

Historic Takoma, Inc.

"Preserving the Heritage of Takoma Park-MD and Takoma-DC"

Testimony of Historic Takoma, Inc.
To the
Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
March 17, 2003
Re: Case No. 03-01 (Map Amendment – Takoma Park)
Square 3187, Lots 50, 823, 826, and 834

I am Bonnie Moss, chair of the DC Preservation Committee of Historic Takoma, Inc. I reside at 6825 Piney Branch Rd., NW. I am pleased to testify on behalf of Historic Takoma, Inc. concerning the matter before you today.

Historic Takoma, Inc. is a membership-based nonprofit organization founded in 1979 to promote historic preservation and revitalization of the Historic District in the Takoma community in Washington, D.C. and Takoma Park, Maryland.

Historic Takoma, Inc. supports the rezoning of the lots in question, which are located within Takoma's Historic District, from C-M-1 to C-2-A. This is a widely supported and noncontroversial zoning change. The nature of the light industrial activity that has been carried out in this area in recent years is discordant with the historic and residential character of the adjacent area, which includes Chestnut Street, one of the oldest streets in Takoma and the location of some of our most unique old houses.

We hope that this change of zoning will facilitate the replacement of the unattractive, industrial quality of the area with an inviting retail and residential mix that will afford an appropriate transition to the historic single-family houses on the adjacent streets. We recognize that the proposed rezoning will be only a first step, and that thoughtful and judicious planning will be required in the steps that follow in order to bring the desired changes to reality. This zoning change will be, however, the first step.

Thank you.

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