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RE: Opposing PUD case no. 08-15

Washington, April 21, 2009

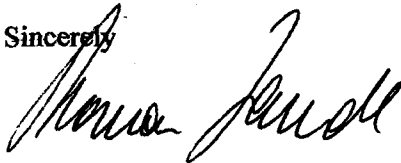
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3. Urban living, in contrast to suburbia, draws on the benefits of local communities. Giant would not enlarge its store if it did not attempt to lure people from farther away, thus bringing additional traffic into the McLean Gardens neighborhood. Large stores attracting cars from far away are a characteristic of suburbia and an aspect many city dwellers intentionally tried to avoid when buying or renting in the city. Giant should be limited to the parking spaces it has at the moment and denied permit to add additional parking spaces.
4. There is significant lobbying for the Giant proposal, which has successfully attempted to create the perception of being representative of the community at large. The ANC Commissioner, Ms. Trudy Reeves, has used McLean Gardens Community communications tools circulate draft letters in support of Giant's petition, and the Board of McLean Gardens has sent a letter in support, although the Board was not unanimous, the residents have never been polled and Board members told me upon my complaint that they were acting "as individuals, not speaking for the community." I hope the Zoning Office is aware that there has been no poll taken, and there is a difference between the number of people supporting Giant and the noise the supporters have created.

I trust the Commission will evaluate the impact on this residential neighborhood without being affected by the active lobbying by some well-placed individuals.

Sincerely,



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