

Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman  
DC Zoning Commission  
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Dear Chairman Hood:

I live with my family at 4708 Windom Pl., NW, which is just down the street from the Superfresh lot. I am an avid cyclist and I am pretty worried about the development planned to go up around my family's home. I fear for my safety, along with my fellow cyclists and pedestrians safety in regards to the plans for the development.

Right now, there is barely enough room for people to walk through the alleys while there is one truck in it, let alone three or four. Trucks even unload their cargo on Yuma St. because there is no room for them to squeeze into the alley to unload. Building the 6-7 story apartment building and accompanying grocery store will dramatically increase pedestrian, cyclist, scooter, moped, cars and ubers/lyfts/taxis in these already cramped alleys. Delivery truck drivers' main focus is on how fast they can deliver the current load so that they can get back on route to drop off their next load. Their priority is not cyclists (kids and adults), scooters, mopeds, skateboards, those walking in the narrow space allotted as "pedestrian pathways"; it's the clock. So, it is not fair to them to increase pedestrian traffic when they already do not have enough space to do their job.

This is a very family-oriented neighborhood with a lot of young children on strider bikes. A strider bike is a bike without pedals. They allow kids to learn how to balance before pedals get introduced. Kids as little as two stride all over the neighborhood

on these bikes, using their legs to move forward and to stoop. These bikes do not have brakes, so stopping for these children depends on their decision-making skills and how fast their feet can actually stop them. Introducing all this new traffic poses a huge danger to those kids, in particular.

Also, keep in mind, in this day and age, EVERYONE is on their phones all the time, either for directions, communication, social media, listening to music, whatever. Those delivery drivers who are glued to their scanners and focusing on how fast they can drop their load off so they can get back on the road will add more traffic and distracted people in cars and trucks to the alley mix. They are barely paying attention to the road as is.

Please do not approve Valor's PUD application. It is too big and will create too many safety and traffic issues.

Sincerely,

Emily Koffsky