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Ms. Carol J. Mitten, Chairperson
Zoning Commission
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Washington DC 20001

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RE: Case No 05-26 (2950 Tilden Street)

Dear Ms. Mitten:

We are writing to express our opposition to Clark Realty's application for a zoning variance for 2950 Tilden Street.

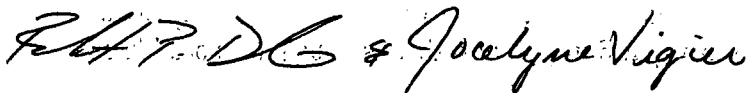
We moved into the Cleveland Park neighborhood a little less than a year ago and live at 3883 Connecticut Ave. Our decision to live in Cleveland Park was greatly influenced by the quality of life in the neighborhood, particularly the relaxed feel of the area, the sense of open space, the mix of green space and housing, and the quiet. These features of the neighborhood are unusual for the middle of the city, and while we do not wish to prevent more people from enjoying them, we also don't want to lose them.

Unfortunately, building a large, multi-unit condominium complex next to our building will damage all of these aspects of the neighborhood. Unlike 3883 Connecticut, which is large but mostly hidden behind other existing properties (an attribute of the building that we appreciate), Clark's proposed building will front Tilden and dominate the townhouses across the street and the Kuwaiti embassy next door. Packing such a large building on a small lot will make the area feel cramped and overdeveloped, increase noise and traffic on Tilden, and will do no favors for the residents at 3883 Connecticut and Clark's proposed building whose only view would be directly into the other's home.

The current zoning plan calls for townhouses with room for yard space. These would be a lovely addition to the area and would maintain its current green, open feel. Everyone—current area residents and new resident alike—would benefit from maintaining that zoning designation and building such homes. We therefore urge you to maintain the current zoning designation and refuse Clark Realty's request for a variance.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Delonis and Jocelyne Vigier

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