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Dear Mr. Bastida:

This letter is in reference to Case No. 02-19 (Text Amendment – Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay District). My wife and I have lived in Forest Hills for nearly 22 year and have watched the beauty of our neighborhood evolve over the years.

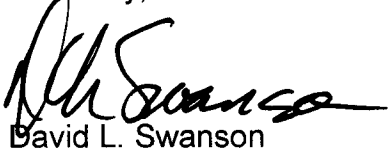
We have also watched as changes to properties have begun to erode the essential character of Forest Hills. We have noticed that there is increasing pressure to take the spacious lots in Forest Hills and crowd larger and more homes onto them. We have also watched with alarm as the development of these properties has resulted in the loss of many beautiful trees.

So it is with great enthusiasm that we have learned of the Tree and Slope Overlay proposal. We have attended two public meetings in our neighborhood and have been very pleased with the nearly unanimous support for the proposal.

We strongly support the Tree and Slope Overlay initiative and encourage you in the strongest terms to approve it. There may be individual cases that need to be addressed. But the Commission should ensure that exceptions or amendments to the basic overlay arising out of special circumstance pleadings will not significantly compromise the intended impact of this initiative on the Forest Hills neighborhood..

Thank you for considering this opinion and thank you and the Commission for your service to the people of the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,


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