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Mr. Anthony Hood
Chairman
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th St. NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: ZC Case No. 09-03F – Skyland Town Center

Dear Chairperson Hood and Members of the Commission:

I am writing to let the Zoning Commission know that the Fairlawn Citizens Association supports redevelopment of the Skyland Town Center and ZC Case No. 09-03F to be presented to the Zoning Commission on July 23, 2020. The modified project with a Lidl grocery store, a Starbucks (with a drive-through and walk-up window), the medical office building, and other retail shopping opportunities and services will be a great addition and economic stimulus to our community.

Many, if not most, of the people coming to Lidl will be driving a car; however, we are hearing that there is concern that the parking lot in front of the grocery store makes the project look “too suburban”. Isn’t the parking lot in the front of the Good Hope Market Place across Alabama Avenue? Many of us are spending our hard earned money in the suburbs now. Wouldn’t it be better for the District if we spent it here? Besides we like having more eyes on the parking lot and easy access to the parking lot like other high-quality town centers. Plus, the developer’s landscaping and the tree planting along Alabama Avenue will provide a more natural and attractive look for the entire project.

We have waited a long time for the redevelopment of Skyland to occur. This revised project can be a real asset to our community and we ask that it be approved, so that we will finally begin to get the types of stores and services we have been promised for a long time. Thank you for your attention to our comments.

Respectfully,

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