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I live in Columbia Heights and am writing to voice my support for the upzoning of 1617 U St. This upzoning would have several benefits for DC:

- It creates the opportunity for more housing in an area in desperate need of more housing. Rents on U st have gone up steadily since I came to the city two decades ago, and they're only going to go up further unless we drastically increase the amount of housing.
- It creates the opportunity for affordable housing in an area in desperate need of affordable housing. Any future development on this parcel could be required to include affordable units, which would be very beneficial to future residents of those units. Rents in DC continue to increase, and creating opportunities for affordable housing is very important.
- The current proposal for the space includes a library, which I also support. Shaw, Mt. Pleasant, and West End are the closest libraries to the site. A library in this space would significantly increase access to libraries in the district.
- We could renovate the current public facilities in that space. The police and fire departments could benefit from renovated facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

-Dennis Sendros