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Zoning Commission

c/o the Office of Zoning

441 4th Street, NW Suite 410 South

Washington DC 20001

Via Fax: 202-727-6072

Case Number 05-39

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to ask that you deny the request by the Archdiocese of Washington and Catholic Community Services to change the zoning from R-4 to R-5 in order to build the St. Martins apartments. The complex is too large and not conducive to the current streetscape and character of the neighborhood.

As a resident of Eckington, I welcome a diverse community, but one that is congruent with the existing architecture. This building is just too large for the proposed site. It will be a 4-5 story building adjacent to 2 story row houses. This will cause it to be disconnected from the surrounding community. Because of the high density, the current traffic and parking problems will be exasperated even further. Because they don't have to pay for the land, CCS has the opportunity to build something that everyone can be proud of.

The project was not presented correctly to the residents. Our elected leaders misrepresented our "perceived" support of this project!

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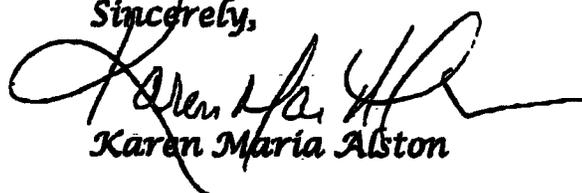
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Please deny the request for a zoning change. Our quality of life in Eckington depends on it!

Thanks!

Sincerely,


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