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Chairman Anthony Hood
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SUBJECT: PUD Case no. 08-15

Dear Chairman Hood,

I am writing to advise of my strong support for the Friendship-Macomb SC Inc.
(Giant Foods Renovation) PUD case no. 08-15.

I am a long-time DC resident and taxpayer. I have resided in McLean Gardens for ten years. I purchased my condominium in order to be close to a grocery store and shopping center, as I do not own a car. I was advised that the Giant would soon be remodeling, so that was an extra selling point. I also looked at condos in Northern Virginia, but decided I liked the neighborhood atmosphere, the amenities, and transportation options, because I really did not want to own a car.

I strongly support the development because we need a modern grocery store in the neighborhood. The current Giant is an eyesore and does not offer all of the types of products and services (dell counter, bakery, seafood) that I want and need. We also really need a full-service pharmacy in this neighborhood. I also would like to bring some of the other small stores, such as Shemali's back to the neighborhood and hopefully a few more restaurants which my neighbors and I certainly will frequent. This project will help to encourage these businesses to come.

I urge that the DC Zoning Commission take all necessary steps to ensure the rapid approval of PUD Case No. 08-15 because the project is good for the community and the city:

- * Good use of the land
- * Will be built to US green building (LEED) standards
- * Will improve pedestrian safety and encourage use of public transportation
- * Complements and enhances the existing character of the neighborhood
- * Will add vibrant streetscape and open green space
- * The Community has been involved in the project design
- * Will provide parking not only for the new grocery store and retail, but for existing restaurants and overnight parking for the neighborhood.
- * Will create jobs and tax revenue.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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