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Re: Case #19-10

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the development of the former Superfresh site in AU Park/Spring Valley. I have lived just a few short blocks away from this site since 1999. As a long time resident of Spring Valley, I have been extremely pleased with the development in our neighborhood. We have enjoyed the convenience of having new restaurants and neighborhood gathering places. However, we sorely miss having a grocery store within walking distance of our house. One of the primary reasons we originally moved here was that it afforded us the suburban lifestyle of trees, sidewalks, and single family homes but with the urban convenience of being able to walk to a commercial district. When Superfresh/Fresh and Green closed, it left a void that has not yet been filled. The ugly site of a decrepit and empty supermarket has become a neighborhood eyesore. In addition, I have it on good authority from my teenager that other teens go to the Superfresh site to buy and sell drugs. The sooner that development gets started on this site the better!

When my ANC representative announced that MOMS Organic Grocery was a contender for the new development I was thrilled! I mostly shop at Whole Foods but would much prefer to shop at a locally owned mini-chain. I am a strong proponent of smart development in this neighborhood. I looked at the plans online and was delighted to see the addition of attractive townhomes and condominiums. The lack of a grocery store within walking distance might someday propel me to consider moving out of the neighborhood but if these plans move forward, it would be a big incentive to stay put. I certainly hope that you will approve these plans.

Sincerely,
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