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Dear Zoning Commissioners, and staff,

These comments are for the public record in ZC Case No. 23-02. I also ask that the Secretary sign me up to testify in opposition to the rezoning application in this case.

I oppose the proposed rezoning of the two acres of public land at 1617 U St., NW for the following reasons, among others:

I live less than half a block from the site, but I have never received official notice of the proposed rezoning. For this reason alone, the review process should be halted until all affected parties have been officially notified and given an appropriate response time.

The imposition of a tall and massive building of primarily luxury apartments or condos would shatter the aesthetics and cohesion of my historic neighborhood. Such a large building looming over its neighbors (my own building is 4 stories tall, for example, and contains 30 units) would not only be a major eyesore, but could also pave the way for similar large-scale projects, displacing current residents and transforming the character of the neighborhood.

Finally, taking what is currently a public asset and transforming it into a source of commercial profit is a major disservice not only to neighborhood residents but to all citizens of this city. The interests of DC citizens should be the top priority when considering possible uses of public lands.

I am not arguing that the site in question remain as it is, but that any redevelopment be in the best interests of DC residents and remain in the public domain.

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