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Dear ANC Commissioners:

We are writing you concerning Case No. 08-15 to be considered by the D.C. Zoning Commission on February 19, 2009. We own the semi-detached house at 3319 Idaho Ave. NW. We acquired the house in 1970 and have rented it out since 1979. We have been alerted by other property owners on Idaho Ave. concerning the provisions of the planned unit development (PUD) for the new Giant supermarket and surrounding area. We have serious concerns about these provisions, many of which will have a substantial negative impact on the property owners in the neighborhood. We request that you take these concerns into account and vote against the PUD, as currently designed, when this subject is considered at your meeting on January 21. With some key modifications, the plan can be greatly improved, so that a revitalized commercial area will be developed without harming the residents of that community.

Our principal concerns are the provisions in the PUD that would create an entry point for trucks and other commercial vehicles on Idaho Ave. with an access route to the Giant loading dock. This will result in unacceptable noise levels as these vehicles enter Idaho Ave., drive through and unload in close proximity to the residents of the 3300 block of Idaho Ave. These noise levels, as well as the unsightly visual impact of a flow of trucks along Idaho Ave. will create an environment that will decrease the future selling or rental price of our house, as well as the other houses on the 3300 block. However, we have identified alternatives to having the entrance and access route to the loading dock on Idaho Ave, adjacent to our homes. These alternatives will eliminate the visual and acoustical problems noted above.

Our neighbors have called our attention to other provisions in the PUD that will have negative affects on the existing neighborhood . These include: inadequate provisions for parking and an excessive size of the development that is more appropriate for a regional rather than a neighborhood-serving center.

We request that the ANC recommend to the Zoning Commission that the PUD be returned to the Wisconsin-Friendship Shopping Center Inc. with the requirement that these deficiencies and others identified by members of the community be addressed so that we can proceed to build a revitalized shopping and commercial center without negatively impacting the value of the residents' property and their quality of life.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Feldman Ninetta Feldman

✓ Cc: Anthony Hood
Chair, Zoning Commission

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