

WITNESS INFORMATION

1. A list of witnesses who will testify on the person's behalf

I will be representing tenants of The Rochelle Apartments. (Please see confidential tenant petition included in this submission.)

The tenants of The Rochelle Apartments at 1603 U St. N.W. are nearly unanimous in their support of this application for party status. We are a gloriously diverse tenant population of many backgrounds, ethnicities, religions, and ages - including young families, mid-career professionals, and seniors who have lived at The Rochelle for decades. The Rochelle includes 21 residential apartments and 2 commercial (small-business retail) spaces. We are situated right next to the fire station, abutting the property line of the proposed project.

2. A summary of the testimony of each witness (*Zoning Commission only*);

As our building abuts the property line, we will arguably be the most personally affected party in this hearing. Should upzoning to MU-10 be granted, we will be subjected to an estimated five years of demolition, pile-driving, and construction right outside our windows. My testimony will include a range of concerns that will affect us relating to an MU-10 designation, including but not limited to a very real risk of our displacement; noise levels; loss of daylight, air circulation, and other factors that will degrade our quality of life and health and, for some of us, necessitate our relocation. In addition, I will testify about my previous experience with displacement triggered by a District project almost identical to this one, and contribute ideas on ways the District can help mitigate the fallout to vulnerable residents from upzoning.

3. An indication of which witnesses will be offered as expert witnesses, the areas of expertise in which any experts will be offered, and the resumes or qualifications of the proposed experts (*Zoning Commission only*);

My expertise comes from:

- experiencing displacement in 2008 by a very similar project in the West End, involving a fire station, police station, and library;
- having lived at my current address - which abuts the property line - for 15 years; and having an intimate knowledge of the neighborhood surrounding the proposed project;
- having served as president of the Rochelle Tenants Association and conducting many discussions with my renter neighbors about their concerns;
- organizing and hosting a series of community meetings on this project in 2023 with elected and appointed officials from OP, OAG, and Council, for my homeowner neighbors who live on the perimeter of the site

4. The total amount of time being requested to present your case (*Zoning Commission only*).

Estimate: 15 minutes