

To: Chairman Anthony Hood
DC Office of Zoning
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Washington, DC 20001

Feb. 2, 2009

Dear Chairman Hood:

I am writing to you in connection with PUD case number 08-15.

My husband and I have lived in the District of Columbia for over fifty years and so I have seen major growth and progress in our city.

We live in our current home at 3301 Newark St. NW since 1968. We have lived in the Cleveland Park area since 1962 and I shop regularly at the Giant Food at Wisconsin and Newark NW and patronize all of the nearby stores. I do know the area. Many years ago I was one of the founders of Citizens for City Living, which saved McLean Gardens from a Crystal City type development.

Clearly everyone would like an updated Giant supermarket. Many of my concerns about the development plan have been noted in the ANC memo and yet not all.

The loading docks are few and on a residential street. Commercial parking is an issue and traffic management has not been addressed.

It is traffic management that we all have to be concerned as we value our neighborhoods in DC. How will traffic reach and leave the new development? How many new traffic lights will be needed that are not yet identified? What will that mean for the residents of the entire area and for the children who often still play in our neighborhood streets?

Newark St. is a narrow street with a number of building projects, including the new condominium at Newark and Wisconsin, making it narrower. It would be a great disservice to this neighborhood to have a traffic light at additional corners including 34th and Newark. I trust this is not being considered and would not be approved.

Also for the future, is Giant considering selling wine and beer and is that part of the plan? I hope that these and other issues (that in your expertise you know about) will gain the attention that they deserve.

Thank you.

Dorothy Rich

Chairman Hood,

I concur with all the above.
Please give all the concerns your attention.
Thank you.

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