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To whom it may concern,

Writing in SUPPORT of proposed upzoning for 1617 U St., NW, and 1620 V St., NW. I live in Adams Morgan and walk through this area on a weekly basis on my way to 14th Street and the "main" commercial area of U Street (notice I don't consider the 1617 U area as part of that, because it is much less vibrant and low-profile than the main part of U street near the U street metro entrances). I believe converting these buildings into mixed-use development will have major benefits for the area.

Firstly, it will benefit local businesses and residents by improving connections between the Adams Morgan, U Street, and Dupont Circle areas by creating continual areas of commercial use that will encourage foot traffic. This is a wonderful entertainment and nightlife district that will only benefit from more continual connections.

Second, changing over to this use will also really improve safety in this area - as a woman walking down this road, the blank-ness of the police station and firehouse buildings really reduce the 'eyes on the street' safety benefits of well-used commercial and residential buildings. I'd certainly feel much safer if this were changed.

Third, the intensity of the city's housing crisis means we need to use all available land in DC's densest ward for some housing in taller buildings than the current ones there. Upzoning this area will really improve the vibrancy of this neighborhood and help make Ward 1 DC's best place to be.

best wishes

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