

June 6, 2017

Open Letter to ANC3E Commissioners
RE: UIP development plans for 4620 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

Dear ANC3E Commissioners:

I wish I could attend the June 8 ANC meeting in person to express my views publicly, but please accept this letter as an expression of my strong support for the updated UIP plans for mixed-use development at 4620 Wisconsin Avenue, NW.

As a homeowner who lives in close proximity (literally in the projected building's shadow) to the development site, I will be personally impacted by both the construction and development once construction is completed. I have two young children who attend Janney ES and walk to school every day. I also plan to send my children to Deal and Wilson with each walking to school on a daily basis. I park my car on the street and sometimes have difficulty finding a convenient spot in front of my home. All of the potential downsides opponents of this project have raised (notably building height and increased traffic due to density beyond current zoning) will impact my family and me directly.

Despite the potential drawbacks noted above, I strongly support this project and believe, as proposed, it will add significant net benefit to the community. These types of development projects, which increase density close to mass transit, will ultimately attract the types of diverse retail options to make Tenleytown's "main street" a more vibrant and energetic center for neighborhood residents. To achieve this goal, not only do we need more residents to patronize local retail establishments, but we need to have the types of retail establishments residents of all phases of life want to patronize. These include amenities of daily living, including grocery stores, hardware stores, dry cleaners, pharmacies, and other shops (all of which we already enjoy in Tenleytown), as well as diverse dining options that meet the equally diverse interests and of the community. Included in the updated proposal from UIP is a commitment to attract at least one retail tenant that qualifies as a new non-fast or non-fast-casual restaurant option for our neighborhood. Attracting a Millies-like, Ted's Bulletin-like, or similar option to Tenleytown would be a fantastic complement to the current dining options and potentially serve as an anchor for the neighborhood and ideally attract additional similar options.

More than anything else proposed in the updated plan, I am most interested in the possibility of attracting new types of dining options to Tenleytown. Given UIP's commitment to provide this significant amenity, I strongly and respectfully ask the ANC commissioners to join me in supporting the proposed updated UIP plans for mixed-use development at 4620 Wisconsin Avenue.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



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