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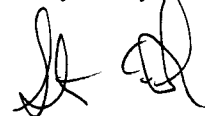
RE: CASE NO.02-06 (TEXT AMENDMENTS TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL  
OVERLAY DISTRICT: LIMITATIONS FOR EATING OR DRINKING  
ESTABLISHMENTS)

Dear Chairman Mitten:

I am a resident of Cleveland Park and am writing to request that the Overlay District provisions limiting eating and drinking establishments be repealed. Many neighbors have expressed legitimate concerns about Cleveland Park becoming another Adams Morgan or Georgetown. However, I believe these concerns can be obviated by limiting hours of operation and limiting alcohol sales as a percentage of total sales and total floor space. Others would like to see a hardware store or a book store or similar merchants. But if those were viable businesses, I think they would be taking the vacant space available now. They aren't; instead we have the eyesore of vacant space on Connecticut Avenue.

For me, one of the things I really enjoy about visiting New York or San Francisco is the abundance of good, reasonably priced neighborhood restaurants in most nice neighborhoods. In my opinion, we simply do not have that in Cleveland Park. I strongly urge the Commission to allow eating and drinking establishments without percentage limitations of total frontage, subject to reasonable operating rules. Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,



Steven C. Seidman

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