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Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 2:53 PM
To: DCOZ - ZC Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: RE: Case Number 16-23, Proposal for Design Review and Development by Valor Development, LLC, Square 1499, Lots 802, 803, 807: Letter in Opposition

Dear Zoning Commission:

I hereby register my opposition to the above-described proposal currently before the Zoning Commission.

- I am not opposed to the development of the site, but I believe the size of the proposed development is way out of proportion to what would be more in keeping with the neighborhood. Who benefits from the current proposal other than the developers? Not the neighbors, who will have to deal with increased foot and vehicular traffic.
- The development as proposed would create two looming building behind the current shopping plaza. That would change the entire neighborhood. Is not a development more in keeping with what is currently under construction on the other side of Massachusetts Avenue better for the area?
- Spring Valley is currently a charming area of single family homes. Why would you approve the addition of over 200 apartments to the area? I understand the lot has the right to build up to a certain size. Why permit something much larger? Why couldn't they construct a smaller number of single-family condominiums?
- For me, the issue is really whether I can count on DC to respect the character of the neighborhood in which I have chosen to live. Will the zoning board protect the residents, or favor a developer who is not in fact improving a blighted area. If it turns out I can't count on the city to protect me, then why should I stay?

Respectfully Submitted,

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