

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE DC ZONING COMMISSION

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In support of the Skyland Town Center Development

By

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Ladies and Gentlemen, My name is Eugene Dewitt Kinlow and I am here to share brief comments in support of the Skyland Town Center Concept, and I am here to urge you to move this plan from concept to reality.

For the record, I am a lifelong resident of the District of Columbia and have been a resident of Ward 8 for more than 40 years. I reside at 3952 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC

I have found a fact that is irrefutable across the city and it is that there is a tremendous need for good, services and jobs in our river east communities. The near universal agreement cuts across age, education, race and class. It does not matter whether you are a newcomer to DC or a native like me. Most will agree that our community deserves more than the meager selection of services and amenities that we currently have. We deserve a well thought out concept on the 18 acre site that delivers access to services, amenities and jobs. This concept is that well thought out proposal.

It is with this consensus that I urge you to support this PUD, and in doing so, provide for a greater quality of life for the residents of this community. Our community deserves a proper combination of national-brand retailers, neighborhood serving shops, restaurants and affordable and quality housing. Such a mix could provide greater stability to our communities and add much need dollars to our tax roles.

I urge you to support the Skyland Development planned Unit Development.

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