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Ms. Carol Mitten Chair
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 Fourth Street, NW
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Dear Ms. Mitten:

I am writing to add my support for the proposed PUD application by Akridge for 5220 Wisconsin Avenue, Northwest (Case No. 06-31). This building would replace a used car business with residential units and ground floor retail space.

There are a number of reasons why this project merits approval. Its close proximity to the Friendship Heights Metro station is important to encourage increased use of public transportation and help to reduce traffic and pollution.

The project's proposed building shape and design make an effort to offer a transition to the adjacent lower density residential area and respect nearby homes. The project has also committed to LEED certification for green building design that will bring associated environmental benefits including storm water retention, construction waste reduction and more efficient appliances and fixtures.

In addition, this project which all set aside approximately six to seven units for affordable housing. This is an important step supported by many residents who have joined me in wanting to see more affordable housing available in this area.

The developer has offered several commendable community "amenities" as part of this project. They include a \$500,000 contribution to the nearby Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home that will support low-income seniors living there. Janney Elementary School in Tenleytown will receive a \$100,000 contribution that will help provide improvements to security lighting and the soccer field, repairs to the portable temporary classroom, play equipment for pre-kindergarten students and classroom computer upgrades.

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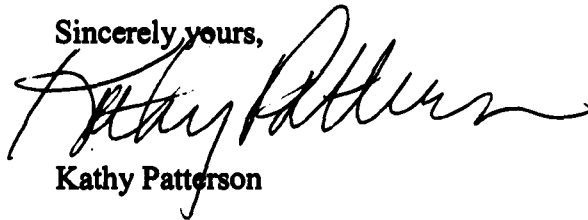
A contribution of \$30,000 will also be made to IONA Senior Services for a bus to provide seniors rides to doctors' appointments, grocery shopping, cultural events and other activities.

Akridge also plans to provide upgrades to the adjacent PEPCO substation and to make improvements to the immediate area that will help to make this a more vibrant and pedestrian friendly streetscape.

While there are some differing views among residents in the area about this proposed project, I believe that in addition to adding new residents to the city and to this area that this overall plan is one that makes an effort to increase the economic vitality along this major corridor, encourage use of Metro and add public benefits that enhance the community and our city.

I hope you will take these factors into consideration as you consider this application.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Patterson", with a stylized, flowing script.

Kathy Patterson