

To: DC Zoning Commission

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From: Vivica Brooks

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As a member of the Brentwood Community Association, Inc., who owns property and has lived in the Brentwood area for over 15 plus years, I wish to offer my recommendation for approval of the RIA 20-acre redevelopment of Brookland Manor and Brentwood Village Shopping Center. There were several factors that went into my decision to settle in Brentwood. Congresswoman Norton and Mayor Anthony Williams wanted to attract young professionals to the city, thus offering a tax-credit. Expanded retail and housing development were slated to come to Ward 5, specifically, Brentwood in the coming year, 2002-2003. I could truly live, work, and shop in the District! Due to the recession all plans were put on hold and again Brentwood would have to wait to get a diverse, robust development that would attract the services and amenities to serve **ALL** of Brentwood.

MidCity's comprehensive development plan of the following is something I look forward to:

- Townhomes and mixed-income apartments
- Affordable senior and family residences
- Community green spaces
- Farmers Market
- Full-service grocery store-competition is a great thing!
- Various eateries, i.e. Panera Bread, Starbucks, Corner Bakery, Sweet Green

The immediate and long lasting economic impact of the RIA redevelopment will be far reaching in Brentwood, Ward 5, and the District of Columbia. The recommendations, when applied will aid in forming a well-defined development environment creating opportunity and growth on a long-term basis.

I thank the members of the DC Zoning Commission for taking the time to read and get input from **ALL** of the residents who reside in Brentwood.

Best regards,

Vivica Brooks  
Brentwood Resident