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I hereby officially protest the change in zoning from the RT-4 Residential Two-Flat, Townhouse and Multi-Unit District to the B2-3 Neighborhood Mixed Use District for the property at 3627-3633 N. Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, IL 60613; ordinance # 02024-009617.

I am the owner of 3636 N WILTON AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60613. My property is adjacent (via the alley way) to the properties of the zoning application.

I've lived in the neighborhood 8 years now and the reason why I moved here was 3-fold: I absolutely love the charm and aesthetic of the neighborhood; I am a die-hard Cubs fan and I founded my own company 2 blocks north of the stadium. What makes Wrigley unique is its history and its place in the neighborhood. No other place in the world is like Wrigleyville and I feel this approval is step 1 in what will be a snowball effect of demolishing old, historic residential buildings to maximize earning potential of the greedy owners who do not live here and call this area home.

Not only will a 29-unit building be an eyesore to "The Friendly Confines", but it will also be deleting a part of Wrigley Field's historical backdrop – especially the EAMUS CATULI and TORCO sign building. The owners of these buildings are "coming together" to get revenge on monetary losses and are only interested in their financial gain. I understand its proximity to public transportation and maximizing dwelling units is beneficial to many communities, but I'd argue not here. None of the new construction in the neighborhood has been received well and has had success. The demand for MORE residential properties does not exist here.

I ask that you please consider choosing preserving these old, but beautiful building that make Wrigleyville so unique instead of looking at these buildings as profit maximizers. This will upset Cubs fans all over the country who have recognized and familiarized these specific buildings as a part of Wrigley Fields story.

Respectfully submitted,

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