

April 11, 2006

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Re. Case Number 04-36: Dorchester House Associates

Members of the Zoning Commission:

We, the undersigned, are residents of Adams Morgan, and are writing to express our strong opposition to the Planned Unit Development proposed by the Dorchester. While we are not opposed to *any* new development on their existing parking lot, we am concerned that *this* particular proposal is simply too large, too intensive, and much, much too tall for this location. Instead, we strongly prefer they simply build "as a matter of right." These regulations exist for a reason, and we strongly encourage you to uphold their application to this site by rejecting this application for a PUD.

Allowing the Dorchester to build so much higher and denser than what they could do as a matter of right will negatively impact our quality of life, and the residential character of our neighborhood. 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 its neighbors and would be simply too large in a neighborhood consisting of low rise buildings and 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.

Sincerely,

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