

Mount Vernon Square

Neighborhood Association

04-18

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Dear Ms. Burcham:

Recently, residents of M Street, NW in our community have publicly stated they have concerns about the proposed development by IBG Partners, LLC of the former Yale Laundry site, located at 437 and 443 New York Avenue, NW.

These residents have met with other neighbors who share concerns about the height, density, size and scope of the proposed development, as well as resulting impact on neighborhood parking. Using the design approved for what was to be a hotel on this site, many residents do not feel that the building will be in keeping with the character of the Mt. Vernon Square Historic District. Residents are also concerned that a change in use – from hotel to condominiums – necessitates a second look at the structure and massing proposed.

As a result, during the Mt. Vernon Square Neighborhood Association (MVSNA) monthly meeting yesterday, the MVSNA passed two motions:

- The MVSNA requests a public hearing to address concerns about the proposed Yale Laundry site.
- The MVSNA requests that ANC2C officially request that the Zoning Commission consider a map amendment to bring the zoning of Square 514 into conformity with the Mt. Vernon Square Historic District.

We ask your support and assistance in arranging the public hearing requested via the first motion of the community association. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at work (202.797.8250) or home (202.737.5942).

Sincerely,

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