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Chairman Anthony Hood
DC Office of Zoning
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Dear Mr. Hood

I am writing in support of Friendship-Macomb SC Inc. (Giant Foods) PUD case no. 08-15. I moved into McLean Gardens 1½ years ago with the promise of a new and improved Giant supermarket and more local shops. I was surprised when I heard this process has been going on for 5+ years! I can't imagine why people opposed this in previous attempts.

In addition to my personal grocery shopping, I enjoy giving dinner parties so I do a lot of entertaining and end up driving PAST the Giant because it is so limited in its offering. When people talk about possibility of increase traffic if the new Giant is built, well there will be one less car passing BY the Giant.....mine! I end up shopping at the Giant at Van Ness or the Georgetown Safeway or either or the Whole Foods in Georgetown or Tenleytown. I would love the ability to WALK to my grocery store to get food rather than have to drive and loose my parking place on the street! I was pleased to hear the proposed Giant is even going to be LARGER than the Giant in Van Ness on Connecticut Ave. That one is quite nice and has such a good food selection so I'm looking forward to an even BETTER one within walking distance of my condo.

After I moved to McLean Gardens, I started going to all the neighborhood meetings in support of the project. I was so pleased to hear that project was supported unanimously by ANC3C and was deemed to be pedestrian & public transportation friendly. I was also impressed with the clever design that keeps its large size hidden so it fit well with the neighborhood's character. Having shops on Wisconsin Avenue and continuing on Newark St will help hide its super size. I also look forward to better architecture on Wisconsin Ave. When driving north on Wisconsin Avenue from the Cathedral, after Cactus Café, it is such an eye sore on that side of the street. The new buildings will give us something to be proud of rather than having to constantly give excuses to those who visit our neighborhood.

I would like to ask that the DC Office of Zoning take the necessary steps to ensure the quick approval of PUD Case No. 08-15 so we, who live in this area can benefit from this project and end this painful wait. I look forward to your quick approval so that the Giant can start building quickly. In the particular economic state of the country, seeing the project FINALLY getting the go-ahead will send a signal to the neighborhood and the city that there is hope and a brighter future is around the our corner.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration of this matter.


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