Takoma D.C. Neighborhood Association (formerly Plan Takoma)
c/o 6907 5th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012

April 29, 2005

Clifford Moy, Acting Secretary to the Zoning Commission
District of Columbia Office of Zoning
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Washington, D C 20001

Mailed and Sent by Fax to: (202) 727-6072

RE: D.C. Register, April 1, 2005 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
Case No. ZC-04-16 Takoma Neighborhood Commercial Overlay District

Dear Mr Moy

The Takoma D C. Neighborhood Association (TDCNA, formerly Plan Takoma, Inc) serves the area described in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Takoma Neighborhood Commercial Overlay District, published in the April 1, 2005, District of Columbia Register. Our board of directors voted to support the Takoma Neighborhood Commercial Overlay District prior to its review by the D C Zoning Commission in March. Our review of the Zoning Commission's notice of proposed rulemaking for a Text Amendment to Title 11 DCMR, Chapter 13, finds that it accurately reflects the overlay proposal and we encourage the Zoning Commission to adopt this rulemaking

TDCNA supports a neighborhood newsletter that is distributed by block captains each month to about 900 households Our April 9 newsletter included an announcement of the publication of this proposed rulemaking on the overlay district, including reference to the publication, its availability at the Takoma Branch Library, and a telephone contact for the Zoning Commission.

As stated in our earlier letter of support, while most concerns regarding the impact or compatibility of new construction in the historic Takoma commercial district are addressed by historic preservation regulations and review, the proposed Commercial Overlay District is a necessary tool for achieving the goals for the area set forth in the Takoma Central District Plan New housing, increased ground-floor ceilings for retail and expanded building setbacks for new construction should help attract and retain vibrant local businesses and support our vision of a walkable and diverse neighborhood that is uniquely Takoma

Sincerely,

Dodie Butler
President

cc: Ward IV Councilmember Adrian Fenty
ANC 4-B Commissioners
Historic Takoma, Inc

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