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Chairman Anthony Hood
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Dear Chairman Hood:

I support the swift approval of Friendship-Macomb SC Inc. (Giant Foods) **PUD case No. 08-15.**

I have lived at 3680 38th Street NW since 2005. One of the reasons I purchased the condominium apartment and moved to this address is the walkability of the area and the availability of urban services, my (and my wife's) view being that we need to be able to live on our own even if we can no longer drive (we both have reached the status of "senior citizens"). We lived in Southwest DC for over 30 years, but that area did not offer as many opportunities for walking to avail ourselves of urban amenities. We have two adult daughters (graduates of DC public schools) who also live in the neighborhood.

I support the Giant PUD because it offers what I came for when I moved into the neighborhood. It had been my understanding that the current substandard supermarket would be replaced by a better quality one, which would make it unnecessary to drive elsewhere for my food and other necessities. I am currently forced to drive to Maryland to shop for my food, at a Giant in Bethesda. The addition of more shops and housing will make for an even more appealing neighborhood. I look forward to an improved neighborhood!

The proposed PUD provides everything I was looking for, and the extensive public review so far and Giant's openness to making changes proposed by the community is gratifying. The extent of community involved and satisfaction with the proposal is evidenced by the unanimous endorsement of the project by ANC3C.

As far as concerns raised by others, such as additional traffic, are concerned, I can assure them that at least my contribution to traffic will be reduced. I am also sure that others will reduce their use of cars, and some will decide to dispense with one at all. The development will significantly improve traffic patterns, making the whole area friendlier for pedestrians. An example will be the reduction in curb cuts (places where vehicles and pedestrians collide and conflict) in the development area, from five to two. This, by itself, will be a significant improvement. I could cite many other advantages

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and benefits, of which I am sure you are aware. I believe that the overall benefits of the development outweigh, by far, the potential disadvantages.

I ask the District of Columbia Zoning Commission to rapidly approve **PUD Case No. 08-15**. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to assist the Commission to approve this Case. I may be reached by mail at the address at the letterhead, by e-mail at laszlobockh@verizon.net, by phone during business hours at 703-286-4139, or at home at 202-488-3967.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Laszlo Bockh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'L' and 'B'.