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Dear Zoning Commission /Board of Zoning Adjustment Members,

My name is Marc Friend and I am a Ward 6 Homeowner. I urge the commission to reject the rezoning of Barry Farms. D.C. This is about housing justice and the failure of the a failed New Communities Initiative (NCI) redevelopment. NCI must honor its commitments to build first when possible, to replace public housing units one-for-one, to rebuild communities, and to return residents to those communities. What makes this so shockins s that The DC Court of Appeals agreed with Barry Farm residents that the NCI plan was unacceptable, and it was the responsibility of NCI to renegotiate and make a better plan with residents. Yet, this rezoning effort is a clear attempt to do an end run around the Court of Appeals decision. It is trying to force through a redevelopment that is not what residents want nor what the Court decided. The Zoning committee must honor the court's decision. Lastly, if this shocking maneuver is allowed, it could be a precedent for other redevelopments, thus undermining the rights of all public housing residents.

We want the humanity and the rights of Barry Farms– and all public housing – residents to be respected. It is inhumane to pretend that this historic parcel of land is not significant to residents. We also want DMPED to address the hardships that residents face as a result of their displacement, such as providing adequate support with moving and storage and funding reunions.

It is time we listen to the Barry Farms resident.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Marc