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Chairman
District of Columbia
Zoning Commission
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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairman Hood,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to you today in support of Friendship-Macomb SC Inc.'s application for a Consolidated PUD Approval and Related Map Amendment for Square 1920, Lot 813 and Square 1920-N, Lots 1 and 2. This project will make a much needed and lasting contribution to the commercial district along this section of Wisconsin Avenue in the Cleveland Park/McLean Gardens neighborhood.

It is our administration's long-standing policy to concentrate growth and investment along prime commercial and transit corridors. A new Giant supermarket will certainly be a welcome amenity for both current and future residents. As you know, the project is also planned to include 124 apartments. It is the District's policy to make affordable housing a part of every mixed-use project that involves either District-controlled land or development subsidies and I would ask that you and your colleagues strongly encourage the inclusion of as many units of affordable housing as economically feasible in this specific project.

It is encouraging to see the development team in a private-sector project proffer affordable housing as amenity in exchange for increased density, particularly at affordability levels for low and moderate income residents where affordable choices are needed most.

It is my hope the commission will look favorably upon this application.

Sincerely,


Neil O. Albert
Deputy Mayor

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CASE NO. 08-15
EXHIBIT NO. 209