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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chair
Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW, 210-S
Washington, DC 20002

Reference: Takoma Neighborhood Commercial Overlay District, Case No. 04-16

Dear Ms. Mitten:

I support continuing the 50' limit for new buildings in the proposed commercial Overlay Zone of Takoma DC. 55' is too high, and that's much higher than any other buildings here. The two new buildings around the Takoma Metro are about 50' high, and they are too high. Even though the current code limit for these buildings is 50', that's too high for Takoma.

Also, the 15' setback from the street is better than the 13' that the Office of Planning proposes. Our streets and sidewalks are too narrow for these tall buildings. Most of our old stores and the Theatre are set back far from the street. The old stores on Fourth Street are just one story tall, so the sidewalk feels wide enough, and it seems far enough away from the passing cars and buses because cars park between the sidewalk and the traffic.

I hope that the Zoning Commission understands that we want a safe and attractive commercial area where people will come to buy things in new stores that will open. That's why I want to keep the height limit at 50' and the setback from the street at 15' minimum.

Sincerely,

Shireen K. Lewis

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Subject: The last six pages of surveys which were part of the 28 pages attempted to be sent to you earlier.

My two error messages, attached, seem to indicate that 22 pages were actually sent the first time, and 23 pages were actually sent the second time.

I am re-sending the last six surveys which were part of the 28 pages, plus:

- the two error messages related to this set of documents sent earlier.
- the three error messages that I received when attempting to fax letters.

I will take to the Zoning Commission the originals of all of these documents, including the error messages.