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Mr. Anthony Hood
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RE: PUD case no. 08-15

Dear Mr. Hood:

As a strong supporter of Friendship-Macomb SC Inc. (Giant Foods) PUD case no. 08-15, I strongly urge you to approve it.

I've resided in Cleveland Park nearly 18 years, the past ten as a homeowner. Thus I not only have a "historical" perspective, I also have a stake in the future. And the future I want for myself, my husband, and our twin two year old daughters includes the wonderful development that has been proposed. It will add to the livability of the neighborhood and cause an increase in value in adjacent property values.

What we have now is blight, anchored by a small, outmoded, inadequate Giant. It would be highly convenient for me to shop there, especially because I drive past daily on my work commute. But instead I'm forced to drive further away to less convenient locations just so that I can purchase everything on my list. And in nice weather, I envision us strolling over much more often to take advantage of additional restaurant and retail options.

I have followed the debate for years in the Northwest Current and in the Cleveland Park listserve. I've listened to all sides with an open mind, but I have concluded that the naysayers have been making bogus complaints. My impression is that many of the opponents are NIMBYists more interested in control for control's sake, rather than looking at the greatest good for the greatest number of people. As an urban area, we should be supporting higher density projects. And with regard to traffic concerns, all the traffic studies have refuted them. Many of my neighbors probably ought to relocate to a cul de sac in a bland suburban community like Centreville, VA. We are not the suburbs; please don't aid and abet those trying to turn our wonderful urban environment into one. With regard to the number of parking spaces, the more, the better. Fewer parking spaces will not deter drivers.

Please help ensure the rapid approval of PUD Case No. 08-15. The delays are an embarrassment and highly frustrating to the vast majority in the community.

Sincerely,

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