

In Support of Ladybird proposal

I am writing to urge you to support the Ladybird proposal for a mixed use development now more than ever after the recent closure announcement of the Safeway on Macarthur Blvd that serves our area. .

The current proposal is about more than new housing units. It's an economic development plan that creates jobs and provides redevelopment benefits for Ward 3E. Residents have had only one choice for grocery shopping in the area. Competition in any market is good for consumers and provides for more choices, more jobs and more opportunities for local business.

And when people are given choices, their quality of life improves, they gain a stronger sense of community while strengthening the economics of their neighborhood. Right now I have to drive to Tenleytown or further to buy groceries. If this application is approved, I'll have the option to walk to my grocery store and leave my car at home. The recent closure of the Safeway on Macarthur Blvd makes an a replacement store even more urgent.

Clearly there is a need for a new grocery store in our community. I encourage the Ward 3 Advisory Neighborhood Commission to approve The Ladybird proposal and make a determination that The Ladybird application complies with all local codes.

Best Regards,

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