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Chairman Anthony Hood
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SUBJECT: PUD Case no. 08-15

Dear Chairman Hood,

I am writing to voice my strong support for the Friendship-Macomb SC Inc. (Giant Foods Renovation) PUD case # 08-15.

I am a long-time DC resident and taxpayer and have lived in McLean Gardens Condominium for over ten years. I purchased my unit in this condominium community to be close to a grocery store and a multi-purpose shopping area (which existed at the time), as I do not own a car. I was advised that the Giant would soon be remodeling, and that was an extra selling point. I also looked at condos in Northern Virginia, but decided I liked the neighborhood atmosphere, the amenities, and transportation options available to McLean Gardens' residents, because I really did not want to own a car.

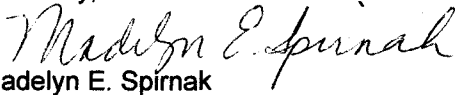
I strongly support the Giant development project, because we need a modern full-service grocery store in the neighborhood. The current Giant does not offer all of the types of products and services (deli counter, bakery, seafood) that we want and need. The neighborhood also needs a full-service pharmacy. This project also would bring some small businesses, such as Shemali's back to the neighborhood and hopefully encourage the opening of a few more restaurants, which my neighbors and I certainly will frequent. The project includes the following positive elements for the community:

- * A good and effective use of the land;
- * US green building (LEED) standards;
- * Improve pedestrian safety and encourage use of public transportation;
- * Complements and enhances the existing character of the neighborhood;
- * Adds vibrant streetscape and open green space;
- * Community has been very much involved in the project design;
- * Provides parking not only for the new grocery store and retail, but for existing restaurants and overnight parking for the neighborhood; and
- * Will create jobs and tax revenue.

I am very concerned by those who argue that a new Giant is fine, but no other development should take place. I am fearful that this kind of delaying tactic will result in a decision by Giant management to stop the project. Even worse, we could permanently lose the Giant, and have yet another boarded up storefront in our neighborhood. How will this benefit the community? Our neighborhood needs this project, the city needs the revenue, and DC residents need jobs.

As the U.S. faces the worst economic situation since the great depression, we should not be creating roadblocks for projects that will help revitalize our neighborhoods and expand opportunities for revenue and employment. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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