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ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia

CASE NO. 05-30(FAX)
EXHIBIT NO. 88

Ms. Carol J. Mitten, Chairperson
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RE: Empirical Data- Traffic Flow Along 6100-5900 Blocks of New Hampshire Ave, NE / Public Hearing #05-30

Dear Ms. Mitten and Members of the Zoning Commission:

I am presently, and have been, a home owner for 48.5 years at 301 Quackenbos Street, NE—one block east of the proposed West Group/Jarvis site (located at 6000 New Hampshire Avenue, NE).

Twenty-nine of those years have provided me the opportunity to observe traffic flow and bottlenecks on the above-referenced New Hampshire Avenue, NE corridor during the morning, evening and late night hours. Having a dog that I walked nearly 365 days/year (weather permitting), I had occasion to experience traffic patterns during the morning and evening rush hours, and between 10:00 and 11:00 at night. Each walk averaged about an hour.

Not only have I observed the flow of traffic along New Hampshire Avenue, I have also witnessed the violation of traffic signs and lights. In many instances I reported these violations and had occasion to speak to the offenders who indicated that their actions had been taken in order to circumvent bottlenecks, particularly southbound morning traffic toward DC via New Hampshire Avenue.

DDOT seems to have omitted my, as well as community members' observations regarding traffic congestion to and from Maryland via the major (Kansas, New Hampshire and Eastern Avenues), secondary arteries (Third Street), and tertiary routes (Rittenhouse, Peabody, Quackenbos, and Oglethorpe). This congestion will only be augmented with the advent of additional households, hence additional traffic, in and out of these arteries.

The DDOT report doesn't even mention present congestion realities in the area, let alone address them.

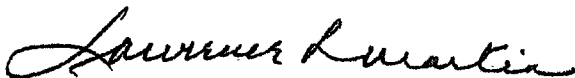
Over the years I have observed the following variations in traffic flow, according to:

- season (i.e., bottlenecks during inclement weather vs. "dry" days);
- speed variations (higher at night) and red light violations (higher at night)

At a recent meeting, West Group representatives suggested that traffic be diverted to Kansas Avenue to mitigate potential traffic congestion resulting from the additional vehicles from the proposed development. That suggestion brought a vehemently negative response from Kansas Avenue residents of the community. Furthermore, this "solution" would only add to an already heavily-populated artery—particularly during rush hour.

In conclusion, over 29 years (11,267 hours) of observing traffic flow along New Hampshire Avenue, NE (from the District line to the bridge and beyond to/from downtown DC) suggests to me that the Office of Planning, DDOT, and the West Group Development Corporation have truly not given due consideration to traffic problems that a proposed planned development of this size and nature would create. This community, which is a gateway into the District and one of the more stable middle-class neighborhoods, deserves much more reflective planning and forethought as we will have to live with the consequences for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence L. Martin".

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