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Alberto P. Bastida
Secretary of the Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning, suite 210
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Case No. 02-19 (Text Amendment – Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay District)

Dear Mr. Bastida:

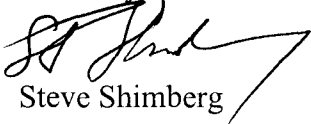
My wife and I live in Forest Hills within the proposed Overlay. I have been a District resident for over 23 years. We urge you to strongly **support** and vote to **approve** the Tree and Slope Overlay.

The proposal is necessary to preserve the character and ecological health of this part of the City. It is a modest, reasonable proposal that does not infringe on the rights of any property owner. Like all zoning laws, it would impose some restrictions to protect the greater public good. It is written so as to accommodate individual cases of hardship.

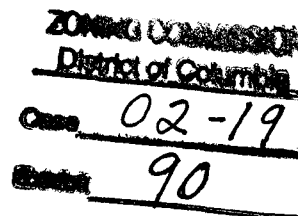
Those with the most to lose from passage of the Overlay are commercial developers who do not live in the city. The increasingly common practice of clear cutting vacant lots and building houses that are too large for the lots must be stopped. Developers are also buying existing houses for the sole purpose of tearing them down, cutting down beautiful old trees and building new, oversized houses.

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

Sincerely,


Steve Shimberg

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David Bardin
George Clark



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