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Carol Mitten, Chairperson  
D.C. Zoning Commission  
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210S  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: PUD at Third and H Streets, N.E.  
Zoning Commission Case No. 01-06

06-01

Dear Chairperson Mitten and Members of the Zoning Commission:

I am writing to express my strong support for the above-referenced application, which provides for a residential building with ground floor retail, including approximately 45,000 square feet for a grocery store, at the old BP/Amoco site on the north side of H Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets N.E. The re-development of this site has been long sought after by the community. I specifically urge that the Zoning Commission set this application for a public hearing at its earliest possible convenience.

The proposed building has a maximum height of eight stories and ninety feet. The building steps down in height to six stories along 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets and on the north side as well. The building has a total FAR of just over 5.0, and includes more than 300,000 square feet of total development, of which approximately 71,000 square feet is devoted to retail, including the large space reserved for a grocery store. This height and density is consistent with the recently adopted H Street Revitalization Plan and the H Street Overlay which the Commission has adopted. The proposed grocery store, other retail on H Street and the 210 to 250 residential units to be located on the site will certainly be a welcomed addition to the neighborhood.

I have been working with the developer of this project for almost two years to put together a proposal which furthers Ward and city planning objectives. I look forward to its fruition after approval by the Zoning Commission.

Thank you for your attention to my comments.

Sincerely,

Sharon Ambrose, Chair  
Committee on Economic Development

cc: Ellen McCarthy  
Jennifer Steingasser

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