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Zoning Commission
Attention: Jerrily R. Kress, Chairperson
441 4th Street, NW Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20002

**Re: Case Number 04-36
Dorchester House Associates**

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

I live in Adams Morgan, residing at 1656-B Euclid Street, NW. I am writing to express my concern about and strong opposition to the Planned Unit Development proposed by the Dorchester. While some change to the existing parking lot space is needed, I can tell you that *this* particular proposal is simply too large, too intensive, and much, much too tall for this location. Although the current Dorchester House has a 16th Street address, this new proposal would front 17th Street, a much narrower and congested residential side street.

Allowing the Dorchester to build so much higher and denser than what they could do as a matter of right will negatively impact me, my household and my quality of life. Our streets are already quite congested, and parking is nearly nonexistent. Traffic backs up onto our residential side streets during rush hour, and the main traffic arteries surrounding our neighborhood are already severely congested. This proposal would only make it worse. The physical impacts of the proposed building on the immediate and adjacent blocks would also negatively impact the general aesthetics of the neighborhood. The building itself would dwarf and block light from my residence, the Euclid Mews, and would be simply inappropriately large in a neighborhood consisting of low rise buildings townhouses.

I strongly encourage you to oppose this application, and to instead direct the applicant to come up with a proposal that better fits the scale of the neighborhood. Your understanding and support for those of us who will be directly impacted by this development is much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Rebecca L. Murphy

cc: Council Member Jim Graham
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Office of Planning

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