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Anthony Hood
Chair
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Hood and fellow Zoning Commission Members,

I am writing this letter in support of the activities proposed under ZC Case Number 08-15, Stop & Shop/Giant's application for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and related zoning map amendment for the three lots it owns along Wisconsin Avenue.

I have lived in this neighborhood for the past eight years and am quite concerned about the dwindling neighborhood amenities as this project has stagnated. Businesses have closed and/or moved as they wait for the change to happen and as a result residents seem more and more willing to drive for services that were once part of our community.

This is a big deal because of climate change. We must develop a city with a civic plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by our citizens. Cities have a great opportunity to limit emissions due to driving by allowing people to get the services and amenities they need to live near their homes. Redeveloping this business district should help do just that. Additionally Stop&Shop/Giant has included some green development concepts in this structure, which is more than can be said for most of the box stores residents are driving to in the suburbs to fill their commerce void.

The city could even match these efforts by installing green lighting (LED, CFL or otherwise) and porous surfaces in the public components of the redevelopment. This spot could become a model for the climate-friendly city of the future. But at the very least it could decrease the carbon footprint of the thousands of people that live in this neighborhood without them even knowing it.

I urge you to approve this project and make this corner of your city a little more livable.

Sincerely,



Lara J. Hansen

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