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Subject: ZC Case Number C 8-15

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a small business owner and have been operating for a little over five years in the Giant property located at 3408 Wisconsin Ave NW. I employ three people to service over 2000 households in the immediate and surrounding communities. I see the development plans proposed as a necessary step forward in providing adequate services to the existing and soon to be expanded community. Having access to more restaurants and an adequately stocked grocery store will bring value and some very necessary amenities to this community.

With the conversion of the property across the street on Wisconsin to Condominiums, and others close by, the new influx of families will put added demand on an already inadequate infrastructure. Having more local eateries/cafes and a full service local grocery store will provide walk to convenience for many local residents and business people alike. The way I see it, not Changing with the Times will create greater pains for the many than those that will be experienced by the few who want to keep things the same. The fact is, the few that are complaining will likely appreciate the development. Maybe if they thought more about the impact of the people that live and work here having to drive outside of the community for these services, than the ones that will seek to come here, this community could progress.

I realize something new and bigger can be concerning to some, but failing to address the growing needs of a community would be more concerning. This reminds me of the analogy of a train that can overcome major obstacles (like a brick wall) when it's moving forward, but a little wedge of wood placed in front of it's wheel when it's sitting still will prevent it from ever moving forward. I vote to keep the train moving and deal with the little obstacles as they come up so our community can continue to support the residents and small businesses.

Regards, Michael



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