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Statement in Opposition to U Street NW Upzoning Proposed in Case 23-02

The proposed height and F.A.R. in the block between U Street and V Street would result in a drastic overpowering of residents in their homes. The proposed height of the new addition to the firehouse site on U Street NW demands a sensitive design which seriously takes into account surrounding neighborhood houses that lie adjacent to the block under consideration on the north and west sides of the planning site.

As opposed to the present sensitive height to its surroundings, the height in this plan shockingly ignores houses around the site to the north and west. Sunlight and air flow would be destroyed by the proposed height in this plan, robbing neighbors of light and air to an alarming degree.

This only gives more money, much more, to developers by robbing residents of the light and air they need. Money to the developers, a degraded housing situation to surrounding residents, must be faced now.

Money, not planning, is the name of this game. Perpetual gloom would devalue the worth of these houses. Developers would earn a lot more for extra F.A.R.

This is outrageously unfair if this design is not massively changed. The city was very careful in their original scheme, as built to preserve light and air for close residents. Now, present residents could sue that this plan seriously devalues their houses and could stop development for years by a lawsuit.

The city needs to prepare new guidelines for new plans for this very large site.

Yours sincerely,

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