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Sheila Cross Reed
Chairperson, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. NW, Suite 220
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Case #16457

Dear Chairperson Reed:

I am writing to lend my support to the citizens of the Fairlawn community in the matter before you in Case #16457. This case concerns the application of Kass MA, to allow the construction of 33 new, single-family, detached dwellings and 176 luxury garden apartments in the Ward 6 and Ward 8 communities. While the citizens of the Fairlawn communities are very supportive of the townhouse component of the project, they have serious reservations about that portion of the project which envisions the construction of 176 apartment units.

The Fairlawn citizens are very concerned that the basic residential character of their community will be eroded by the density of the apartment complex being proposed. The Fairlawn community currently suffers from a growing number of badly maintained, all but abandoned in some cases, multi-family buildings. It was to protect the concerns about preserving the residential character of the community that I introduced and saw enacted into the Comprehensive Plan the following language: to"encourage row house construction compatible with existing neighborhoods;" while, "discourag[ing] the development of additional multi-family in the Fairlawn community. The purpose of these amendments are to protect the housing stock and families in the Fairlawn community."

While the townhouses are compatible with the Plan, the apartment complex moves in a different direction. I will appreciate your consideration as you decide this case.

Sincerely,

Sharon Ambrose

Sharon Ambrose
Councilmember Ward-6

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