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Re: PUD Case No. 08-15

My husband and I are writing this letter to state our support of Friendship-Macomb SC Inc. (Giant Foods) PUD case no. 08-15. We are currently residents of McLean Gardens and have owned our condo for 1 year, 7 months. At this time, we do not use the current Giant for major grocery shopping, as it typically does not provide many of the amenities we need. For instance, there is no deli or hot food section. There is also no organic produce section or self check-out lanes. The Giant pharmacy across the street is also a significant inconvenience. Not only do we have to leave the grocery store, and wait in another line, but they close at 8pm, so our pharmacy shopping must get done prior to that time. We don't keep our prescriptions there, nor do we shop there. I'd rather stop at CVS on my way home, then rush to get there before 8pm and wait in two lines at two different stores just to be able to buy chicken and cold medicine.

We moved into the city and specifically into this neighborhood in order to take advantage of all the conveniences within walking distance. We walk to the local restaurants (e.g., Café Deluxe, Enology, Cactus Cantina, and Two Amys), walk to Glover Park, Cleveland Park, and Tenleytown to enjoy those restaurants, stores, and metro stops. The one thing we are lacking is a grocery store and pharmacy that can handle the needs of the community.

The community has been a vital part in the progress made towards building a new Ward. Our voices have been heard and we are all looking forward to a "greener" community, complete with more shops and restaurants, to truly make this a walking community. All we need now is rapid approval of case PUD 08-15.

Thank you,
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