

Hello,

I am writing in regards to the proposed redevelopment of the police and fire stations at 1617 U Street NW. I live about a 10-minute walk from the site and regularly walk by it. This is a tremendous opportunity and I wanted to write in support of the application for a map amendment to change the site's zoning designation from MU-4 to MU-10.

A lot of people want to live in the neighborhood - which is a good thing. More neighbors means more friends and families, customers for local businesses, and people living a low-carbon, urban lifestyle. We should provide for that. Increasing the housing supply is also desirable as a means of reducing rent (and by extension permitting a diversity of residents to afford the neighborhood). My own rent was increased by 10% when I renewed this past year. Many friends have reported the same or worse.

I would hope the space is fully utilized. Such a mid-rise height would be consistent with the rest of the U Street corridor. To the extent it is inconsistent with neighboring properties on V Street, I would point to cities like Philadelphia, London, Mexico City and others that contain a vibrant mix of architectural styles and heights side-by-side.

Thank you for all your work on this project.

Best regards,

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