
Fwd: Thank you and suggestion

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For the Munjoy Hill file.

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Your presentation of March 24 is very, very helpful to the discussion about what is occurring on the Hill. Thank you.

I would like to suggest additional data that I think should be included: the replacement of rental housing by condominiums and/or short term rentals. Recently I have been carrying our petition around the Hill, and have been struck by the number of young couples who tell me they are being forced to move by rent increases or conversions. I think the ease of conversions is a significant piece of the picture. I would like to see some data on the numbers of new units by type of ownership, not just by number of bedrooms.

I also think the market may be topping out. I ran into a former coworker yesterday who is living in one of the burned buildings at the corner of Cumberland and Merrill. She remarked that she and her family are only able to live there because her husband works for the property management company—the other units are pricey and empty. There are other condo and apartment units that are simply not selling or renting on the north side of the Hill. A good thing, maybe, for the long term but no one wants empty housing. And unfortunately this puts more developable property at risk of very high end development.

Meanwhile, the conversations among neighbors have been interesting, varied, and I think very healthy for the neighborhood. Whether or not we agree.

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