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RE: Planned multi-unit development @ 3rd & H, NE

Dear Sirs,

I recently heard of plans to develop the property on the north side of H St. between 3rd and 4th streets northeast. As someone who lives a mere half block away, I am pleased to offer my whole-hearted support for this project.

That the development is to be anchored by a grocery store is almost too good to be true. Currently, the neighborhood is truly under-served in this respect. While there is a small, limited farmers market one day per week at 6th & H Street; for all intents and purposes, fresh grocery shopping requires an extended walk or bus trip to Eastern Market, or a car trip to other areas of the city or even the suburbs. Having a genuine supermarket within walking distance will improve the quality of life of all nearby residents.

From what I understand of the H Street development overlay, this project is well within the guidelines set by the planning commission and represents smart growth, with higher density residential properties close to the public transportation hub at Union Station. The new residents drawn to this development will also no-doubt put H St NE much closer to the critical mass of locals required for sustainable commercial success of the retail and entertainment corridor envisioned by the city planners.

This project is quite simply a 'win' for the community. The minor inconveniences to be expected during construction are an insignificant price to pay for the good that this project will bring to the community. I realize that there will always be people who vocally oppose any development, and I want to make it clear that I am pleased to represent the silent majority who welcome this obvious enhancement to the community. Please feel free to contact me at the above address or by phone at 240-505-2084 if I can be of assistance in any manner as regards forwarding these plans. Lastly, thank you for making this investment in an area of the city that has been largely ignored for decades.

Sincerely,



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