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Citizen Petition on Behalf of the Sustaining OurSelves (SOS) Coalition*

We petition the Town to

- 1) Enact *An Emergency Freeze on Building Permits* in the Northside and Pine Knolls neighborhoods and other historically African-American sections of town in and around these neighborhoods that are not within the borders of the Conservation Districts. These include, but are not limited to, parts of the north side of Rosemary Street, S. Graham Street, Merritt Mill Road and Pritchard Ext.
- 2) Take measures to enforce zoning and residential occupancy laws already in place, which are being consistently violated. In particular, the town needs to enforce the law that no more than four unrelated persons can reside in the same single-family house.
- 3) Review and revise the Conservation District code to tighten restrictions, to exclude developers or others with vested interest in rental development from the advisory board, and to shore up the spirit of the document.
- *SOS includes members and leaders of the Marian Cheek Jackson Center, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP, St. Joseph CME Church, St. Paul AME Church, EmPOWERment, Inc, United with the Northside Community Now (UNC-NOW).