

Chesterfield Cooperative
3315 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016

February 6, 2009

Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
District of Columbia

Re: Case No. 08-15

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is in support of the Giant Planned Unit Development (PUD) and the related zoning variances.

The Chesterfield Cooperative consists of 65 units, with approximately 100 residents. It is located within 200 feet of the south portion of the PUD. I believe we are the largest owner-occupied structure that is that close to the PUD.

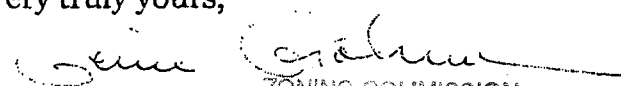
The neighborhood very much needs an up-to-date supermarket and additional retail stores. The additional housing will also add to our thriving and growing urban neighborhood. Both buildings as planned will be visually attractive and complementary to the existing buildings. Although the PUD will in some sense change the character of the immediate area, we believe those changes are both appropriate for and needed by the community.

With regard to the contentious traffic controversy, we believe there have been legitimate concerns that have largely been addressed. Although some people have worried about increased traffic, it seems to us that a wonderful supermarket will encourage more local foot traffic, not more cars: many of us will stop driving to other stores, leading to less traffic in the immediate area.

We are well aware of the long road since the project was first proposed, as well as of the many disputes that have arisen over the PUD. We have found Giant to be responsive to the many community comments, and the changes in the plans have been improvements. We note that the ANC3 has unanimously endorsed this project, reflecting the views of the majority of the local population.

We enthusiastically endorse the PUD.

Very truly yours,


Genie Grohman, President
Board of Directors

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