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REZONE NO!

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DC Zoning Commission
441 Fourth Street, NW, Rm. 210
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Monument Residential, LLC's Application; case 0316

Dear Commission Members:

As a resident of the Watergate Complex, here are the reasons why I find Monument's application to convert the Watergate Hotel to 156 apartment units objectionable:

Parking: I always struggle hard to find street parking for my friends and family since is street parking is almost non existent. My friends and guests are forced to regularly pay a $10 minimum parking fee.
The addition of 156 new units will eliminate the little parking available as a result of the Kennedy Center's traffic, the eight large apartment houses nearby and the multitude of GW students overwhelming the few available spaces.

The Watergate Hotel: The hotel provides many of the vital services I need. Like many of the Watergate residents, I have chosen to live here because I can lead an independent life longer than in other communities since all the services I need are right here at the Watergate Hotel and in the shopping mall, which I fear would become congested if you approve this application. The Hotel provides lodging for my children and grandchildren, who are free to come and go between my apartment and the hotel without having to cross a single dangerous intersection. In addition, I use the hotel's gym on a regular basis and observe that their gym trainers and massage services provide critical, and literally vital, health services to many older man and women here who are afflicted with arthritis and other mobility problems. The daily gym visit for them is the only thread connecting them with life. I dread of what's going to happen to them in an unsupervised gym that Monument is proposing. Most of them will stop going to the gym and just shorten their lives.

I respectfully urge you to deny the application.

Sincerely,

Liz Shalit

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO.03-16
EXHIBIT NO.84