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

RE: Support for PUD Case # 08-15

Dear Mr. Hood:

I support the above referenced case for a multi use development proposed by Giant Foods for the Wisconsin Avenue NW corridor in Cleveland Park, DC.

I have resided in McLean Gardens at 3440 39th Street, NW Unit C-693 for 27 years and have been a customer at Giant Food located at Wisconsin Ave. and Newark Street for the same amount of time. This store is convenient to where I live. I'm able to walk to this Giant Food and in the past I've done most of my shopping at this store. Today, however, this Giant Food store ceases to be the only store I shop for my groceries. I find a better selection and more variety offered by newer stores in my area but I need to use my car to get to them.

The Giant Food store at Wisconsin and Newark is less busy now but is still congested. Being able to move unobstructed with a shopping cart in the store without bumping into other customers' carts and employees trying to stock shelves along and a produce area often times in need of order and cleaning, discourage me from shopping there many times. Display space is limited and so are the selections of prepared foods and/or deli foods. Customers with carts trying to check-out are often in the way of other customers trying to pull items off the shelves.

Walking to do my shopping is important to me and for the environment as well. Meeting and visiting with community friends in and around Giant Food is enjoyable. To have an expanded, updated and improved selection of foods at a new Giant Food would be a real gift to the community. And, to have other shops in addition to a new Giant Food would be a big contribution to my community.

I have waited a long time for a new Giant Food. Please give this Case your approval and allow the plan for a new store to go forward. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Donna L. Kirsch
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