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Chairman Anthony Hood
DC Office of Zoning
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210@
Washington, DC 20001

Re: "We Support The Giant P.U.D., Case # 08-15."

Dear Chairman Hood:

We strongly support the Giant P.U.D., Case #08-15, and urge the DC Zoning Commission to act expeditiously to ensure the approval of this P.U.D.

We have lived in the neighborhood surrounding the Newark Street, NW Giant for 25 years and have been waiting a very long time for a viable supermarket in that location. The current plan is an excellent one that addresses all the issues that arose in prior attempts to rebuild the Giant and has painstakingly included efforts to revitalize the neighborhood while simultaneously addressing the needs of local businesses that are currently in place. It will provide jobs, bring new people to the area and help stimulate the local economy while filling much-needed services for this neighborhood.

As you well know, the Giant supermarket, as it is now, is about to crumble and should be condemned as a health hazard. This is a store that has buckets out to catch rain that falls through the roof. Given the despicable condition of the current Giant, we do not shop there and are thus unable to support our neighborhood supermarket. We are in need of a good and sanitary supermarket in this area. Additionally, the stores that have been vacant for so long attract vagrants and squatters as well as rodents.

Most certainly, there will be some inconveniences to residents of the neighborhood during the construction phase, but that is part of building and preserving a community and ultimately helping it to survive and thrive. The developers are taking steps to minimize inconveniences and had set aside sufficient budget to address issues that may arise during the construction phase.

Thank you for your consideration. We look to you for support of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
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