ZONING COMMISSION
TESTIMONY ON CASE # 03-01

Rezoning of Industrial Property

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Commission Chair Carol Mitten and Commissioners. Happy St. Patrick's Day! And thank you for holding this hearing.

Briefly, I would like to testify in support of this proposed change in zoning classifications, from C-M-1 to C-2-A. I believe that it will contribute to the important revitalization of Takoma DC. My concerns would be that any construction that may result from this rezoning be respectful of the character of the community, particularly the Victorian architecture on the neighboring streets of Chestnut and Dahlia. This architecture is one of the signature components of the residential community of Takoma DC. It is also one of the factors that draws destination shoppers to this area.

In order for commercial revitalization to take hold in Takoma DC, it is important to support and enhance the unique character of this community as positive changes take place. As we speak, neighboring Silver Spring is becoming an intense urban center. We, in the Takoma community, can offer a vibrant complement and alternative to their urban redesign and, in so doing, contribute to attracting more destination shoppers. This is important for the viability of our future revitalized "main street" in Takoma DC as well as for generating synergy with the shops in our neighboring sister community of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Accordingly, I urge you to vote in favor of this proposed change in zoning classifications.

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