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Re: ZC Case # 08-15

When I first came to DC in the early 40's, there was a Safeway Store in the 2800 block of Connecticut Avenue where there is now a CVS drugstore. It was a wonderful place then, I believe it was one of the very early self-serve stores and it had greater choice all in one store instead of having to go to several stores, but thankfully it is no longer there as it was so small and so limited in its selections. I don't recall anyone fighting against its removal.

Now we have a similarly small grocery store on Wisconsin Avenue. It has been, I believe, as much as 10 years since its enlargement was first proposed. A very small group has been successfully vocal in keeping Giant from enlarging this store. I do believe the greater majority in the area to be served is very much in favor of the expansion. I know that I have always been in support as had my next door neighbor. We, residents of the 2800 block of 28th Street NW, have long been ill-served by the lack of an up-to-date and near-by grocery. My neighbor had forecast that she'd not live to see a new store. Regrettably, she has just passed on at 98, I do not wish to make the same forecast: I am 80 and my husband, 88.

Enough background.

I fully support the Giant proposal. I do believe strongly that space above stores should be utilized for residential or other purposes. The spread of one story malls has been frightful. The Giant proposal is in great proportion to the site, as opposed to the monstrosity that was allowed to be built just across the street from it. It is hard for me to believe that those who decry potentially greater traffic on their street would be at home all the time during the day trying to get out of their neighborhood. Or that they may be sleeping in their homes all during the day and would be disturbed by occasional truck noise; and cars are unbelievably quiet these days. The traffic issue is a red herring. The density issue is of value to the city and to Giant. To decry the density is also a red herring.

Please add our voice to those in support of the Wisconsin Avenue Giant proposal. We urge the District to give it favorable and swift action. We cannot see anything but benefit to the city and to the neighborhood.

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Thank you,

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