



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

THE JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

May 6, 2009

Mr. Anthony Hood
Chairman, Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Planned Unit Development for the Wisconsin Avenue Giant Project

Dear Mr. Hood:

Over several days, I have met with many residents of Ward 3 who are strong advocates of “smart growth”, not only in the District, but in Ward 3 in particular. In this regard, many residents of Ward 3 have expressed their strong support for the proposed redevelopment plan of the Wisconsin Avenue Giant Development Project. I would like to add my name to those who support this proposed project.

Under this proposed development project, Ward 3 will enliven a part of the community that pales in contrast to the robust and vibrant commercial centers along Connecticut Avenue. This development project has been fully vetted at community meetings and unanimously approved by the 3C Advisory Neighborhood Commission. The latter body concluded that the proposed height and density is compatible with the height and density of surrounding properties. This new development project is also planned along a major transportation corridor.

As a colleague of mine on the District Council, Councilmember Mary Cheh, has noted, it is important “that we know where to grow and where not to” as we consider the future of this project. This project will bring new vitality and face lift to a section of the District that has been in general decline over the past years. This proposed plan will bring needed growth to this community to include a renovated and enlarged grocery store, some 140 residential units, 55,000 square feet of small retail space, and 14,000 square feet for and professional office spaces. This development project is about economic growth that the general community supports.

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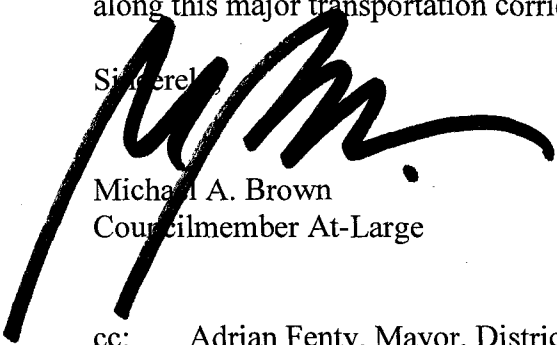
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I support this "smart growth" development project that will promote denser development along this major transportation corridor.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Brown
Councilmember At-Large

cc: Adrian Fenty, Mayor, District of Columbia
Neil Albert, Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development
Mary M. Cheh, Councilmember, Ward 3
Kwame R. Brown, Councilmember At-Large
George Idelson, President of the Cleveland Park Citizens Association
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Catherine May, ANC 3C-08
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