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Director  
Zoning Commission  
Of The District Of Columbia  
441 4th Street NW, Suite 220 South  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Feb. 11th, 2015

Re: A citizen's opposition to zoning height amendment, filed on behalf  
Of the public.

Ms. Bardin:

On my own initiative, this grievance is being presented on behalf of the public  
In case 14-16 —filed by the Office Of Planing—for Text Amendment to  
create and implement C--B- Zone concerning majority land surrounding New  
York Avenue, Bladensburg Road And Montana Avenues North East——owned  
and being sold Metropolitan Investments Corporation should be rejected by the  
Zoning Commission. To allow such zoning amendment will violate the U.S.  
Constitution's Thirteenth Amendment, which prohibits slavery in the United  
States. Current owners of that property support that illegal practice by virtue  
of public image of the property that is presently in view. This further  
includes past actions against the company whom were cited by the D.C.  
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs for sanitation violations.

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ZONING COMMISSION  
District of Columbia  
14-16  
CASE NO. 14-16  
EXHIBIT NO. 10  
EXHIBIT NO.10

## Facts Supporting Opposition That Zoning Height Amendment Should Be Rejected.

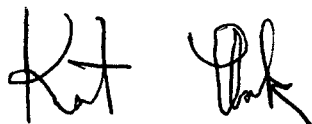
Property located at New York Avenue, Bladensburg Road and Montana Avenues North East, Washington, D.C.—owned by Metropolitan Investments Corporation—sit in unsuitable condition as result of demolition efforts brought on by July-August 2012 citations from the D.C. Consumer and Regulatory Affairs for trash, vegetation and graffiti. This land is located near the Arboretum neighborhood, a middle class community and similar neighborhoods along Montana Avenue and Eighteenth Street, North East. Owners of the property support the illegal practice of slavery by having allowed conditions of previous buildings to fall into disrepair—reasons for being cited by the government—and their lack of concern for the communities at-large continue where large stone debris from those buildings are in plain view. All demolition work has ceased on the land. But instead of completing all removal of demolished buildings, owners have erected black fences in an attempt to hide it from the public. Fortunately the public can not only see this “cover up”, the ripped down buildings as well. Metropolitan Investments Corporation are not being respectful to the community as to the present conditions of the property, and this amounts to slavery. What made slavery such a hated practice leading to prohibition was how slaves were treated. Owners of New York Avenue, Bladensburg Road and Montana Avenues North East, Washington, D.C. continue such mistreatment.

What Metropolitan Investments Corporation is doing to the community amounts to oppression, a form of slavery. Property at New York Avenue, Bladensburg Road and Montana Avenues North East was slated for Wal-Mart development. Those plans were canceled in 2013. Though before that, three buildings near intersection of Bladensburg Road and New York Avenue North East now owned by Douglas Development—which are west of the Kentucky Fried Chicken—was planned for restaurants under different owners. However, due to the major financial impact of a possible Wal-Mart, Metropolitan Investments Corporation opposed beverage licenses for those establishments. Owners to majority of the current land presently in question said that “issuing such license would interfere with Wal-Mart development plans”. Site of the property, however, clearly shows that Metropolitan Investments Corporation did not want to share with those owners and uncovers their prosperity at any price attitude.

## Conclusion.

Therefore, with the above facts, the D.C. Zoning Commission should reject Text Amendment for case 14-16, which will violate Thirteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits slavery in the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kent Clark', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kent Clark

Copies to:

Chairman  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C.