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I am the owner of 100 Bryant Street NW and I live 1 block away from the business that is located at 2324 North Capital St. I have lived here for almost 12 years and my husband and I want to voice our strong SUPPORT for this business (Indigo Chapter 2). Mr. Tandon has made extensive accommodations to the neighbors on this block in order to gain their support but it seems that a small group of vocal people have the goal to block him from opening. For over 10 years this location had been a failing and dilapidated corner market with a business model that is no longer viable. The area around it was consistently trashed with litter and vagrancy and usually had half empty shelves. It was a time when we avoided even walking in that direction and no one on the block had any complaints back then. When Mr. Tandon took over he cleaned up the entire area and beautifully renovated the building in preparation for his business, clearly investing a great deal of time and money. In North Bloomingdale we have no walkable businesses within 3/4 of a mile. This would give our neighborhood at the north end at least one commercial food establishment which would be very desirable. We are disturbed by the continued opposition to Indigo while some in the opposition group expressed support if a "different business" would come here. It seems they don't think it would be a quiet place or that they "don't care for Indian cuisine" (I was told this by one of the neighbors who continue their opposition). This is offensive in my opinion. This is already a busy intersection and complaining about noise is unjustified. Mr. Tandon has adjusted his hours of operation per their request and has also rescinded his application for a full liquor license. It is our hope that in the interest of fairness and the interest of the community that Indigo Chapter 2 be granted the zoning request and permits to open here and create a successful business for us to enjoy. It would add great value to our neighborhood and walkability for the residents who presently live quite far from other stores and restaurants. We have many neighbors who are anxious to see this restaurant finally open. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.