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Dear Chairman Hood:

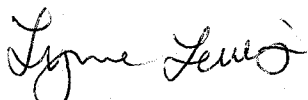
I am a regular patron of the Giant Foods for the Wisconsin Avenue corridor in Cleveland Park (PUD case no. 08-15) and strongly support creating additional parking there for the current residents and retail patrons. I also support Giant's plans to refurbish, greatly enlarge, and develop a mixed use structure. It is the most convenient Giant to my house (easy parking) and I have waited for a ridiculous amount of years for the promised refurbishing and upgrade. I would visit more often if the store had a better selection – it terribly needs the upgrade. I have to go elsewhere to get my list we need – wasting my carbon footprint.

Also during this wait, it has greatly inconvenienced a small middle eastern food business that I frequented, Shemali's. Shemali's was located inside a separate space inside the old Murphy's. They were forced to move on a temporary basis with reinstatement rights once the complex was completed. These many years later (5 years?) and they are still waiting to come back.

I support the multi-use development proposed by Giant Foods for the Wisconsin Avenue corridor in Cleveland Park (PUD case no. 08-15). The new Giant development will be a great improvement to the neighborhood, much more convenient to have a modern grocery store, within walking distance for many, and it will help to show a renewed business district, and generally improve the feel of the community and neighborhood, and aid in bringing in new businesses.

The long delay and empty Murphy's space unused for such a long time is unsightly and negative on the neighborhood. Please move rapidly to approve PUD Case No. 08-15.

Sincerely,



Lynne Mersfelder-Lewis

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia

CASE NO. 08-15
EXHIBIT NO. 107