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Mr. Richard Grodsky
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RE: Development of property located at 1612-1616 7th Street NW

Dear Richard:

As you know, I am the owner of properties located at 1610 7th Street NW and 1618 7th Street NW which are adjacent to your referenced property. You have provided me with a copy of your development plans that show the existing storefronts restored with new bays added, and new construction to the rear designed for 8 residential units. The newly restored commercial storefronts will provide a lot of vitality to our block which has been underutilized for all of the years that we have both owned properties in this location. As you are aware, I am now constructing a new building at 1620 7th Street NW which I believe will attract a "New Shaw" tenant.

We both go back a long way in this neighborhood: I operated the Dollar Store in the 1500 block of 7th in the late 1990's and early 2000's. At that time you already owned the properties you now seek to develop. I fully support the redevelopment of your commercial properties and believe that the new tenants that you attract will help re-vitalize the block as the neighborhood continues to become a more fun place to be. Your substantial investment of time and money will be good for the neighborhood. Good Luck.

Sincerely,



Steve