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The Hon. Anthony Hood, Chair
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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Dear Chairman Hood:

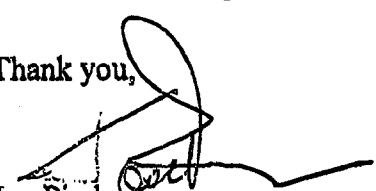
I am writing the Commission regarding the PUD proposal for the Giant supermarket site on Wisconsin Avenue in Cleveland Park.

I was unable to attend the earlier meeting, but I understand that someone offered the opinion that people who walk, or whose who take public transit, would not use the proposed new supermarket. Nothing could be further from the truth. I have shopped at the Giant there for years, and I have not owned a car during the entirety of the 21 years I have lived in DC. I get there by foot or by bus from my house on 37th Street between Warren and Veazey, or stop there on the way home from work. In fact, I have been casually looking for a house a little closer so that I could make more-frequent trips, more conveniently, when the new project is done.

I would like to say that those who imagine that people do not walk to, or use public transportation to, supermarkets in this city is beyond ludicrous. One merely needs to ride the bus on Wisconsin Avenue in the evenings or on Saturday to see scored of people with bags from the Giant, the Safeway in Georgetown, and the Whole Foods in Tenley; Manyt who shop at the Whole Foods also use Metrorail.

This is an excellent proposal, long overdue for the location, and the fact that a few NIMBY-ites don't want any construction, any change or anything else there should not sway the city. This is not like the Tenley Library proposal that is broadly and widely opposed; opposition comes from at most a few dozen of the several thousand people living in the immediate area. I want that project built, and quickly, and then I will go on foot or on the bus to it.

Thank you,


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