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Mr. Anthony Hood, Chair
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

02. May, 2009

Re. ZC Case Nr. 08-15
Giant Food Stores (S&S)
On Route 355 at Wisconsin & Newark St.

Our residence is located within 250 feet of the planned development, we oppose the project for the following reasons.

South Parcel - The existing PUB (Planned Unit Development) was created with the intensive help of judge Burka, judge O'Day, the Danzansky family, and residents of the surrounding neighborhoods. One of the main objectives at the time was to keep all structures below two stories to assure sufficient air circulation through the open spaces to keep the stagnant polluted air moving out of the area. In the summer we have extended periods of time with 95 degree heat and 90 % humidity without air movement. The media warns with codes orange to red and urges the citizens to stay indoors to avoid lung cancer. The high concentration of air pollution is caused by the Wisconsin, Massachusetts, and Idaho Avenue triangle, through which some 60,000 vehicles move daily. The Giant PUD is located in that triangle and adding to the pollution. To give you an indication of the severity of this pest, all our Sycamore trees in the first block of Newark St. have died from the pollution.

There is no need for, and we do not want an additional story added on top of the Supermarket. It seems to have fallen into oblivion that in addition to the space the Giant now occupies with in equal amount in the lower level, there is the much larger former Murphy store, and the former Chinese Restaurant both with lower levels plus a former interior decorating store which are all available to the Giant for expansion. The proposed additional building for offices and retail stores in front of the Giant on Wisconsin Ave. are not necessary there. That space should be used for some inviting greenery at the stores entrance, it would also show that they are interested in the invironment.

North Parcel - If more office space is wanted the two story office and retail building in the North Parcel can be extended to around the corner of Idaho Avenue. The office building has always been a welcome addition to the neighborhood because it closes at five o'clock, is closed on weekends and on holidays.

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We are diometrically opposed to a five story structure to be build on that site . It would obstruct the badly needed air circulation. We are moreover opposed to the construction of any type of apartments on the parcel. Their operating systems are like the ones in an industrial plant, they are running 24hrs a day, 365 days a year. Plus the air and noise pollution in excess of some 125 vehicles that would come with the occupants. *We have not heard anyone who would be in favor of this plan.*

The fancy façade building at Arlington Road and Bethesda Blvd., designed by Street Works, still has a high vacancy rate, inspite of the special incentives being offered to prospective tenants.

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I have been hospitalized at Johns Hopkings until recently and could not respond any earlier than this.

Sincerely,

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