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Re: PUD case no. 08-15 - Please support

Dear Chairman Hood,

I write you as an ardent supporter of the Giant Foods project on Wisconsin Avenue, referenced above, and urge you to approve it as quickly as possible.

I've lived in the Washington area my entire life, and across the street from Giant since March of 2000. At the time, my realtor warned me of 'noise and debris' that would come with construction of the new Giant project, but I was thrilled and looked forward to improved neighborhood services. Sadly, we're still waiting nine years later.

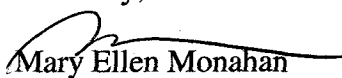
In talking to my neighbors, I haven't met anyone who doesn't welcome this project and think it's long overdue. Here's why:

- **IT'S ATTRACTIVE:** the design looks great and is appropriate for the neighborhood in scale, character and density.
- **IT'S SMART GROWTH:** it's pedestrian and public transport-friendly as Wisconsin is a major corridor with good bus lines and lots of foot traffic. This project will give DC officials bragging rights about a smart-growth project done right.
- **GIANT FOODS = GOOD NEIGHBOR:** Giant has done its homework and seems to have bent over backwards to accommodate our neighborhood's concerns regarding scale, traffic, and design.
- **UNANIMITY:** Even opponents agreed that the current Giant is inadequate and that the complex is vastly under-utilized.
- **REVENUE FOR THE CITY:** Higher tax revenue for the city via new jobs, businesses, and residences. (And with the economy tanking, we desperately need such economic stimulation.)

Cleveland Park is a neighborhood where a vocal minority is notoriously resistant to change. Fears were raised regarding National Cathedral's two recent renovations – first, an underground parking garage, and later, athletic facility renovations. None of those fears came to fruition. In fact, both projects went ahead and have improved the neighborhood.

As you know, the ANC3 unanimously supported the P.U.D. on January 21, 2009. **I encourage your prompt approval.** To borrow a phrase from our new President, it's "the change we need."

Sincerely,


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