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CASE NO. 06-06

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THE ZONING COMMISSION OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
One Judiciary Square, Suite 210-South
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
RE: ZC Case 06-06 "Charter Schools Text Amendment"

September 18, 2006

The action of the Zoning Commission in the above cited case, is very BAD POLICY and affects the quality of life of those who own/rent property and live in the environments of proposed charter schools. For the following reasons, I object to the Charter Schools Text Amendment:

*** The change allows the conversion of residential property to non-residential use which changes the character of the neighborhood**

***The change does not include a special exception process, which would give communities the right to determine the future of their own neighborhoods.**

***Charter schools, unlike DC Public Schools, are not accountable to any elected authority and citizens have no input into their selection of sites as the do with DC Public Schools**

***The change places no restrictions on the concentration of schools in any area, thus ignoring the cumulative effect that multiple schools may have on an area. This will overburden public services (police, fire, emergency, sanitation removal, etc.) And have a negative impact on an environment conducive to health, order, peace and quiet.**

***There is no recognition of much needed parking requirements in the text amendment. Parking problems will increase with driving-age students, faculty and staff competing for already diminished parking spaces.**

***The Zoning Commission is seeking to act on this important change to the zoning regulations without adequate time for public comment and without public hearings. The ANC's and other local civic organizations do not meet in August and early September. Citizens involved in this issue are unable to meet to consider this measure.**

I am a 28 year resident of my Capitol Hill neighborhood and a property owner with a love and keen interest in the continued residential life of the area, I do hope that the Zoning Commission will pay serious attention to these objection to the Text Amendment.

Thank you,



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