Madam Chairman, Commissioners

I'm Sara Karis and my husband and I have owned 403S, Watergate East since 1997.

I respectfully request a POSTPONEMENT.

However, if a postponement is not granted, I am then here to testify against re-zoning because I view our community around the Watergate Complex as "SMALL TOWN AMERICA'. As a child I grew up in a community where we had our market, drug store, dime store, barber shop, beauty parlors, eateries, etc., and the "nice" hotel where weddings and wedding receptions, special parties were held and where the Kiwanis and other service clubs met.

At the Watergate we have the SAFEWAY, the CVS, pastry shop, barber shop, stationery shop, Chinese restaurant, pizza parlor, copy shop, nail shop, flower shop and the NICE hotel JUST AS we had in my small town. It was an integral part in my small town, just as the Watergate Hotel is an integral part of our small "town" community.

Luiggi Moritti (sp), the Italian architect, enjoyed a reputation in Europe equal to that of America's Frank Lloyd Wright.

At some point following WWII when our men returned from the Wars, there was a terrible housing shortage. I've read that many of Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie Style homes were made into duplexes or even four family units. Fortunately, they have since been reclaimed and restored to their original architecture.

Would a Zoning commission consider re-zoning the Broadmoor in Colorado to condos or the Williamsburg Inn and Lodge to Condos or the Greenbrier in White Sulpher Springs, WV to…condos. Of course not. They are LANDMARKS. Our WATERGATE Hotel is a LANDMARK. Please do not vote re-zone. Thank you.

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(Mrs. C. Sayre Karis)

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