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DC OFFICE OF ZONING

Chairman Anthony Hood
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441 Fourth Street NW, Suite 210S
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RE: Opposing PUD case no. 08-15

Washington, January 30, 2009

Dear Mr. Hood:

I am aware that my position would appear to be un-American. In the end, isn't it a birth right to have more than the laughable 47 brands of potato chips that fit into that tiny GIANT store at Wisconsin and Newark at the present layout? But then again, maybe I am product of a time when stores were living room size, or because I have never *not* found anything of any importance at the GIANT in question.

On a more zoning-relevant note, I believe that this is not the time to approve the zoning request as submitted. We are in a period of serious real estate oversupply – need I remind anyone? While a bigger store seems unnecessary to me, that would seem to be GIANT's own decision that I don't feel I need to get involved in.

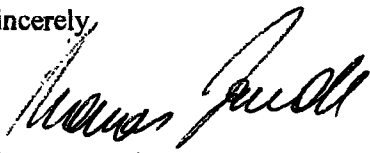
But adding several town houses is bound to harm local real estate values. It is already difficult to sell the housing stock in the area, driving property values down. Our area has been spared the brunt of the shock so far, and I do not like to see additional stock to exacerbate the problem.

Another serious issue with the proposal is the parking problem. As a long-time resident of McLean Gardens and a Board member of seven years, I know that parking is one of the hottest issues in the area. The Board could propose many things without a public outcry, but try to add cars or reduce parking spaces and you hear it from the community. Adding townhouses would definitely add to the overnight parking problems in the immediate neighborhood. Even if they came with parking spots, we know from McLean Gardens that even people with a designated parking spot park in the street in front of their door if there is a space available, thus reducing street parking availability while their private spot obviously remains off-limits for others.

On this point, I found it astonishing that the McLean Gardens Community Association Board would have taken the step of endorsing the GIANT request, without taking the pulse of the community. The Board said that its letter represents individual Board members' position, not the Board's, and the decision was not unanimous.

In summary, I believe GIANT should be allowed to do with its store what it wants. I will not buy the additional offering of potato chips, but I do not object to GIANT's offering them. The additional residential development, however, I believe does not make good sense for the neighborhood or the city. The neighborhood will see property values decline as long as the housing crisis persists and quality of life worsen due to increased problems with regards to street parking. As a consequence, the city will lose revenue from declining real estate values.

Sincerely,



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