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To: Office of Zoning

From: Edward Brownfield

Date: 3/6/06

Re: Case filing per Request of Sharon Schellin

Thank you for your email. Unfortunately, at this time the Office of Zoning cannot accept case filings via email. If you would like for your email to be part of the official record in this case (Z.C. Case No. 05-39), please either fax to (202) 727-6072 or mail to 441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 200-S, Washington, D.C. 20001.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 727-6311.

Thank you,

Sharon Schellin
Acting Secretary to the Zoning Commission

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CASE NO 05-39
EXHIBIT NO. 12

Dear representative,

I am a resident of the 1900 block of Summit Place NE. I am writing you to express my concern over the proposal for a high-density housing project proposed by St. Martin's Catholic Church at the corner of Summit Place and T Street NE. As currently proposed, the project is both too large and too dense for the selected site. Furthermore, many of my neighbors and I feel the project is progressing with little community involvement and questionable data.

The proposal from St. Martins involves changing the current use of the site to allow for 184 units of low income housing. The increased occupancy resulting from this new project could increase the number of people inhabiting the site from 17 to as many as 600 persons. Where would these people park? Where would their guest park,? Could the neighborhood sustain the increased traffic flow when coupled with the strains of McKinley high school at 100 percent occupancy? Are 100 percent low income projects a viable model or a lesson in failed development? These questions remain unanswered. I request that the proposal for a change in zoning be denied based on these concerns and many others raised by your constituents.

On a side note, I read and hear with continuing dismay the disconnect between some of our local representatives and their newer constituents. Many discount our concerns because we were not here to live through more difficult times. Fortunately, for us, democracy is not based on seniority. I encourage our representatives to not ignore the changing nature of the district and its neighborhoods. While many of us might be new to our neighborhood: we are invested, we are organized, we are committed and **we vote**.

Sincerely,

Edward Brownfield


CC: Office of Zoning