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Dear Commissioner Mitten and Members of the Zoning Commission:

I am Dr. Oralisa Martin, a DC resident located at 6101 New Hampshire Avenue, NE - 20011. I live directly across the street from the 6000 New Hampshire property. I am applying to testify as an "Individual" at the Public Hearing on July 20, 2005. I understand that I have 1 minute to speak.

A Summary of the Testimony:

On September 22, 2005 at 10:48AM I, Dr. O. Martin and Dr. A. Kelly, in behalf of the citizens who comprise the community of the LaMond Riggs Subdivision submitted to the District of Columbia Zoning Commission 272 adult signed petitions in "Opposition to Zoning Application -Case 05-30".

Hard working and retired DC residents continue to look to our zoning commission and elected officials to protect us from foreign invasion and violations to our rights.

The West Group PUD project does not fit within our community. The West Group PUD project represents the demise of our community and the attempt of the West Group Developers and the Jarvis Company to become wealthy at the detriment of hard working DC residents who invested their lives in the present development and maintenance of our community. I feel that we as a community *have been violated* by this attempted project and by the manner in which West Group manipulated individuals and groups to achieve its end.

Community members were invited to attend numerous meetings with presentations by the West Group who did not fully disclose that the project required a change of zoning. Diagrams of the proposed project were unclear on type sheets, and resembled an exaggerated spider web projected on a screen. Responses from the community oftentimes indicated whether or not persons liked trees, green space, shrubbery, or a park. Questions of concern as regards parking and traffic, density and affordable housing were raised, but never adequately answered. *I am urging our zoning commission to protect us from being violated, and vote against a re-zoning of said property.*

After having reviewed the November 14, 2005 transcript of the West Group proposal presented by the Office of Planning to the DC Zoning Commission, I find it in keeping with the best interest of the community to briefly respond to the misrepresentation of the community's position as expressed in the document by the West Group OP representatives.

Density Issue: (Page 56, Lines 19-25)

Ms. Thomas' response represents the manner in which the developers have made presentations to the community as it manipulates regulations to fit their project.

In lieu of all that the Zoning Commission still needs from the West Group Developers and the dialoguc between the Office of Planning and the Zoning Commission, it is obvious that what was also presented to the community had discrepancies, unanswered questions, and serious concerns

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from the residents of the District. *To date, the ANC has voted against this PUD that requires a change of zone. We petition our zoning commission to vote against the change of zone.*

Complete Misrepresentation (page 65, lines 18-22)

"Ms. Steir gasser: Well, overall, the community and the ANC supported the project. They were uncomfortable with the fact that it included a map amendment to enable the project, but the project on itself they did come to consensus on in support."

(pp. 66, lines 1-8)

"They supported the project as you see it..."

Commissioners Parson and Jeffries' reaction to the statements was so appropriate. *"I'm surprise..."* Commissioner Jeffries, I implore you to please note that false news can never be "good news".

We believe that the primary reason this process has gotten even this far, is because the community has been deceived by the shrewd manipulation of the West Group who tend to place fear in members by speaking with them on scenarios of the property that could shut off future DC residency for their children (p. 67, lines 9-21). Therefore, the choice for the community becomes: allow the West Group and Jarvis Company to transform your community to an overly populated foreign entity affordable for your children, or stick with the R-1-B zone for 80 single-family detached units that could cost from \$300,00 to \$500,000, a figure that exceeds the scale for "the Negro". It feels like "Terrorism"!!!

We pray God that we can continue to entrust you, our zoning commission and elected officials, with protecting us from violations to our rights. Therefore, we earnestly implore you the Zoning Commission to vote against the change of zone for the Case 05-30.

Sincerely,

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