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To: DC Zoning Commission

my name is Erman T. Clay Sr, a resident of Eastland Gardens for over fifty years at 4245 Meade St N.E., and served as the President of the Eastland Gardens Civic Association for over twenty two years.

I served with distinction in the U.S. Army during World War Two and was part of the invasion of Normandy, France on June 9, 1944. I am retired from the District of Columbia National Guard as the first State Command Sergeant Major and the second State CSM of color in the nation.

In addition I am also retired from the U.S. Treasury as a Senior Manager Program Analyst. I completed the U.S. Treasury Fiscal Service Executive Development Program and other short programs offered by the Department.

I attended the District of Columbia Teachers College, and a graduate of The Hilltop Engineering School.

I served on the D.C. Housing Board for eight years and other boards in the city.

I am not formally representing the Eastland Gardens Civic Association in my following remarks, however, I want the board to have the benefit of knowing how most of the Eastland Gardens members feel about the project in question.

As you know, you have observed very few Eastland Gardens residents. I would say with some certainty that some of founders are no longer with us and some others are home bound.

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They worked very hard to build the Eastland Gardens Community including, streets, alleys, sidewalks, sewer, just to name a few in order to make this community a good and safe place to live. I'm sure they would not want their efforts to go in vain.

In closing, I believe the good people who testified in favor of this project is sincere in their belief and I can appreciate their concerns. However, it is apparent to me they do not understand the position they are putting themselves in, because of the short time they have resided in the area.

Traffic flow, parking and other disadvantages will also affect them as well.

Thanks for reading
Samuel Knight