

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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Chairperson
Zoning Commission
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Dear Chairperson Mitten:

In 1999, the Washington Post Business section described the New York Avenue corridor as "the next development frontier". Seven years later, "the next development frontier" is full of strip clubs, chop shops, used car lots, and severe urban decay. The residents of the Arboretum and Ivy City communities feel betrayed and forgotten by the lack of planning and development of the New York Avenue corridor from our city officials and agencies. Many of them feel this negligence is due to the cities attempt to protect this corridor as an industrial zone. Therefore, an unwritten law is to stand in the way of progress and development of this Northeast Washington, DC corridor.

New York Avenue is the gateway into Nations Capital and an important symbol for our city. Ward 5 Community leaders, residents, and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B are in full support of Abdo Development Corporation's proposed development of the New York Avenue triangle. We are fully aware of the impact of this project and stand ready to embrace and welcome CHANGE. This project is an important first step to creating the New York Avenue Gateway. This project has universal community support, Friends of the Arboretum, Arboretum Civic Association, Trinidad Concerned Citizens for Reform, Ivy City citizens, and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B; all stand united and prepared to fight any person or body that stands in the way of progress and positive development.

As a mayoral appointee to the Zoning Commission, we expect you to make decisions and vote with will of the community. It is troubling for me and the community, to witness you slow walking this important project for Ward 5 and Washington, DC.

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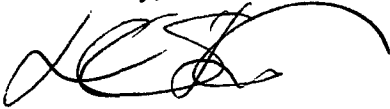
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through the Zoning Commission. This lack of vision and leadership could potentially destroy this project and cause seven more years of New York Avenue decay. Mayor Williams, Chairperson Cropp, Councilmember Orange, and Deputy Mayor Jackson are all supporters of this project and it is time for us to add your name to this list of people who support this project, the will of the people, and the overall revitalization of the New York Avenue Gateway.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. C. Shelton', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

William C. Shelton,
Chairperson

cc: Mayor Anthony Williams
Chairperson Linda Cropp
Councilmember Vincent Orange
Councilmember Adrian Fenty
Deputy Mayor Stanley Jackson