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I live at the Velocity and am writing in regards to case number 19-23. While I recognize that apparently there is pre-existing approval for further construction and renovation I am opposed to it for numerous reasons. Since my condo is right across from the building going higher will take away the sliver of sky that I can still see. It will also impact the views from the roof which is used by many in the summer, and also in the fall and spring depending on the temperature. More importantly I am dismayed by the amount of construction and development constantly taking place in the neighborhood. I moved to D.C. four and a half years ago, excited to be living in the city and all it has to offer. However, I continue to be dismayed by the amount of construction and ensuing congestion there is. It does not appear that the quality of life and the impact on residents is taken into account when development is concerned, rather development is considered a good in its own right. There is little green space remaining, and little consideration of environmental impact. To give just one example what would happen if there were a major storm in the area? Where would the water run off be? What is the impact on the existing public transportation: could the metro keep up with ever more expansion? What about car traffic?

For myself, I live in fear every time I cross the street because traffic laws are not obeyed. While everyone seems to be aware of this problem, little has been done to address it. I am also increasingly dismayed at the noise and the congestion itself; as I keep saying to people if I had wanted to move into Manhattan I would have done so. As for the immediate issue, if growth is once again considered the most important value it has strengthen my resolve to leave my new home, which of course I would do with considerable regret.

Thank you for giving this your attention. I am sorry not to be able to attend your meeting in person, but I am just recovering from the flu.

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