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OFFICE OF ZONING
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February 8, 2009
Anthony Hood, Chair
DC Zoning Commission
441 4th St. N.W.
Washington DC 20001

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I am writing to you concerning the Giant PUD, case 08-15. I live in the 3300 block of Idaho Ave. and along with other residents on my block, will be immediately affected if the zoning exemptions are adopted as proposed. While I am in support of improvements to the current commercial area, I feel that this can be accomplished without rezoning a substantial part of our block from residential (R-5-A) to commercial (C-2-A).

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1. It would remove the current residential buffer between our neighborhood and the proposed commercial area, allowing commercial activities to directly abut neighborhood houses. This would move commercial zoning deeply into our block. This is a significant departure from the present situation.
2. It would substantially increase adjacent noise for our neighborhood due to the proximity of large loading docks and the subsequent truck traffic. The proposed noise mitigation cannot be sufficient and the vibration of the trucks cannot, in any case, be mitigated. The proposed loading dock is planned between townhouses and existing residences rather than within the already existing commercial zone. This makes no sense.

Both of these very significant changes can be avoided by adopting one of the alternative proposals that would place the truck entrance close to its current location at the corner of Idaho and Newark St and/or on any of the 3 other adjacent streets that are already commercially zoned. There is NO reason to substantially change the designation of our street when there are multiple, viable options consistent with the current situation.

I would implore the Zoning board to recognize the significant impact for the residential street, 3300 Idaho Ave.. Changes as proposed will interfere with our quiet enjoyment of our neighborhood. In addition, and not insignificantly, changing the zoning of a substantial portion of our block to commercial can only take away from the value of our homes in this already difficult economic time.

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 08-15
EXHIBIT NO. 1026214

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Sincerely yours,


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