

Hello Commissioners,

I wanted to share my strong support for the up-zoning petition for 1617 U St NW.

U St. is a thriving part of the DC cityscape and the goal of adding more affordable housing and cultural venues of the area is truly important.

I can't imagine anyone rationally claiming that "there's already too much affordable housing", especially after this year's monumental rent increases.

Housing is a human right. We should do everything in our power to supply homes to *everyone*.

As a recent renter myself and someone who loves DC's diversity, I really hope you will approve the up-zoning.

I also hope you will consider future enhancements to the area's quality of life, including bike lanes, pedestrian zones, shade trees, etc.

Thank you for your consideration!

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