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Chairman Hill and Board Members,

This is not a copy-and-paste message. My name is Darian Glover and I am a resident at 460 New York Avenue Condominium in northwest DC.

As an American and District resident, I am proud of our society's principle of innocence until proven guilty. Thus, I take offence to the portrayal by ANC 2G06 that the proposed holding cells for those awaiting arraignment as being a "jail" for convicted offenders.

As a resident living two blocks over from 501, I have been well aware of the historical building's detention cells in the basement. Anyone walking along L Street NW who has bothered to glance at the building in the evenings would see the cells illuminated.

It makes perfect sense that, while the Daily Building is undergoing renovations, the District would use properties that it owns and have served as detention facilities in the past as such a facility.

The recent use of the building for DCPD Traffic Safety had dozens of vehicles parked, coming, and going. Any complaints by ANC 2G06 due to traffic and noise are a puzzle to me. The location has long been a landmark due to "all the police vehicles" around it.

I do not understand how those securely housed and monitored in the proposed space in any way compromises the security of the neighborhood. If anything, having 24/7 monitoring improves it.

I have been a resident of the District for 22 years. I am well aware of the gentrification that occurs. I am frustrated by newcomers to neighborhoods that object to pre-existing businesses, culture, and zoning. In this immediate area, relatively recent residents have objected to longstanding zoning in the name of maintaining the neighborhood. The neighborhood and zoning existed long before they arrived, what right do they have to redefine it based on their personal opinions?

I am extremely disappointed that ANC 2G06 and the Department of Corrections have not, in good faith, negotiated amenities as is the standard practice for every other development project in the District. Concerns should be addressed, but I have not seen evidence of good faith discussions.

As for my specific concerns, I would like to know what will happen to 501 once the Daily Building renovations are complete, and what amenities the District will provide in the meantime.

Since no one has stepped forward to address my questions, I will defer to your impartial judgement.

Regards,
Darian R. Glover.

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District of Columbia
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