

Testimony of Richard Stone Rothblum, Commissioner, Single Member District 3C07, Vice-Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C, Regarding ZC 08-15, Friendship Shopping Center PUD Application, April 6, 2009

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This testimony, on behalf of SMD 3C07 and myself as a close neighbor of the project, supports the project with one reservation. While the scale of the PUD is not exactly what many in the neighborhood would have wished, my constituents and I support it for the following reasons, among others.

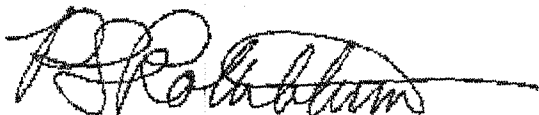
1. The PUD will revive the shopping and services available to neighbors.
2. The PUD will result in an improved grocery store.
3. Neighborhood activities and small enterprises will be accommodated.
4. Parking, formerly made available to neighbors on an ad hoc basis, will be available as part of a formal commitment on the part of the Applicants.

Despite the overall benefit to the neighborhood, there is a concern that a subset of neighbors will be unnecessarily burdened. The location of the truck loading area and driveway in a residentially zoned portion of the project is unnecessarily close to the houses immediately adjacent to or opposite from the proposed truck entrance on Idaho Avenue. These residences are in an R-1-B zone. The proposed truck entrance, immediately abutting the R-1-B zone, is presently zoned R-5-A.

Applicant should be required to relocate the loading entrance and loading activities farther from existing residences.

Note on the acoustic measurements submitted by applicant: Measurements of "average" sound levels do not reflect the degree of disruption to day-to-day living activities caused by short, piercing sounds emitted for example, by backing trucks. Average noise measurements are averaged over time and over a range of frequencies. Therefore, sounds with very narrow frequency bandwidths, such as whistles or beeps, and a very short duration, such as the beeping made by a backing truck, will not be reflected in average measurements made by acoustical consultant. These sounds may have a very detrimental effect on quality of life.

Respectfully submitted



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