

As a resident of Penn Branch I would like to voice my support for the zoning amendment of the Penn Branch Shopping Center property. This property is an eyesore and the community needs the space to be revitalized.

On the other hand, it was a terrible idea for the Zoning Commission to encourage a custom zone for this property that will set a terrible precedent city-wide. These changes to MU-4 could have just as easily have been reached via a Planned Unit Development.

I also find it incredibly distasteful that multiple Ward 3 activist groups are here in support of a property in an area they've never been and would never go to, all in order to support their segregationalist agenda. I vehemently oppose Alma Gates' motion for MU-4A to be further reduced in density and immediately implemented city-wide. The only reason people like Alma Gates are voicing support for this development is to further stifle affordable housing in their own neighborhoods, forcing development into other wards. This is the worst sort of NIMBYism I've come across in recent memory and it's tantamount to modern segregation - Ward 3 already has almost zero affordable housing development and implementation of MU-4A in place of MU-4 will further exasperate the issue.

Alma Gates, Spring Valley-Wesley Heights Citizens Association, and Neighbors for a Livable Community should be ashamed of themselves and learn to keep their noses in their neighborhoods and out of ours. By showing up for this hearing they are showing for a property on the opposite side of the city from them, they are showing their worst NIMBY colors.

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