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Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

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

My wife Rabab Jafry, 16-month-old son Faizaan, and I live at 5353 Reno Road NW which is just a short walk away from this project. I am writing you today to express our *support* for the planned unit development proposed by Akridge.

The location of this site atop the Friendship Heights metro station makes it essential that any new development there embody the best principles of transit oriented development, and I believe that the Akridge plan will achieved this aim. I am very excited at the prospect of dramatically improving this very ugly property for the betterment of the entire community, and hope you will approve the proposed project without delay.

As pointed out by the Ward 3 Vision community group, this project will bring several specific benefits to our community:

- A revitalized, safer block to walk along just steps from the Metro;
- New neighborhood-serving shops or a restaurant where we can take our kids and encounter our neighbors (not “destination” retail like Mazza Gallerie);
- One of the most environmentally friendly buildings in the city and DC's first LEED-certified residential building;
- Improvements to the Pepco façade; Akridge is proposing to remove the bricks from the Pepco façade windows to showcase local art and community announcements;
- A balance of housing choices in Ward 3; approx. 7% of the condos will be designated as affordable housing units; and,
- New residents who will have easy access to public transportation and car sharing vehicles; any residents with cars will park in an underground garage and will not be allowed to get residential parking permits. Bicycle facilities will also be provided to residents and retail employees.

I hope you will agree with me and many of my neighbors that this is an extraordinary project and just the sort of project that the PUD process was created to encourage and facilitate.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important matter to our community.

Sincerely,

Kevin Pettitt

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