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Zoning Commission
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Re: Letter in Opposition to Zoning Commission Application No. 09-03; Skyland Town Center

Dear Members of the Commission:

I am a resident residing at 2906 Fort Baker Drive, S.E. and like many of my Fort Baker Drive neighbors, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the PUD/MP Amendment requested in Zoning Commission Case No 09-03, for Skyland Town Center. When this economic development was originally considered for this site, we did not expect that the eventual development would rezone the transitional R-5-A zone behind Fort Baker Drive to the C-3-A district, nor did we expect that a huge box store would be built so close to the homes on Fort Barker Drive and essentially towering over Fort Baker Drive.

During the many community meetings that the developers had with Hillcrest residents, there were several conceptual proposals for the site and over time those proposals changed. However, the concerns of the residents have basically been the same which are the geological/structural impact on the community/homes especially those closet to the development site. Specifically, the environmental impact on the hill behind the development site; the vibrations/noise level from construction; the traffic pattern during staging and beyond; as well as any adverse impact to our current quality of life.

Like most of my neighbors, I urge the Zoning Commission to consider how we would be negatively affected by this proposal, and deny this application in its current form. Since this has been an ongoing project for 20 years, I urge the Commission to continue the process of allowing the proper time that is needed to ensure that all concerns are fully addressed. I also urge the Zoning Commission to require the developers to secure a bond for the project to ensure a swift remedy for any unanticipated geological/structural damages caused as a consequence of the development to those neighbors that may be negatively affected and to require an unbiased party to monitor the impact of this project especially the impact of the vibrations on Fort Baker Drive. While these are my recommendations, the Hillcrest community and Fort Baker Drive residents in particular rely on your expertise to uncover all of the technical aspects that should be in place before such an extensive project is allowed to move forward.

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia

CASE NO. 09-03

EXHIBIT NO. 72

Sincerely,


Yvonne Bing