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Chairman Anthony Hood
DC Office of Zoning
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: PUD Case No. 08-15

Dear Mr. Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

I am writing to state my strong support of Friendship-Macomb SC Inc. (Giant Foods) PUD Case No. 08-15.

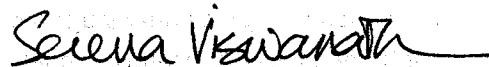
I have lived in McLean Gardens, the neighborhood immediately to the west of the Giant supermarket, since 1999, and before that lived in Woodley Park. At the time I bought my condominium in 1999, I was told by neighbors that there were plans in the works for a new Giant supermarket and other development in the neighborhood. I moved to this area expecting change, but ten years later, the neighborhood looks even worse than before, and I am still waiting for the promised revitalization. With the ANC's resolution in support of the project, I am pleased to finally see progress toward this goal.

I support the Giant development because I am strongly in favor of a pedestrian- and public transit-friendly city. Until recently, I did not own a car and relied on walking, Metrorail and Metrobus, and occasionally car-sharing services for all my transportation needs. Unfortunately, I find myself driving more frequently due to the lack of amenities in the Wisconsin Avenue corridor nearby. Ironically I can often find more lively street life outside the city in places like Bethesda and Arlington, rather than right here in my own neighborhood.

The new Giant development will be a great asset to the community. Personally, I look forward to being able to shop, dine, and do my daily errands right in my neighborhood, without having to drive. I will feel safer walking around at night due to more pedestrian traffic. And I believe my property values will rise with proximity to a new supermarket, attractive architecture, and a variety of businesses. I choose to live in the city – and I want to live in a real city neighborhood.

Our neighborhood has waited long enough. Therefore, I ask the Zoning Commission to approve the PUD for this project.

Sincerely,



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