

Writing for the:

Italian Pizza Kitchen, LLC
2608 Connecticut Ave, NW 20008

Please consider the objections raised here regarding the inclusion of Nando's, fast food restaurant, in the 2600 block of Connecticut Ave, NW.

Nandos has asked for zoning variance on at least two accounts. They are

1. Trash compactor requirement: Nandos wishes to use open trash containers as the building presents a problem accommodating a trash compactor. Open containers smell and attract rats and insects. The homes located behind the back alley will be assaulted with the noise and odors and increased pest problems.

2. Ratio for Restaurant Businesses: Nandos requests a variance that would increase the current standard of 25%. Increasing the limit to accommodate another fast food restaurant on this block distracts from the historic nature of the Woodley Park. It would survive only by drawing customers from the existing restaurants on the block. Many of these restaurants serve dishes from around the world. This international mix of eating choices attracts customers and makes it easier for people to remember their experience in Woodley Park. Adding another corporate looking fast food restaurant to this block will hurt existing businesses and degrade the look and feel of the neighborhood.

Submitted by:

Richard Henning, Managing Member