidge Way not be rezoned.

Dawn Homes/Columbia requested the Common Council to rezone Loughlin to permit construction of 173 apartments (250 bedrooms) and 303 parking spaces. Presently there are 11 homes on Loughlin. It is next to NanoTech (SUNY POLY), across from the Jewish Cemeteries and near the roundabout on Fuller.

Why are your neighbors\* opposed to the rezoning of Loughlin Street and the construction of 6 apartment buildings (with 4 or 5 floors)? Read the summary of their reasons below. If you generally agree, sign this page and mail it to: Honorable Carolyn McLaughlin, 76 Grandview Terrace, Albany, NY 12202. Carolyn is the president of the Albany City Common Council. Alternatively, you could drop it off at Helen Bickmore's home #6 Warren St and she will deliver it to the Albany Common Council president.

**Your neighbors are opposed to the rezoning because:**

The increased number of left turns in and out of Sandidge-Loughlin will be dangerous for all drivers using Fuller. Fuller Road will become a more dangerous street to drive, walk, and bike.

Our neighborhood has a very high water table. The flooding of our homes is awful. It will worsen with the construction of 6 buildings and 303 parking spaces.

The present buffer between SUNY Poly and the two homes on Fuller that are in the city and the other homes on Fuller and the homes on Warren, Mercer and Providence will be eliminated.

Damage to the three Jewish cemeteries on Fuller will become worse.

The pollution caused by increased traffic, destruction of the 11 homes and construction of the 173 apartments will further harm the area.

The street was recently renamed by the Albany Common Council to honor Teresa Sandidge. As an African-American she fought in the 1960's to buy a home at 7 Loughlin. She was the first African American president of the Albany School Parents Teachers Association.

The high-rise dwellings are inappropriate for the neighborhood with its one and two floor homes. The high density (173 apartments on 5 acre) is usually found only in center city locations.

There is the possibility that the 6 apartment buildings will be purchased by SUNY Poly (for use as a dorm). The City would then receive zero property tax receipts from the project.

The developer has indicated that a property tax exemption will be requested for the project, making it nearly guaranteed that the City will spend more to service the apartments than it will receive in added property tax revenues.

The owner (Columbia) is under investigation by the federal district attorney and the state attorney general for the process that led to their purchasing the homes on Loughlin.

**In addition, you could attend the Albany County Planning Board meeting at 3:30 on Thursday July 21, 2016 where the rezoning will be discussed. The meeting will be held at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville.**

\*Don Reeb, Helen Bickmore, Richard Goldstein, Mike Lawler, Carol Waterman, Judy Kavaney, Jill Messner