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Hello,

I'm reaching out as a neighborhood resident of several years to express my support for Ching Ching Cha's case (21160).

I also previously lived near their former Georgetown location. The business was always such an asset to the community, with pleasant service and a moment to wind down. I was thrilled when I found out they had moved only a few streets away from me. Their character is perfect in my opinion for the quiet, tree-lined street. My neighbors and I love that this is a neighborhood where you can walk, chat with friends, visit a Little Free Library, and relax from the busy lives many of us lead through work. I frankly wish there were more mixed-use locations such as this one to stop in, chat with the lovely owner, and enjoy a thoughtfully served beverage. (I'd love if they were able to serve snacks again as well!)

Moreover, in my view their business is not merely about serving tea. This is a cultural experience which allows visitors to learn about a vital aspect of Chinese culture. I learned so much about everyday Chinese people's values, history, and way of life from prior visits to the old location. In our neighborhood, so close to Embassy Row, a tea house would provide a unique and unparalleled experience. Many residents live here rather than elsewhere in the city because we are passionate about this sort of cross-cultural experience -- we love embassy open houses, Phillips Collection events, and more. I don't think there is a better place in the city for Ching Ching Cha to call home.

Best,  
Diana Donnelly