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Chairman Hood & Members of the Zoning Commission:

We are writing ahead of this evening's hearing regarding the proposed zoning amendment that would further restrict the modified MU-4 zone designation negotiated to allow for much-needed redevelopment of Penn Branch Shopping Center.

As residents of Hillcrest, we strongly support the shopping center moving forward under the modified MU-4 zone negotiated in good faith by the residents of the Penn Branch/O Street and discussed on April 30, 2018 - although we do believe the PUD process would have been a better vehicle for these negotiations.

With that said, we adamantly oppose the changes put forward to further restrict MU-4 zones to a 40% density reduction and force immediate implementation of the changes. We fear this amendment could effectively kill the Penn Branch Shopping Center redevelopment and put an even greater burden on communities in Southeast D.C.

For far too long communities in Northwest Washington have passed the buck to neighborhoods across the Anacostia, expecting us to provide the vast majority of affordable housing in the District while enjoying amenities like entertainment, restaurants and grocery stores – all while neighborhoods east of the river are overlooked.

Penn Branch Shopping Center should move forward under the previously negotiated zone with the 20% density reduction and perhaps the residents trying to further downzone to keep businesses – or neighbors – they see as undesirable out of their communities should spend some time in other quadrants of the city. Though considering our lack of the amenities they have readily available, something as simple as a quality grocery store, we're not sure how they'd spend that time.

We have also submitted our comments using the IZIS.

Sincerely,

Jordan and Tiffany Haverly