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Anthony Hood
Chair, District of Columbia
Zoning Commission
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: ZC Case #08-15

Dear Mr. Hood:

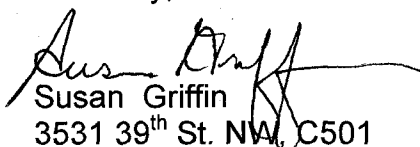
I am a 23 year resident of McLean Gardens and believe we live in one of the best spots in Washington, DC—a city with a lot of great neighborhoods.

We have been at a distinct disadvantage, however, with the declining state of the Giant as the owners await a decision on upgrading that property. I have been to three meetings about the planned expansion/upgrade and I believe it represents the best of urban development: multiuse, parking, green area, and attention to traffic.

I have heard people say that the sight is not accessible by public transportation—that is absurd. The 30 bus line is excellent and has actually improved in recent months with the division of the route. Currently, when I am using the bus stop at Wisconsin and Newark Sts, NW, there is frequently someone there with their Giant shopping bags—the stop for the 96 bus on Newark St. is also used by Giant customers. The residents of McLean Gardens and other apartments in the area, as well as single-family homes, can walk to the Giant and would if it were upgraded. As it now stands, their selection is limited and cramped, some items are simply not carried.

Please say “yes” to a thoughtful and attractive improvement to the current site.

Sincerely,



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