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RE: Case 05-26

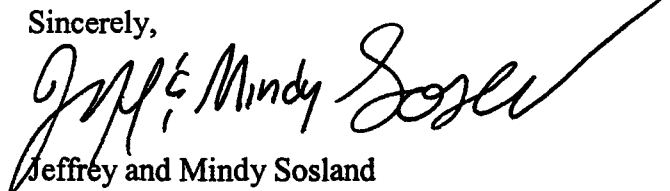
Dear Chairperson Mitten:

Five years ago I moved my family of five from Columbia, Missouri to the District of Columbia. I purchased a townhouse in a wonderful, historical neighborhood with the understanding that it would continue to be a great place to raise my three young children. It was explained to me that the open lot directly across the street from our new home was zoned for townhouses and that the neighborhood would continue to be a family neighborhood. I even went so far as to check the Clark Realty website and saw that townhouses were planned for the open lot.

It was with great surprise and anger that I learned that Clark wants to build a high rise that will destroy the family character of our neighborhood. Why was this lot zoned R-2 if high rises were the city planner's intent? It would be a grave mistake to turn Tilden Street into what is now Porter Street. Families do not live on Porter, only renters. For the most part, renters do not put down roots and stay in the District. We want to stay in DC but only if the character of Tilden Street is maintained.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration

Sincerely,


Jeffrey and Mindy Sosland

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