

February 8, 2009

**Chairman Anthony Hood
DC Office of Zoning
441 - 4th Street NW, Suite 210S
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Via Fax (202) 727-6072

RE: PUD Case no. 08-15

Dear Chairman Hood:

We are long-time residents of McLean Gardens writing to voice our strong support for the proposed Giant grocery store development project at Wisconsin Avenue and Newark Street NW.

Since our arrival in 1993, we have watched as the quality of the grocery store deteriorated, and the block between Macomb and Newark Street has become empty and sterile.

This neighborhood needs and will benefit from an updated, well-stocked grocery store with all the usual amenities. The addition of small shops and new restaurants will inject a new vitality into the area. You can be assured that this new development will certainly reduce our car travel up and down Wisconsin Avenue in search of other stores and restaurants!

We believe that the development plans as now formulated -- including the new condominiums and townhouses -- represent smart urban growth. The Giant team has been receptive and responsive to community concerns, making numerous adjustments and concessions to its plans over the past decade.

It is now time to move forward. We urge the Zoning Office to approve this PUD and encourage Giant to start construction soon.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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