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RE: ZC Case No. 06-31 (5220 Wisconsin Avenue; Akridge PUD Submission)

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission,

We are John and Valerie Wheeler and we live at 4304 Yuma St., NW. We am writing you to express my support for the PUD application in the above-referenced case. We strongly support this project for the following reasons:

- **Transit oriented development:** 5220 Wisconsin Avenue is approximately 300 feet from the south entrance of the Friendship Heights metro station, making it an ideal location for transit oriented development. Akridge will encourage residents and retail employees to use alternative modes of transportation by having two car sharing vehicles on site and secure bicycle parking.
- **Environmentally friendly:** This project was endorsed by the Washington, DC, chapter of the Sierra Club. It will also be LEED-certified by the U.S. Green Building Council and include features such as a green roof and storm water filtration. It will be the first residential building in DC to receive this distinction.
- **Recognized by the Smart Growth Alliance:** This project was recognized by the Washington DC Smart Growth Alliance, which awards projects that help “the Washington region accommodate growth in a manner that achieves economic, environmental, and quality-of-life objectives.” The SGA represents five organizations including the Urban Land Institute and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.
- **More housing choices for our neighborhood:** 7% of the condos will be affordable units. Affordable housing remains an acute challenge in our neighborhood, and we need more choices so that people can live closer to where they work.

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- **Improve the street environment:** Akridge will make streetscape improvements including planting trees, re-paving the sidewalk, and sprucing up the blank Pepco facade next door to make it an attractive building to walk past (they hope to display artwork in the windows).
- **Good design:** This project will add to the life and vibrancy of Wisconsin Avenue because of its mixed use design. We are working to ensure the building will house 2-3 retailers, including locally serving retail, on the ground floor.

We respectfully request and strongly urge you to approve this PUD application.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John and Valerie Wheeler".

John and Valerie Wheeler